



Knowing when to work with your charity to save on VAT

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If you are fundraising as an individual then you will pay VAT on all the goods and services you purchase to deliver your fundraising activity, just as you do in the normal run of things.

However, for registered charities, there are VAT exemptions. These are all detailed on the [HM Revenue and Customs](#) website. For small scale activities the VAT you can reclaim is probably not worth the effort involved in either having to manage the activity through the charity or setting up a '[friends of](#)' charity. But if you are going to be involved in a lot of expense, then it is well worth contacting the organisation you want to support to discuss this.

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