



RETIRED MEMBERS SECTION

I apply to join UNISON and agree to pay the appropriate subscriptions to comply with the Rules and Constitution of the Section and to do nothing harmful to the Association or its members.

MEMBERSHIP NO		MR/MRS/MS/MISS/OTHER	
SURNAME		FIRST NAME	
HOME ADDRESS			
TELEPHONE NUMBER			
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HAVE YOU BEEN A UNISON MEMBER?	YES	NO	/
IF YES WHICH BRANCH?			
WHEN AND WHY DID YOU LEAVE?			
DATE OF RETIRING FROM COUNCIL			
DO YOU HAVE ANY ONGOING/OUTSTANDING CASES	YES	NO	

DEFINITION OF MEMBERSHIP <i>(Please tick appropriate box)</i>			
FULL RETIRED MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>	ASSOCIATE MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>
DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE RETIRED MEMBERS MONTHLY SECTION MEETING?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

I will pay the subscriptions for:

FULL MEMBER	-	£15 For Life Membership
ASSOCIATE MEMBER **	-	£ 5 For Life Membership
<small>(** Full members partner/spouse ONLY)</small>		

I will pay the subscriptions by: *(Please tick appropriate box)*

CHEQUE		CASH		<i>(cheques payable to: Unison, City of Edinburgh Branch)</i>
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Please enclose your remittance with your completed application form.

SIGNATURE: Date:

WHY RETIRED MEMBERSHIP? REASONS AND BENEFITS

WHY DOES UNISON HAVE RETIRED MEMBERS?

UNISON provided you with representation and support at work when you needed it, along with offering a wide range of other services. UNISON believes that you deserve to continue benefiting from membership when you retire and still be able to play an active role in the union. There are over 10 million older people living in the UK and trade unions should reflect this.

HAVE A VOICE

As part of the biggest unions in the country you can contribute to UNISON's influential voice on issues that affect you including pensions, the NHS and age discrimination. Ensure that your voice is heard for your sake and that of the future generations.

TAKE PART IN UNION DEMOCRACY

You can participate in the democratic structures of the union. UNISON is one of the few Unions which has a Retired Members Organisation, whose structure mirrors that of working members. This means that you can play a role in UNISON's democratic procedures at all levels.

Retired members can

- **Attend branch meetings**
- **Have representation on branch committees and the UNISON Regional Council**
- **Be represented at National Delegate Conference**

The National Retired Members Committee meets regularly and is able to feed it's 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 working and retired members, thus promoting solidarity between generations. Retired and working members have a shared interest in the provision of decent incomes in older age, care issues, 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 TOUCH

Most participants in retired members sections enjoy the following:

- Regular monthly meetings either with guest speakers or visits to local attractions selected by members
- Meet like minded people on a monthly basis
- Making new friends
- Annual Outings
- Festive Season social
- Local and national newsletters
- Keeping in touch with former work colleagues through the branch
- Involvement in UNISON activities (large numbers of retired members joined working colleagues on recent anti-austerity demonstrations and Public Sector Pension Campaigns).

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AND BENEFITS

UNISON retired members continue to enjoy the benefits available to working colleagues from UNISON, or private sector partners including:

- Discounted access to UNISON Croyde Bay holiday resort
- Access to UNISON Welfare
- Competitive pricing for energy
- Discounts at Vision Express
- Discount on Cars
- Breakdown cover
- UNISON Rewards (offers and discounts from 2500 retailers)
- Competitive prices on savings, loans and insurance
- Financial advice
- Travel