

G-Porter Update ready for 6/4/2015

The purpose of this document is to highlight the changes that have been made to support Gift Aid submissions beyond 6/4/2015.

The changes do not appear great, but without them the submissions will fail on and after 6/4/2015.

Statement from HMRC

The following was stated in an email to software vendors giving an outline of the changes:

1. **Gift Aid** – It has always been a requirement for charities and CASCs to submit full address details of their Gift Aid donors and people taking part in a sponsored event as part of their Gift Aid claim. The change to the schema improves the validation around the provision of the donor's postcode to ensure that either a valid UK postcode is included or, where the donor has a non-UK address, that HMRC are notified that the address is non-UK.
2. **Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme** – The Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) was introduced in April 2013 and the legislation allows charities and CASCs to submit claims for a top up payment on donations they have received under the scheme in the tax year in which they were received or within the subsequent two tax years. The first time that such a claim can be made under GASDS for donations received up to two tax years ago will be from April 2015. The update to the schema allows this to take place.

Code changes

The message sent to HMRC has to conform to the updated XML schema version 2. This means an update to the namespace in the file and ensuring that where there is no postcode given, the overseas indicator is set to "yes".

The "Online Login" tab on the configuration page has been amended to include an option to select the XML message version. The options are:

- Auto (let the program decide – recommended)
- Version 1 for messages up to and including 5/4/2015
- Version 2 for message on or after 6/4/2015

Only set the version explicitly for testing purposes as sending the wrong version to the live submission server will cause a failed submission.

Validations have been updated to allow for the stricter use of postcodes under version 2 of the message.

Configuration File = D:\Apps\GAMA2\Code\GPorter\bin\Release\GPorterConfig.xml

Charity Online Login Donation File Format Other Income Format Small Donations Format Connected Charities Overclaims Format Output Folders Proxy Server

Submission Destination Local test service

XML Message Version http://localhost:5665/LTS/LTSPostServlet

Charities Online Gateway User ID

Charities Online Gateway Password

Maximum Poll Attempts 20 Stop checking for a response after this many tries

☐ Compress Submission

Compressing the submission file means it takes less time to submit large files.
This is useful when the connection is slow, but the file is not human-readable.

Licence Code (required for live submissions)

Check Licence Code

OK Cancel

The Gift Aid small donations validation has been changed to allow an extra past year of donations (where they have not already been reclaimed).

The UserGuide has been updated with the changes.