

Gift Aid is a way for charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) to increase the value of monetary gifts from UK taxpayers by claiming back the basic rate tax paid by the donor on the donation. It can increase the value of donations by a quarter at no extra cost to the donor. Gift Aid is worth nearly £1 billion a year to charities and their donors.

Summary of the key changes

- There are now new ways of submitting Gift Aid repayment claims
- More information is now required to support a valid claim
- Changes have been made to how Gift Aid claims can be made against types of donations
- There is now a faster repayment system and a more accurate claims process

The Key Dates:

6 April 2013	Start of Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme.
22 April 2013	Charities Online goes live. Charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs can sign up to make repayment claims electronically. The new service, Charities Online, is being introduced in response to customer feedback. It will make repayment claims faster and easier by filing online. The current R68(i) print and post repayment form will be replaced by three options for making claims.
30 September 2013	End of transition period. All claims must be made using one of three new options. R68i form will be discontinued.

The following HMRC guides explain what Charities Online means for your organisation and how to prepare for it:

- [Using Charities Online: the benefits](#)
- [Making a claim using Charities Online](#)
- [Transitional arrangements](#)
- [Receiving your repayments](#)
- [Getting ready: what you need to do now](#)
- [Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme](#)
- [Charities Online: frequently asked questions](#)
- [Agents and nominees: using the Charities for Agents online service](#)
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