

As a registered charity, the London Symphony Chorus is able to benefit from Gift Aid on donations made to it by UK taxpayers.

The scheme works by LSC being able to treat the donation you make as already having been taxed and to claim back the basic rate tax element on top of the cash received.

For instance, with current basic rate tax at 20%, if you donate £ 10, LSC is able to treat that amount as if it is after tax has already been deducted – so it is 80% of the gross amount. This means LSC can claim back £ 2.50 from the Government.

If you wish to donate using Gift Aid, it is a requirement that you complete a Gift Aid declaration. You are able to make one declaration per gift, or you may also make a declaration to cover every gift you make. If you are a basic rate taxpayer it makes no difference to the amount of tax you pay but benefits the charity in question.

You are also able to rescind any Gift Aid declaration you have made by letting the appropriate charity know.

If you are a higher rate UK taxpayer you will also be able to claim back additional tax relief on your donation. More information is available from the HMRC website at:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/individuals/giving/gift-aid.htm#9>

A template Gift Aid declaration form for the London Symphony Chorus from the Friends page on our website. The LSC will keep detailed records of the donations you make, should you require information concerning dates and amounts for future reference. You do not have to be a member of the Chorus in order to donate.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Allatt, Honorary Treasurer at treasurer@lsc.org.uk for further information.

If you wish to donate using the Gift Aid scheme, we encourage you to pay via bank transfer, although payment by cheque is also possible. Please make cheques payable to London Symphony Chorus and post to our registered office at London Symphony Chorus, C/O LSO, Level 6 Frobisher Crescent, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2Y 8DS. Our bank account details can be found on the [gift aid declaration form](#).