

Gift Aid Changes in 2024

Frequently Asked Questions



November 2024

This document was last updated on 15 November 2024

1. Do the changes to gift aid mean that all donations need to be made into the area meeting or charity bank account?

No. Donations can be made into any bank account of the charity. This includes any accounts managed and run by any local meeting. These bank accounts are ultimately all 'owned' by the area meeting or wider charity.

2. Is the treasurer of the area meeting or charity the only person who can upload a claim to the HMRC gift aid online portal?

No. Extra Authorised Officials can be set up so that more than one person can access the HMRC account and make the upload. HMRC requires that all Authorised Officials are office holders of the charity. Charity office holders could all be members of a finance team, to which all local treasurers are members.

To add Authorised Officials to your HMRC gift aid account please use the CHV1 form which is available at the link below.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/charities-change-of-details-form-chv1

3. Can meetings still claim using the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme (GASDS)?

Yes, you should still be able to claim as before but you will need to claim via the area meeting or charity HMRC account. However, it should be possible to do it in the same way. There are some rules on the amount that can be claimed using GASDS based upon location.

If your meeting or charity experience problems with making GASDS claims please contact Quaker Life on supportmeetings@quaker.org.uk.

4. Will my area meeting or charity need new gift aid declarations from all donors?

Yes. It is likely that you will need new gift aid declarations, unless the current declarations state clearly the name of the charity that will make the gift aid claim. Updated gift aid declaration forms for Quaker charities are available to download as printable or editable documents from the BYM website, www.quaker.org.uk/contributions.

It is good practice to update declarations periodically, even if donors have opted for gift aid to be claimed on all future donations.