

Description of Charity Register download fields. Updated 29 August 2022

Field	Notes	Details
Charity Number	Each Scottish charity has been issued with a six-digit reference number with the prefix SC (i.e. SC0xxxxx).	Integer (>0)
Charity Name	The legal name of the charity that is shown on the Scottish Charity Register. This can only be changed with OSCR's consent.	Text (small) max 250 characters
Registration Date	The date that the charity was awarded charitable status. If the charity was awarded status before OSCR took up powers in 2006 the registered date has been taken from the charity's founding document. If this has not been possible we may have used a 'default date' of 01/01/1992.	Date
The Name the Charity is known by	The name the charity is known by, if different from the legal name.	Text (small) max 250 characters
Charity Status	The current status of the charity. Active, Not submitted (the latest submission is late) and Not monitored (not part of our monitoring regime - can be for a variety of reasons). Removed (only shown on 'Ceased charities' list)	Charity Status (single value): Active; Not Monitored; Not Submitted; Removed.
Notes	Free text notes about the charity. These can help to identify a previous charity name, or if the charity has been established to replace another charity with a different legal form.	Text (large) max 2500 characters
Postcode	The latest postcode that the charity has supplied.	Text (small) max 250 characters
Constitutional Form	Describes the legal structure of the charity. This can only be changed with OSCR's consent.	Constitutional Form (single value): SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation); Company (the charity is registered with Companies House); Community Benefit Society; Statutory Corporation (Royal Charter etc); Educational endowment; Trust (founding document is a deed of trust) (other than educational endowment); Unincorporated association; CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation, E&W); Other.

Previous Constitutional Form 1	This field may be completed if a charity has changed legal structure. The field was introduced in June 2012 and may not show if a charity has changed legal structure before this time.	Constitutional Form (single value): SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation); Company (the charity is registered with Companies House); Community Benefit Society; Statutory Corporation (Royal Charter etc); Educational endowment; Trust (founding document is a deed of trust) (other than educational endowment); Unincorporated association; CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation, E&W); Other.
Geographical Spread	This best describes how local or widespread the work of the charity is.	Geographical Spread (single value): A specific local point, community or neighbourhood; Wider, but within one local authority area; More than one local authority area in Scotland; One or a few bases or facilities serving people who come from a broad area; Operations cover all or most of Scotland; Scotland and other parts of the UK; UK and overseas; Overseas only.
Main Operating Location	The local authority area in which the charity's head office or main operating location lies.	Head Office (single value): Aberdeen; Aberdeenshire; Angus; Argyll & Bute; City of Edinburgh; Clackmannanshire; Dumfries & Galloway; Dundee City; East Ayrshire; East Dunbartonshire; East Lothian; East Renfrewshire; Falkirk; Fife; Glasgow City; Highland; Inverclyde; Midlothian; Moray; North Ayrshire; North Lanarkshire; Orkney Islands; Perth & Kinross; Renfrewshire; Scottish Borders; Shetland Islands; South Ayrshire; South Lanarkshire; Stirling; West Dunbartonshire; West Lothian; Western Isles; Outwith Scotland.

Purposes	The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 sets out 15 purposes and one analogous purpose. This can only be changed with OSCR's consent.	Charitable Purposes (multiple values): The prevention or relief of poverty; The advancement of education; The advancement of religion; The advancement of health; The saving of lives; The advancement of citizenship or community development; The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science; The advancement of public participation in sport; The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended; The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation; The promotion of religious or racial harmony; The promotion of equality and diversity; The advancement of environmental protection or improvement; The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage; The advancement of animal welfare; Any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes
Beneficiaries	These are the groups identified as being the main focus of the charity's activities.	Beneficiary Groups (multiple values): Children / young people; Older people; People with disabilities or health problems; People of a particular ethnic or racial origin; Other defined groups; No specific group or for the benefit of the community; Other charities / voluntary bodies.
Activities	These are the types of activities undertaken by the charity.	Type of Activity (multiple values): It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals; It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations; It carries out activities or services itself; It does none of these.
Objectives	These are taken directly from the charity's constitution. A charity's objects describe what the charity has legally been set up to achieve. They do not necessarily describe all of the activities the charity carries out in order to achieve these objects.	Text (large) max 2500 characters
Principal Office/Trustees Address	The latest contact address OSCR has been given for the charity	Text
Website	The website address provided by the charity.	Text (small) max 250 characters
Income	The gross income for the period taken from the most recent annual return checked by OSCR. The field will be blank if no return has been submitted.	Integer. Including positive and negative numbers
Expenditure	The gross expenditure for the period taken from the most recent annual return checked by OSCR. The field will be blank if no return has been submitted. We started collecting this value for all charities in April 2012. Before then it was only collected for larger charities. If a charity has not provided an acceptable return since 2012 the field may be blank.	Integer. Including positive and negative numbers

