

Gift Aid: How the government has increased your donation

On 6 April 2000, the government completely revised the way in which you as an individual who pays tax can give in a tax-efficient way to any charity—and therefore to Oasis.

HOW GIFT AID WORKS

You can make donations of any size or regularity (including one-off donations) to Oasis, and we will be able to claim the tax that you have already paid on the gift. If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim about £2.50 for each £10 that you give. You must have paid, or be going to pay, sufficient tax at basic rate to cover your donation. The actual amount we can reclaim depends on the basic rate of income tax, and can change from year to year.

THE GIFT AID DECLARATION FORM

The new declaration forms replace all other forms, including covenants, which you may have seen in the past. It is not necessary to complete a form each time you make a donation. By completing a Gift Aid Declaration Form you can state that you wish Oasis to claim tax on all future identifiable gifts from you, until you indicate that you no longer wish this to be the case.

AND COVENANTS...?

New covenants could not be entered into from 6 April 2000, so the last existing covenants expired on 4 April 2004. All giving which is intended to be tax-recoverable must now be done via Gift Aid. Read on...

The Gift Aid scheme enables us to recover tax on more types of giving than the regular giving which covenants covered, and there's no longer a four-year commitment. We can now claim tax on both regular and one-off donations through Gift Aid, which is infinitely flexible and can be cancelled at any time. We hope that this will encourage more people to give regularly through standing order, helping us to plan and budget.

IF YOU DON'T PAY TAX IN THE UNITED KINGDOM...

...you can still make a regular donation through the standing order scheme—read on!



How regular giving helps

Oasis needs to pay a number of bills on a monthly basis:

- Wages, NI and PAYE of staff;
- Gas, electricity, rent and other bills;
- Food and other assistance

We also need to be able to budget for forthcoming expenditure, such as repairs and maintenance, replacement of capital equipment, and the like.

We can't do this if our income isn't regular.

YOU CAN HELP

If you have a bank account, you can make a regular donation via a standing order.

A standing order is not a direct debit. You retain complete control at all times—we don't take the money from your account, you give it. However, we ask that you send the form back to us so we know what your regular amount is and can use it to budget accordingly. **Your giving remains confidential, as only the Gift Aid Manager gets to see the form.**

Please complete the form(s) overleaf and send them to:

**Jeff Ridley, Oasis Christian Outreach,
Christ Church, Seaside, Eastbourne BN22 7NN**

*** Make sure you mark your envelope
PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

STANDING ORDER FORM

Insert the name and address of your bank

To _____ Bank plc _____

Insert the name of the account, and its number (from your cheque or pass book)

Name of account to be debited _____

Account number _____

Please pay to HSBC Bank plc of Terminus Road, Eastbourne, sort code 40-20-06 for the credit of OASIS CHRISTIAN OUTREACH account number 81790455

Insert the amount to pay in figures and words and the date to start paying it

the sum of £ _____

on the _____ day of _____ 20__

and the same sum

Tick the box next to how often you want to pay

annually on the same date each year

quarterly on the same day of each subsequent third month

monthly on the same day of each subsequent month

until otherwise instructed.

Enter details of any existing standing orders

This instruction cancels existing standing order(s) for £ _____ after the payment made on _____

Sign and date the form. All account holders must sign.

Signed _____

Date _____

Enter your name in BLOCK CAPITALS

Name IN BLOCK CAPITALS _____

GIFT AID DECLARATION FORM

Name of charity:

**Oasis Christian Outreach Trust, Eastbourne
(Charity number 1117876)**

Enter your title (Mr/Mrs/Miss), FULL forenames, surname IN CAPITALS and address, including the postcode.

Details of donor:

I want the charity to treat all eligible identifiable donations I make from 6 April 2000 until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations

You must sign and date the form.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

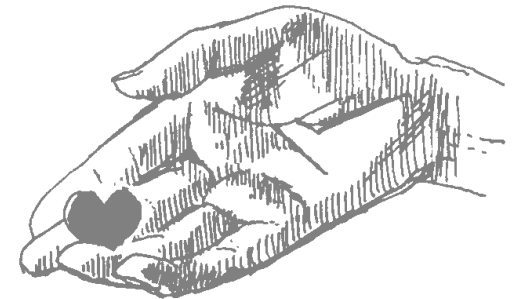
- If your declaration covers gifts you make in the future, please notify us if you change your name or address; you can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying us.
- You must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that we reclaim on your donations in the tax year.
- If, in the future, your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income/capital gains equal to the tax which we reclaim, you can cancel your declaration.
- If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can reclaim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return. Please think about donating that tax relief to Oasis as well. (We'll need to know it's additional tax relief because it can't be included in our Gift Aid claim to the Inland Revenue.)
- If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, you can ask us, or you can ask your local tax office for leaflet IR113 Gift Aid.

**Oasis Christian Outreach Trust,
Christ Church, Seaside, Eastbourne BN22 7NN
Telephone (01323) 726960**

Use the address and phone number overleaf to send your forms to or ask for individual advice.

GIFT AID

Donations, regular giving and what it means for you



Oasis Christian Outreach Trust

Brodie Hall at Christ Church, Seaside,
Eastbourne



Complete the left-hand side to set up a standing order; complete the right-hand side if you pay UK tax.
DO NOT SEND TO YOUR BANK: send both to us and we'll handle the paperwork.