



# MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS THE FACTS

**FREE MEMBERSHIP  
FOR STUDENTS AND  
NEWLY-QUALIFIED  
TEACHERS**

**ULSTER  
TEACHERS'  
UNION**

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## **1. FULL MEMBERSHIP See UTU Constitution.**

A serving teacher applying for UTU membership will normally be enrolled as a full subscribing member. Subscription will be deducted from salary monthly in arrears at the rate of 0.6% of gross salary, but the ceiling (i.e. the maximum payable by any individual) will be one-and-a-half times the minimum subscription. A teacher will be considered a full member once application has been ratified by the Central Executive Committee.

## **2. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP**

Students and those who have obtained their places at College/University will normally be accepted to student membership on receipt of a completed application form. Student members will be entitled to full benefits and services without subscription. They will become full members on date of first appointment and will have their authorisation cards put into effect the following 1st July.

## **3. COMMENCEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

A teacher whose application form and deduction authorisation card are received before the 4th of any month will normally have subscription deducted at source commencing with the payment of that month's salary.

## **4. CHANGE OF BRANCH**

A member who wishes to change branch must contact Head Office and complete the appropriate form; see your UTU School Representative.

## **5. TEMPORARY AND PART-TIME TEACHERS**

Membership deductions are made at source in respect of temporary and part-time teachers. Temporary and part-time teachers must pay a minimum subscription of £10 to Head Office in order to register as a member. UTU deductions are taken at source as you work and there are no direct debits to pay when you do not work.

Therefore, no salary, no fee – but full rights of membership. For further details, contact Annette at 028 9066 2216.



## **6. TEACHERS PAID SALARY IN SECONDED POSTS**

Teachers employed and paid direct by a different employer may have deductions made at salary source in the normal way, but if they transfer to or from a permanent position in a school a new deduction authorisation card must be forwarded to Head Office a month in advance of the transfer.

## **7. VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS**

Teachers employed in voluntary independent schools may have deductions made at salary source, but where the school authorities have declined to provide this service the subscription can be paid at 0.6% rate by arrangement with Head Office.

## **8. PERIODS OF ABSENCE**

Reduced rate for unpaid leave and career break is £20. This covers you for the remainder of any year. (Payment annually January). This keeps you updated with Union information, membership plus card and any advice you require whilst off on leave and returning to work.

## **9. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

A teacher may terminate UTU membership by completing a resignation letter and returning it to Head Office. This resignation letter will be forwarded to members immediately on written request. The 4th of the month is the final date for receipt if termination is to be effected that month. Membership Card(s) MUST be returned the resignation letter.

## **10. FURTHER ENQUIRIES**

Any further enquiries regarding your subscription should be addressed to the Senior Clerical Officer at UTU Head Office.