Gift Aid

By making a Gift Aid declaration you can help the Society with its charitable aims even more at no further cost to you.

Thanks to the Gift Aid scheme the Royal Meteorological Society can reclaim the tax you pay on your membership fees* and/or donations at no extra cost to yourself. For every £1 you give we can claim an extra 25p in Gift Aid, this extra income is a very important part of our funding and really helps us to work harder on your behalf.

Making a Gift Aid declaration is the easiest way to support us, all it takes is filling in a short form. We can reclaim for any donations and membership fees* made in the previous four years. That money can go a long way in supporting our ability to do things like making grants and scholarship awards.

Please make a Gift Aid declaration today

If you are unsure of your Gift Aid status or require further information about the Gift Aid scheme please look at the questions below. If you have any further queries please email membership@rmets.org [1] or call 0118 956 8500 and ask for the Membership Secretary.

Thank you

Questions about Gift Aid

Please look at the questions and answers below if you are unsure which box to tick in the Gift Aid declaration. If you require further information or clarification please email membership@rmets.org [1] or call 0118 956 8500.

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Answers

How do I know if I am a UK taxpayer?

You are a taxpayer if income tax is deducted from your wages or salary, or if you pay tax through a self-assessment each year in the UK. If you do not pay income tax, you may pay tax on any UK savings accounts which should be shown on your statements. Alternatively you may have paid capital gains tax or be paying tax on a private pension in the UK. All these types of tax will qualify you for the Gift Aid scheme providing the total amount you pay is at
least equal to what we claim within the financial year.

**I have made a Gift Aid declaration with another charity, does that matter?**

No. You can support as many charities as you like in this way providing the amount of tax you pay is enough to cover all the Gift Aid reclaimed on your behalf.

**I think I have already made a Gift Aid declaration with you.**

You may have already made a Gift Aid declaration with us on a membership joining or renewal form, however if you are unsure it is worth making an additional one and we can either update or change our records.

**If my employer pays my membership fee can I Gift Aid it?**

No, the fee must be paid by the tax payer

**I don't currently pay tax in the UK, is it worth me making a declaration?**

Even if we are not currently able to claim Gift Aid on your donations or membership fees it is worthwhile making a Gift Aid declaration. We can claim Gift Aid for the past four years so if you have paid tax during some periods you can make a declaration for these specific periods. Even if we are unable to claim Gift Aid on any of your donations or membership fees by making a declaration you will save us the time and expense of writing to you about Gift Aid in the future.

**I am not a taxpayer but my partner is. Can they make a declaration that will enable you to claim on our membership?**

The Gift Aid scheme requires that the membership must be in the name of, and paid for by, the taxpayer for us to claim Gift Aid. If you hold individual membership this means that you must be a taxpayer and have made a declaration. If you hold a family membership and the taxpayer pays for the membership, or the membership is made from a joint account, then we can claim Gift Aid on your membership fees. We must however have a valid declaration on file for the taxpayer so please email us with your declaration today.

**The donation I made was from a joint account and only one of us is a taxpayer, can you still claim tax on our donation?**

Yes we can claim Gift Aid on donations made from joint accounts if the donor is a taxpayer and we have a Gift Aid declaration on file.

**I am paying for or have received a Gift Membership, is that money eligible for Gift Aid?**
Unfortunately gift membership payments are not eligible for Gift Aid so we cannot claim on these payments. However, if you have received a gift membership for this year but renew this yourself in future then the renewals may be Gift Aided as usual, and so it is worth making a declaration to cover these.

**I am a low rate tax payer. Can you still claim Gift Aid on my donations?**

Yes, we can still claim Gift Aid on your donations and/or membership fees if you are a low rate taxpayer provided that the total amount of tax you have paid is as much as we will claim within the financial year.

**I am a pensioner. Does that mean I should tick the no box in the declaration form?**

As a pensioner not currently paying income tax you may still pay enough tax on either a UK private pension or a savings account to enable us to claim Gift Aid on your donations. You may also have paid capital gains tax in the UK.

**I pay a higher rate of income tax. Can you claim extra Gift Aid?**

We are only able to claim tax back at the standard rate. However you are able to claim back any extra tax from your charitable donations on your tax self assessment and donate this to us by specifying us to receive your repayment.

**I have changed my address. Do I need to make a new declaration?**

No, you do not need to make a new declaration but you do need to let us know your new address, please email membership@rmets.org [1], or phone 0118 956 8500 with your new address details.

**I have changed my name. Do I need to make a new declaration?**

No, you do not need to make a new declaration but you do need to let us know of your new name so we can make a record of it in our database. Please email membership@rmets.org [1], or phone 0118 956 8500 with your new name details.

**My tax status has recently changed. Do I need to let you know?**

Yes, you should inform us if your tax status changes. Please do so by emailing membership@rmets.org [1]

**My tax status will change for a set period of time. Will I need to change it twice?**

No, if you let us know the time period your tax status will be different for we can automatically change it back when that period ends. For more information email membership@rmets.org [1] or call 0118 956 8500.
Can I make a declaration over the phone?

Yes you can make an oral declaration over the phone, you will then receive a confirmation letter of your declaration.

How can I find out if you have claimed Gift Aid on my donations and/or membership fees?

If you need to find out if we have claimed Gift Aid on your behalf we are happy to answer your questions. Please email membership@rmets.org [1] or phone us on 0118 956 8500 and ask for the Membership Secretary.

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[1] mailto:membership@rmets.org