

3. YOUR AUTHORISATION

- I wish to become a retired member of UNISON and accept its rules and constitution.
- I confirm that I am eligible for retired membership in accordance with Rule C2.6.1

Now please sign and date below

Signature _____

Date _____

I have enclosed my subscription of £15 made payable to the branch named in section 2 above.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you need more information on UNISON and the Retired Members' Organisation or help with this form call

UNISONdirect 0845 355 0845

*Mon – Fri 6am – midnight and Saturday 9am – 4pm
Textphone 0800 0 967 968*

HOW DO I BECOME A RETIRED MEMBER?

Complete the application form attached at the back of this booklet and send to either your branch or regional office (see below) together with your subscription fee of £15.

Eastern

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Chelmsford, Essex
CM1 1NH
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Northern

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Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE1 6TH
Tel: 0191 245 0800
Text Tel: 0191 245 0898

Scotland

UNISON House
14 West Campbell Street
Glasgow
G2 6RX
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Text Tel: 0141 248 3981

Cymru/Wales

Transport House, Third Floor
1 Cathedral Road
Cardiff
CF11 9SB
Tel: 02920 398333
Text Tel: 01792 470233

East Midlands

Vivian Avenue
Nottingham
NG5 1AF
Tel: 0115 847 5400
Text Tel: 0115 847 5462

Northern Ireland

UNISON Centre
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Fort William Business Park
10 Dargan Road
Belfast BT3 9LZ
Tel: 028 9077 0813
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Banstead
Surrey SM7 2LH
Tel: 0870 770 1112
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West Midlands

24 Livery Street
Birmingham
B3 2PA
Tel: 0121 685 4200
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1st Floor, Congress House
Great Russell Street
London
WC1B 3LS
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Tel: 020 7535 2140

North West

Arena Point
1 Hunt's Bank
Manchester
M3 1UN
Tel: 0161 211 1000
Minicom: 0161 661 6740

South West

1st Floor, Vintry House
Wine Street
Bristol BS1 2BD
Tel: 01823 288031
Text Tel: 01823 324765

Yorkshire & Humberside

3rd Floor, Commerce House
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Leeds
LS2 8NJ
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UNISON RETIRED MEMBERSHIP

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WHY DOES UNISON HAVE RETIRED MEMBERS?

Before you retired, UNISON provided the best representation and support at work when you needed it and a wide range of other services. Now that you are retired we believe that you deserve to continue to go on benefiting from union membership and be able to play an active role in the union.

A trade union should reflect the society in which it operates and there are over 10 million older people living in the UK.

HAVE A VOICE

As part of the biggest union in the country, you can contribute towards our influential voice on a huge range of issues that affect you such as pensions, the health service and age discrimination. Ensure that your voice is heard for your sake and the sake of future generations!

TAKE PART IN UNISON'S DEMOCRACY

You can participate in the democratic structures of the union. UNISON is unique in the trade union movement in having a Retired Members' Organisation, whose structure mirrors that of working members. This means that you can play a role in UNISON's democratic machinery at all levels.

Retired members can attend branch meetings and have representation on the branch committee and regional council. They also send representatives to the National Delegate Conference. A National Retired Members' Committee meets regularly and is able to feed its views to the NEC and the rest of UNISON. In addition, a Retired Members' Conference is held annually, where retired members can debate the issues of importance to them and submit two motions for the agenda of National Delegate Conference. In this way you can influence union policy from branch to national level.

LINKS

You can maintain the link between the employed and retired, thus promoting solidarity between the generations. Retired and working members have a shared interest in the provision of decent incomes in older age, a universal health service and the creation of a civilised society.

Today's workers are tomorrow's pensioners and UNISON's members work in public services on which older people are heavily reliant.

There are also links with other pensioner organisations at home and abroad through which you can campaign.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

You will be able to keep in touch with former working colleagues through the branch and the regular "U" Magazine will tell you the latest news and developments in the wider union.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AND BENEFITS

You will continue to be entitled to a wide range of benefits such as cheaper holidays and insurance, financial services, breakdown cover. Plus UNISON Welfare, our own registered charity providing support exclusively for UNISON members and dependents at times of special need. They also run a free and confidential debt advice referral scheme, in partnership with Payplan.

HOW RETIRED MEMBERS CAN HELP WORKING MEMBERS

UNISON recognises that retired members are an important organising asset. They continue to share members' interests in protecting our public services and have a wealth of personal experience to contribute. Where branches are short of person power, retired members may have time, experience and help to give.

Where branches identify a need for assistance from retired members, a Protocol exists to facilitate this.

WHO CAN BECOME A RETIRED MEMBER?

You can if you been a UNISON member continuously for at least two years on the day you retire from employment (in an area of work in which UNISON organises) and are receiving a pension and are not in other paid employment.

Become a UNISON Retired Member – continue to be involved in your union.

PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS USING BLACK INK AND SEND IT TO YOUR BRANCH OR REGIONAL OFFICE.

1. YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS		<i>Please tick or fill in the boxes below</i>		
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First name		Other initial(s)		
Surname/Family name		Date of birth / /		
Home Address				
Postcode				
UNISON membership number				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please tick this box if you require materials in a different format (eg large print or Braille) – be sure to supply contact details below			
Please give a telephone number/voice/text/email address for UNISON to contact you				
How would you describe your ethnic origin?		<i>Please tick one box</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Black UK		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Black African	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Other		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/> Irish	<input type="checkbox"/> White Other		
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2. BRANCH DETAILS				
Previous Branch				
Branch you wish to join				