



## **How to Make a**

## **Tax-efficient Gift to**

## **SeeAbility**

If you or your company is considering a gift to SeeAbility you should consider the benefits of tax-efficient giving. A number of schemes exist to make giving more cost-effective for you and to increase the value of your donation to SeeAbility.

SeeAbility welcomes the following types of gifts:

- Cheque, postal order, direct debit, standing order, debit or credit card donations (either one-off or planned over a series of gifts)
- Shares & securities
- Land or buildings

If you have any questions about making a gift to SeeAbility, please contact Chris Thomas, SeeAbility's Finance Director on 01372 755 033 or at [c.thomas@seeability.org](mailto:c.thomas@seeability.org)

## **Gift Aid**

UK taxpayers are able to make gifts to SeeAbility through the Government's Gift Aid scheme which enables SeeAbility to reclaim the tax if the donor is a UK taxpayer.

Donations can be made by cash, cheque, postal order, direct debit, standing order, debit or credit card.

Below are some examples that illustrate the Gift Aid scheme and how it benefits both the donor and SeeAbility.

<b>Amount Donated</b>	<b>Donor's Tax Rate</b>	<b>Value to SeeAbility</b>	<b>Tax relief to donor</b>	<b>Actual cost to donor</b>
£1,000	22% Basic rate	£1,282	N/A	£1,000
£1,000	40% Higher rate	£1,282	£231	£769
£10,000	40% Higher rate	£12,821	£2,308	£7,692
£20,000	40% Higher rate	£25,641	£4,615	£15,385
£25,000	40% Higher rate	£32,051	£5,769	£19,231
£50,000	40% Higher rate	£64,103	£11,538	£38,462
£75,000	40% Higher rate	£96,154	£17,308	£57,692
£100,000	40% Higher rate	£128,205	£23,077	£76,923

### ***Next steps***

If you would like to make a gift to SeeAbility under Gift Aid, please complete the '*How to Make a Donation*' at the end of this leaflet and return it with your gift to Jill Sell, Support Relations Co-ordinator, SeeAbility, SeeAbility House, Hook Road, Epsom, Surrey KT19 8SQ.

## **Making a Gift of Shares to SeeAbility**

### **Gift of Shares by an Individual**

SeeAbility welcomes gifts of stocks and shares. There are several advantages to making a gift of shares to SeeAbility:

- You will qualify for income tax relief.
- It may be more convenient for you to make a gift of shares.
- You are entitled to an exemption from capital gains tax on the gains you may have made while you owned the shares.

The income tax relief couldn't be simpler. If you give shares worth £1,000 to SeeAbility and normally pay income tax at 40%, your tax bill could be reduced by £400.

<b>Value</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>Value to See Ability</b>	<b>Tax relief to donor</b>	<b>Actual cost to donor</b>
£100,000	40% Higher rate	£100,000 less the costs of selling the shares.	£40,000	£60,000

To claim your income tax relief, simply enter the value of the shares on your annual tax return and retain a letter about the donation which we will send you.

Alternatively, you may wish to sell the shares and make a gift to SeeAbility from the proceeds using Gift Aid. This would significantly increase the value of your gift to SeeAbility (see our earlier Gift Aid section), but could reduce the tax relief to you.

**The size of the gift matters – it is not economic for SeeAbility to sell a small quantity of shares of low value.**

#### *Next Steps*

- You should contact a financial advisor to discuss the best ways for you to give and the tax implications.
- If you would like to make a gift of shares to SeeAbility, you need to sign a transfer form to take the shares out of your name and put them into SeeAbility's name. Contact SeeAbility's Finance Director, Chris Thomas, on 01372 755033 or [c.thomas@seeability.org](mailto:c.thomas@seeability.org) if you need help or advice.
- Transfer forms are obtained from the registrars of the company. (The details will be on the share certificate and on dividend vouchers).
- Keep evidence of the gift, and the date it was made.

### **Making a Gift of Land or Buildings to SeeAbility**

SeeAbility also welcomes gifts of buildings or land. The transfer procedures and tax benefits are more complex. If you would like specific advice on making a gift of land or buildings, please contact Chris Thomas, Finance Director on 01372 755 033.

## **Making a Gift through a Company to SeeAbility**

Businesses qualify for tax relief when they make a donation to SeeAbility; there is no limit on the size of the gift.

The amount given by a company is simply given through Gift Aid; the company no longer has to provide a Gift Aid Certificate. The company merely deducts the sum as a 'charge' when working out its profits.

For example, a company donating £5,000, would simply deduct £5,000 from its profits and thus gain relief at the relevant rate of Corporation Tax on the £5,000. Currently the full rate of Corporation Tax is 30%, therefore £5,000 @ 30% equals a tax saving of £1,500. At the lower and marginal rates, the saving would be less.

If the company did not have any Corporation Tax liability in an accounting period, there are special rules as to how a loss created by the donation could be used.

For corporations that are established as a sole trader or partnership, gifts can be made under Gift Aid in the same way that a gift under Gift Aid is made by an individual.