

Working sheet for tax credits relief for Gift Aid donations, pension contributions and trading losses

Use this working sheet to help you work out your income for tax credits purposes. Please make sure that you keep this working sheet or a record of your calculations, in case we have any questions.

Who should fill this in?

The person who has made the Gift Aid donations, pension contributions or trading loss. If you are part of a joint claim and either of you made any of these payments or a trading loss, then the first named person on your tax credits claim should fill in this working sheet.

If you used the 'Earnings as an employee' working sheet in the notes sent with your tax credits claim form or Renewals Pack, you may already have deducted any personal pension contributions you paid direct (for example, Free-Standing Additional Voluntary Contributions or payments to stakeholder pensions) from your employment earnings. If you have, do not use this working sheet unless you (or in a joint claim, your partner) have made other personal pension contributions, Gift Aid donations or a trading loss.

'Your partner' on this working sheet refers to the person you have claimed tax credits with, and does not refer to your business partner.

If you have made a joint claim, please remember:

- to enter your partner's name on this working sheet
- that your total income includes both your and your partner's income

Step 1

Work out your income using the working sheets included in the notes sent with your tax credits claim form or Renewals Pack. Check your renewal form as we may have used income figures provided by your employer, including any:

- earnings
- benefits in kind
- occupational pension

It is important that you check these figures are correct for tax credits purposes. If you believe they are wrong, you should contact us and tell us why.

Note 1 - benefits from your employer

For information on what to include please go to:

- Part 5.4 of the notes sent with your tax credits claim form
- Page 8 of the notes sent with your tax credits Renewals Pack

Your employer usually tells you the taxable values on a form P9D or P11D and, for tax credits purposes, the benefit may include:

- any goods or assets that you could sell for cash
- any personal liabilities - for example, your gas or electricity bill - which were paid by your employer
- vouchers and credit tokens, except those used to pay for registered childcare
- car mileage allowances or payments towards the running costs of your car
- company cars and car fuel
- taxable expenses payments

Help

If you would like more help or information on tax credits:

- go to www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits
- phone our helpline on **0345 300 3900**
- textphone our helpline (for people with hearing or speech difficulties) on **0345 300 3909**
- write to us at:
Tax Credit Office
PRESTON
PR1 4AT

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'Your Charter' explains what you can expect from us and what we expect from you. For more information go to www.gov.uk/hmrc-your-charter

Where benefits in kind have been payrolled by your employer and included in your P60 or P45, you will need to deduct the cash equivalent/taxable amount of all benefits in kind from the total in the P60 or P45. Then add back in at box 5.4 on the claim form the cash equivalent/taxable amount of any relevant benefits in kind listed on Page 14 of the notes, using the P11D or P9D provided by your employer.

Note 2 - other income

Other income includes:

- income from savings and investments, including dividends
- State Pensions and other UK pensions
- property income
- trust income
- foreign income
- notional income

Enter the total amount of your other income that exceeds £300 (if you are claiming as a couple the £300 limit applies to your joint other income) plus any miscellaneous income received, and for students, any Adult Dependant's Grant.

Note 3 - property income

Letting property does not constitute a trade, so should not be included in any income from self-employment.

Rental property

If you have a rental property that made a loss, relief for tax credits purposes is generally given in the same way as for Income Tax. If you made a loss, include '0' in respect of this income in your calculation of 'other income' for the year.

Losses on property income

Normally, the loss should be carried forward and set off against profits from the same source in the following tax year. Since 6 April 2011, the same rule has applied to furnished holiday lettings, including losses unrelieved at 5 April 2011. If, however, part of the loss arises from capital allowances or from agricultural land, that part of the loss may be set against other income which you - but not your spouse or partner - may have, either in the tax year in which the loss was made or in the following tax year.

In such cases, the amount of loss relief available for tax credits purposes is based on your tax calculations. Please see 'Example 1' opposite.

Step 2

Deduct the gross amount of any:

- qualifying Gift Aid donations
- personal pension or retirement annuity contributions
- banking charge or commission paid for converting into sterling a payment of income which is made in a currency other than sterling

For example, if you made a Gift Aid donation in 2013-14 of £100, your gross donation will be £125 (£100 multiplied by 100, then divided by 80). Enter the total amount on this working sheet.

Step 3

If you are self-employed, deduct the trading loss (of the year forming the basis of the claim) from the 'Total income'. A trading loss only arises where a trade is carried out on a commercial basis, with a view to making a profit.

The tax credits rules on trading losses operate separately from those for Income Tax. This means that for tax credits purposes you deduct the trading loss from:

- any other income you may have for that year
- in a joint claim, any other income which you and your partner have for that year

Example 1

James and Sarah are married. Sarah stays at home to look after the children. James has income in 2013-14 from self-employment of £25,000. He also lets several properties. The income and expenses of all the lettings are included in a single rental business.

During 2013-14, James incurred allowable expenditure on his lettings business which resulted in a loss of £15,000. This loss would usually be carried forward and set against subsequent profits of the lettings business. However, James has some net capital allowances due on his rental business, so part of the loss may be set against his general income for that tax year.

For Income Tax purposes, the following items were included in arriving at the loss:

- capital allowances of £10,000
- balancing charge adjustment of £8,000

leaving net capital allowances of £2,000.

For tax credits purposes, James can claim tax credits loss relief for 2013-14 of £2,000.

When completing his form TC603D *Annual Declaration*, giving his income for the tax year 2013-14, James may set £2,000 of his rental property loss against his self-employed income of £25,000. The balance of the loss (£13,000) is to be carried forward and set against his future profits from his lettings business, but not against his future general income.

Working sheet to calculate relief and losses

Your income for tax year

to

You (see 'Who should fill this in?' on page 1)

Name

Your partner (for joint claims only)

Name

Gift Aid, personal pension or retirement annuity contributions and trading losses

Step 1 - total your income

	You	Your partner	Total
Taxable social security benefits	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
Earnings as an employee	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
Benefits from your employer (See Note 1 on page 1)	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
Income from self-employment (Where there is a loss for that person, enter '0' in their box)	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
			£ <input type="text"/>
Total other income combined (see Notes 2 and 3 on page 2)			£ <input type="text"/>
Total income			£ <input type="text"/>

Step 2 - deduct the following

Gross Gift Aid donations	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/> A
Gross personal pension or retirement annuity contributions	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/> B
Balance of income (This should be the total from step 1 minus any amounts in step 2)			£ <input type="text"/>

Step 3

Trading loss (This is the loss that arose in the year forming the basis of your tax credits claim)	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/> C
Balance of income (If minus, balance of trading loss to be carried forward against future profits of the same trade)			£ <input type="text"/>