

TOP 5 GIFT AID MYTHS

Don't let the following misconceptions get in the way of signing up to Gift Aid.



I'M A PENSIONER, GIFT AID DOESN'T APPLY TO ME

If you pay tax on a pension or capital gains taxes on investments then YES you CAN Gift Aid - up to the amount of tax you've paid.

HMRC WILL AUDIT OR REVIEW MY PAST YEARS' RETURNS

Gift Aid filings do not trigger anything in HMRC's database, but are simply to check you're a taxpayer on record. No connection to your past returns, or triggering of an audit will result.



I'M A HIGHER RATE TAXPAYER, I'M NOT ELIGIBLE

Yes you are! If you Gift Aid your donations, the parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 that you give, and you can reclaim the difference between the basic and higher rate of tax for yourself, when you complete your tax return.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL CHECK MY IMMIGRATION STATUS

No. Gift Aid has nothing to do with immigration and legal status. No information is shared with policing agencies.



MY TAXES WILL GO UP IF I CLAIM GIFT AID

No. Gift Aid is retrospective. It has nothing to do with future taxes; it's about tax you've already paid.

Ask your Parish Priest or Gift Aid organiser for more details or to sign up.



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