TASO Gift Aid – frequently asked questions

On whose behalf can TASO claim gift aid?

All UK taxpayers can authorise TASO to collect Gift Aid on their membership fee.

How much can TASO claim?

TASO can claim 25% of your membership fee without any cost to you, as long as you have paid at least the same amount in Income Tax or Capital Gains tax. This was £13.75 (25% of £55 membership fee) for the year 2025/26.

How important is this to TASO?

If 75% of TASO members make a Gift Aid declaration, we could claim over £5,000 each year. This is more than half of what we spend on lecturers alone.

How do I sign up for Gift Aid?

You can find the Gift Aid declaration form in the About Us section of the TASO website under Policy & other Documents. You can complete it electronically and then send it to the Membership Secretary via email.

Alternatively, contact the Membership Secretary by email to discuss how best to complete the form. Gift Aid Declaration Forms will be available at the AGM.

What if I am no longer a UK taxpayer?

You must notify TASO if you are no longer a UK taxpayer by emailing the Membership Secretary. If you are no longer a taxpayer and gift aid has been claimed erroneously, it is your responsibility to pay any difference to HMRC.

What if I have previously made a Gift Aid Declaration?

Your Gift Aid declaration form is valid until you notify the Membership Secretary to withdraw it.

What if I wish to cancel my Gift Aid declaration?

Please notify the Membership Secretary. You can cancel your Gift Aid agreement at any time.

What if I am no longer a member of TASO? We will only claim Gift Aid on membership fees that have already been paid.

What if I change my address? Please notify the Membership Secretary by email.

What if I am a higher rate taxpayer?

You can claim relief on your own tax liability for payments made under Gift Aid when completing a self-assessment tax return.

For example, a higher rate taxpayer making a £50 donation is able to claim tax relief on the gross gift of £62.50 at a rate equal to the difference between the higher and basic rate of Income Tax.
E.g. On £50 net gift by higher rate taxpayer, higher rate tax relief for donor is: £62.50 * (40% - 20%) = £12.50

You can claim the additional tax via your self-assessment tax return.

What if my spouse pays the membership fee on my behalf?

HMRC does not accept payments, made to a charity to secure individual membership, by anyone other than the donor. If the payment is made to the charity by someone else, the *gift* is to the person whose membership subscription is being paid. For example, if a husband pays the membership subscriptions of his wife, then Gift Aid cannot be claimed on the wife's subscriptions. If a husband pays the individual subscription for himself and for his wife, then the Society will need to obtain a joint Gift Aid declaration from either of the members, or a separate Gift Aid declaration from both the husband and the wife.

What if I pay my fee from a joint account?

HMRC accepts that a cheque drawn on a joint account to pay the subscription of a member is considered to be a payment from the member, even if the cheque is signed by the joint account holder who is not a member or who has not completed a Gift Aid declaration.

What happens to my Gift Aid Declaration Form?

TASO will hold the Gift Aid Declaration Forms securely for 6 years to meet the requirements of HMRC.

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