Mailing cycle	Year of the charity's accounting reference date which relates to the most recent financial information shown on the Scottish Charity Register.	Year
Year end	The date of the charity's financial year end.	Date
Date annual return received	The date the annual return was received by OSCR with the most recent financial information.	Date
Next year end date	The date of the charity's next financial year end.	Date
Donations and Legacies Income	Collected for Scottish charities where regulatory type is 'standard' and the income is £250,000 or more. This is the 'voluntary income' of the charity. Where a charity receives a gift for which there is no expectation of a benefit it should be included here. This category includes:	Integer. Including positive and negative numbers
Charitable Activities Income	Collected for Scottish charities where regulatory type is 'standard' and the income is £250,000 or more. This is income which is received through carrying out a charitable activity. This will mainly be trading which is within the charity's objectives, such as sales from a workshop whose purpose is to provide employment training, admission charges received by a heritage charity, or fees charged for admission to a play by a theatre group. Income which is ancillary to a charity's activities, such as the selling of ice cream by the	Integer. Including positive and negative numbers
Other Trading Activities Income	Collected for Scottish charities where regulatory type is 'standard' and the income is £250,000 or more. This includes income from trading activities which are not within the charitable objectives and income from fundraising events. Any income from the sale of donated goods should also be included here.	Integer. Including positive and negative numbers
Investments Income	Collected for Scottish charities where regulatory type is 'standard' and the income is £250,000 or more. Income received from assets held by the charity for investment purposes. This includes interest received, dividend income and rental income on investment properties.	Integer. Including positive and negative numbers

Other Income	Collected for Scottish charities where regulatory type is 'standard' and the income is £250,000 or more. Any items which cannot be classified under the income headings. Gains on sale of fixed assets will be shown here.	Integer. Including positive and negative numbers
Raising Funds Spending	Collected for Scottish charities where regulatory type is 'standard' and the income is £250,000 or more. This is all the money spent by the charity to generate funds for its charitable purposes. This includes costs of seeking donations, costs associated with a fundraising event, operation of charity shops, the operation of a trading company and advertising costs.	Integer. Including positive and negative numbers
Charitable Activities Spending	Collected for Scottish charities where regulatory type is 'standard' and the income is £250,000 or more. This is the money that the charity spends on carrying out its charitable activities. Charities may carry out their activities through direct service provision, grant provision or a combination of both. All costs relating to this should be included here, including any support or governance costs which relate to the charitable activities.	Integer. Including positive and negative numbers
Other Spending	Collected for Scottish charities where regulatory type is 'standard' and the income is £250,000 or more. Any items which cannot be classified under the expenditure headings. Generally there should be no requirement to use this.	Integer. Including positive and negative numbers
Parent Charity Name	The name of the parent charity (if the charity is part of a larger organisation which is registered as a charity in Scotland or elsewhere).	Text (small) max 250 characters
Parent Charity Number	Shows the registration number of the parent charity (if the charity is part of a larger organisation which is registered as a charity in Scotland or elsewhere, or if the charity has been set up by another registered charity for particular purposes).	Text (small) max 250 characters
Parent Charity Country of Registration	Shows the country in which the parent charity is registered (if the charity is part of a larger organisation which is registered as a charity in Scotland or elsewhere, or if the charity has been set up by another registered charity for particular purposes).	Country (single value): Scotland; England and Wales; Other
Designated Religious body	Shows whether or not the charity's principal purpose is as the advancement of religion	Designated Religious Body (single value): Yes No
Regulatory type	Charities are either Standard charities, Registered Social Landlords or Cross Border.	Regulatory type (single value): Standard Registered Social Landlord Cross-Border