**Tax Rebate FAQs**

**How does Special Olympics Ireland claim my tax back?**

After the end of any year in which your donations total €250 or more, we will send you a CHY3 form to complete and return if you are a tax payer. We will then send a claim to Revenue. When they are satisfied that you paid at least that amount in tax, they will send us the money. Please send your completed forms directly to Special Olympics in the envelope provided, not Revenue.

**Will Special Olympics Ireland claiming a tax rebate on my donations affect the tax I pay?**

No, it does not affect your tax status or the tax you pay in any way.

**How much will my donation be worth?**

You donation will be worth an additional 44.93%. So if you donate €250, we can claim €112.33 tax back from revenue – meaning your original donation is worth €362.33 to Special Olympics Ireland.

**I only pay 20%/41% Tax – how is this worth 45% to Special Olympics Ireland?**

The rebate is based on blended rate for all donors at 44.93% and is not related to the actual rate of tax you pay.

**What is a CHY3/CHY4 cert?**

The CHY4 form is an annual cert that allows us to claim the tax back on your donations made within one specific year (specified on the form). The CY3 form is an Enduring Certificate which is valid for a five-year period from the initial year stated, so could make your donations over a five-year period tax-effective without the need for any further paperwork. This helps to keep our admin costs down. *Where both forms are included, this is so we are able to claim tax on past donations to 2014, as well as any future donations made over the next 5 years from 2018 without future paperwork. Please complete and return all forms enclosed.*

**Does signing an Enduring Certificate (CHY3) commit me to donating to Special Olympics Ireland?**

No. The enduring certificate is not a commitment on your part to donate anything - it simply enables the charity to claim tax relief if you donate €250+ in any of the five years covered by the form.

**How much tax do I have to pay for Special Olympics to receive the rebate?**

The amount of tax you pay should at least equal the tax rebates Special Olympics claims in respect of your donations. E.g. if you donated €1,000 to Special Olympics, your tax paid for that year should be at least €449. If not, Revenue will not give a full rebate to the charity.

**Do all of my donations qualify for the tax rebate?**

That depends. We can only claim tax back on donations which come from you and from which you’ve received no tangible benefit (e.g. If you bought raffle tickets, raised sponsorship yourself or sponsored someone to go on an overseas trek, they would not qualify). If in doubt do get in touch and we can let you know if your donation qualifies.

**Where do I find my PPS number?**

You can find your PPS number on your work payslip and it is quoted on all forms and correspondence sent you by the Revenue Commissioners. It’s a seven digit number with one (or sometimes two) letters at the end.

**I'm not a taxpayer but my spouse is - can my donations still be tax-effective?**

Yes, if you are jointly assessed as a couple.

**What if I'm not employed or have a pension?**

If you have a pension, investments or any other means on which you pay either income tax or capital gains tax, that's eligible for tax relief.

**I'm self-employed/self-assessed - don't I get the tax relief myself?**

Since 1 Jan 2013, self-assessed and PAYE taxpayers are treated the same - all tax relief goes to the charity, not the taxpayer. So, while you don't get the relief yourself, your donations to the charity can be worth 45% more at no extra cost to you.

**My tax details are confidential and I don’t want to/like revealing or sharing them.**

You don't need to. You don't need to tell Special Olympics Ireland how much tax you pay - under the new system, they don't even need to know whether you are PAYE or self-assessed or what tax rate you pay. All Special Olympics Ireland need is your signature and PPS number, which you can find on most tax / social welfare documents addressed to you - we will retain this number securely and only for the purposes of obtaining tax rebates on your donations.

**What if I haven't paid tax for the year in question yet but will do?**

You can still complete a CHY 3 form anyhow - when you do pay enough tax, Revenue's system will trigger the addition of the tax relief on your donations to its next scheduled payment to Special Olympics Ireland.

**What if I do not want to complete an Enduring Certificate?**

If you prefer to provide a certificate on an annual basis, Special Olympics Ireland can send you an Annual Certificate (CHY 4 form). However, it is more effective if you complete an Enduring Certificate (CHY 3 form) because it could make your donations over a five-year period tax-effective without the need for any further paperwork.

**Can I renew an Enduring Certificate after 5 years?**

Yes, and you will be able to do so without further paperwork. It would be helpful if you supplied your phone number and / or email on the CHY 3 form so we can contact you about renewal in due course.

**Can I cancel an Enduring Certificate?**

If you decide later that you do not want Special Olympics Ireland to obtain the tax relief, you can cancel an enduring certificate at any stage by contacting us.

**What if I donate to more than one charity?**

It doesn’t matter if you have given to other charities as well. You can send in the tax form to each charity. We only reclaim tax on the donations you made to the Special Olympics Ireland (assuming you donated €250 or more to us within a year). All charities can claim separately for donations you’ve made.

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