

UNDERSTANDING GIFT AID

What is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid is a scheme introduced by the government which allows charities like the MPS Society to reclaim the tax that supporters have already paid on their donations. For every £1 donated, the tax man gives us an extra 25p, so our income from your donations increases by almost a third. We can only claim on donations made within the last six years. Tax unclaimed before this will be lost forever, so please act now.

Why 25p per £1?

It is linked to the current basic rate of income tax (which is currently 20 per cent). As a basic rate taxpayer, for every £1.25 you earn, you will pay 25p to the taxman and receive £1 in your pocket. It is this 25p we claim.

Am I eligible?

If you are a UK taxpayer and have paid enough income or capital gains tax in the financial year to cover the amount we'll reclaim, then yes: please complete a Gift Aid declaration.

Where can I get a Gift Aid declaration form?

There is a Gift Aid declaration form overleaf, or you can download a Gift Aid declaration form from our website, www.mpssociety.org.uk or we can post one to you. Please complete one of these forms and return it to the address specified on the form. If you require assistance please call 0345 389 9901.

What if I'm a pensioner?

We can still claim the full 25 per cent on your donations, providing you pay at least as much tax as we will be reclaiming in the year in which you made your gifts. As a pensioner, for example, you may still pay tax on a private pension scheme or a savings account, or pay Capital Gains Tax if you sell property or shares.

What if I'm a higher-rate taxpayer?

We can only claim the basic rate back, but this is still extremely valuable. You will also be able to claim additional personal tax relief on your self-assessment form.

I've already completed a declaration for another charity. Do I need to complete one for the MPS Society?

Yes. You will need to complete a separate form for each charity you want to benefit from Gift Aid.

What else does ticking the Gift Aid box commit me to?

Nothing at all. It just ensures that, if you donate to us, we can claim money back from HM Revenue and Customs.

How long does my declaration last for?

Until you tell us to stop. At the moment, and as long as you remain eligible, your declaration lets us reclaim past (up to six years), present and future donations.

What do I do if I need more information on Gift Aid?

If you would like to find out more, or if you would prefer to make your Gift Aid declaration over the phone, please contact us on 0345 389 9901 and we will do our very best to help.

What if I change my mind, or am no longer paying tax?

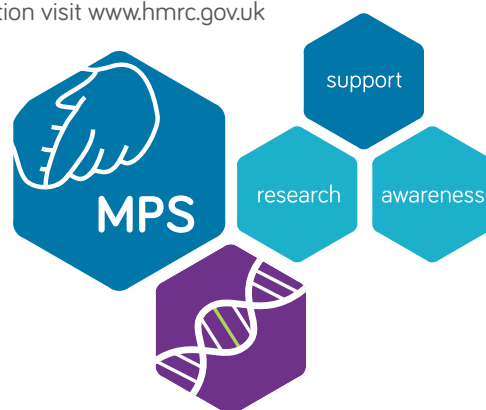
Please contact us either by letter to the MPS Society, or by e-mail to mps@mpssociety.org.uk, and tell us that you no longer wish us to claim the tax on your gift.

What if I'm an events participant?

If you have received a benefit by participating, although anybody can sponsor you, MPS Society may not be able to claim Gift Aid from all your sponsors, including family members ('Connected Persons'). Please check with us for further details.

Will Gift Aid really make a difference?

Yes. You will be increasing the value of your donation which will go the extra mile for those who need our support. For more information visit www.hmrc.gov.uk



GIFT AID IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the MPS Society from the tax you pay for the current tax year.

Your full address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

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I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have in the past 4 years to the Society for Mucopolysaccharide Diseases.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details

Title _____ First name or initial/s _____

Surname _____

Full home address _____

Postcode _____ Date _____

Please notify the MPS Society if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue & Customs to adjust your tax code.

