REVENUE’S CHARITABLE DONATION SCHEME Q&A

Help Barretstown to reclaim an extra 45% of the value of your past donations.

Under Revenue’s Charitable Donation Scheme, if you donate €250 (€21/month) or more in a calendar year, Barretstown can claim an EXTRA 45% back from Revenue, at no extra cost to you. Here we have answered some of the common questions about the scheme.

Q: “I don’t like sharing my tax details”
All we need is your signature and PPS number. We retain this information securely and only for the purpose of obtaining tax rebates.

Q: “Am I associated with the approved body (charity)?”
Donors, fundraisers and volunteers are not considered as being associated with Barretstown. See the official Revenue notes for more details.

Q: “I don’t think I pay tax – I am retired, unemployed etc”
You don’t need to be working full time. The amount of tax you pay in a year should at least equal the tax rebate to the charity, so you don’t have to be paying a lot of tax. For example, if you donated €250 the tax rebate would be €112, so you would only need to have paid €112 in tax in the whole year. People often pay tax on other forms of income such as pensions, social welfare payments and investments.
Q: “Does signing the form commit me to any future donations?”
Absolutely not. Signing the CHY3 Enduring Certificate does not oblige you to donate in the future. It allows us to claim for donations made in a 5 year period, which can be dated to cover past donations or start from this year and cover future donations, should there be any. It reduces paperwork and administration, and the need for you to sign an annual form. If you would prefer to sign a 1 year form, we can send you an annual CHY4 form.

Q: “I am self-employed, can I claim it myself?”
Not anymore. Since 2013 self-employed people can no longer claim tax relief themselves. Only the charity can claim it on their behalf.

Q: “What if I support more than one charity?”
Each charity can claim the tax relief, so long as the total value of the claims is less than the amount of tax you paid in that year.

Q: “Does signing the CHY3 form cost me anything?”
No, not a cent.

Q: “Can I claim the rebate myself?”
No, only a charity can claim the rebate.

Q: “How much extra can the charity receive from the tax rebate?”
45%! For example, if you have donated €250 in a calendar year, we can claim an extra €112 from Revenue, making your donation worth €362.

Thank you for Pressing Play on childhood.