

### 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

Church Lane House  
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Chelmsford, Essex  
CM1 1NH  
Tel: 01245 287524  
Text Tel: 01245 499135

#### Northern

140-150 Pilgrim Street  
Newcastle Upon Tyne  
NE1 6TH  
Tel: 0191 245 0800  
Text Tel: 0191 245 0898

#### Scotland

UNISON House  
14 West Campbell Street  
Glasgow  
G2 6RX  
Tel: 0870 7777 006  
Text Tel: 0141 248 3981

#### Cymru/Wales

Transport House, Third Floor  
1 Cathedral Road  
Cardiff  
CF11 9SB  
Tel: 02920 398333  
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#### East Midlands

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

#### Northern Ireland

UNISON Centre  
Unit 4  
Fort William Business Park  
10 Dargan Road  
Belfast BT3 9LZ  
Tel: 028 9077 0813  
Text Tel: 028 9077 0803

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Glen House  
High Street  
Banstead  
Surrey SM7 2LH  
Tel: 0870 770 1112  
Text Tel: 0870 777 9877

#### West Midlands

24 Livery Street  
Birmingham  
B3 2PA  
Tel: 0121 685 4200  
Text Tel: 0121 685 4410

#### Greater London

1st Floor, Congress House  
Great Russell Street  
London  
WC1B 3LS  
Tel: 020 7535 2100  
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  
Wade Lane  
Leeds  
LS2 8NJ  
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Text Tel: 0113 234 6911

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OR SEND TO:

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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>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
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		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> White UK		
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2. BRANCH DETAILS				
Previous Branch				
Branch you wish to join				