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If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid offers a simple way to increase the value of your gift to Alcoholics Anonymous by allowing us to reclaim the tax on your gift.

## **How Gift Aid Works**

AA takes your contribution (which you have already paid tax on), and tax is reclaimed on its gross rate (its value before tax was deducted) at the basic rate of 22%. For example, if you give £10 each month using Gift Aid, your contribution is worth £12.82 to AA. This is because 22% of £12.82 is £2.82 – your £10 being the difference.

The Gift Aid scheme is only for monetary gifts and there are rules limiting the value of benefits you can receive in return.

The terms of this donation are strictly confidential and the details you supply for tax purposes remain at the General Service Office. However, if the Inland Revenue should demand those details we are obliged to disclose your name and address, that you are a UK taxpayer and that you give money to the charity Alcoholics Anonymous. The bank mandate has, of course, no mention of AA or Alcoholics Anonymous and entirely protects the donor's anonymity.

In keeping with Tradition Seven with regards to not accepting outside contributions from outside our Fellowship there is a form to sign confirming you are a member of the Fellowship.

If you are a UK taxpayer and wish to give to the Fellowship in this tax-efficient way please contact the General Service Office for a form.