



HELPLINE SERVICE FOR FUNDRAISERS

Assistance with VAT, Gift Aid and Direct Tax

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Saffery Champness and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) have teamed up to run a new telephone and email helpline to support and advise charities on what VAT they must pay and what they can reclaim.

UK charities pay hundreds of millions a year in Value Added Tax, much of which can be legitimately reclaimed. But the rules on what can and cannot be recovered are numerous and complex.

Russell Moore, a partner at Saffery Champness, is one of the leading VAT advisers to charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK.

He said: “The current economic climate means that it has never been more important for charities to ensure their irrecoverable VAT is kept to the absolute minimum.

“Numerous charities and not-for-profit organisations have already materially benefitted from our specialist team’s expertise. Our new helpline service will provide a quick response to assist charities in the complexities of VAT rules and regulations.”

Saffery Champness has secured VAT repayments in excess of £40m in the last three years alone and it advised The Children's Society on its landmark VAT high court victory in 2005, which is estimated to save the voluntary sector £100m a year.

The helpline service is free to NCVO members with an income of less than £100,000. Organisations with an income of over £100,000 will need to pay an annual subscription fee.

- £100 plus VAT for organisations with an income of up to £1million
- £250 plus VAT for organisations with an income of up to £5million
- £500 plus VAT for organisations with an income over £5million

NCVO members with an income above £100,000 per annum benefit from a 50% discount. There is no limit on the number of enquiries and all advice provided will be confirmed by email.

Charities wishing to find out more information and/or register for the service should email charityvat@saffery.com.