



ULSTER TEACHERS' UNION

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# MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

*the facts.*

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

# SUBSCRIPTIONS — THE FACTS

UTU keeps membership simple and fair: you pay according to what you earn, students and newly-qualified teachers pay nothing, and you only ever pay when you're working. Here is everything you need to know.

## FREE

For students & first-year newly-qualified teachers

## 0.6%

Of gross salary for full members, capped at 1.5x the minimum

## £10

Minimum to register as a temporary or part-time member

## £20

Reduced rate during unpaid leave or a career break

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### Full membership 0.6% of salary

A serving teacher applying to UTU is normally enrolled as a full subscribing member. Subscription is deducted from salary monthly in arrears at **0.6% of gross salary**, with a ceiling (the maximum any individual pays) of **one-and-a-half times the minimum subscription**. You become a full member once your application is ratified by the Central Executive Committee.

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### Student membership FREE

Students — and those who have secured a college or university place — are accepted on receipt of a completed application form, and are entitled to **full benefits and services free of subscription**. Student members become full members on the date of their first appointment, with authorisation cards taking effect the following 1 July.

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### Commencement of membership

If your application form and deduction authorisation card are received **before the 4th of the month**, subscription is normally deducted at source from that month's salary.

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### Change of branch

A member wishing to change branch should contact Head Office and complete the appropriate form. Your UTU school representative can help.

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### Temporary & part-time teachers £10 minimum

Deductions are made at source for temporary and part-time teachers, who pay a **minimum subscription of £10** to Head Office to register. Deductions are taken as you work, with no direct debits when you don't — so **no salary, no fee**, but full rights of membership.

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### Teachers in seconded posts

Teachers employed and paid directly by a different employer may have deductions made at salary source as normal. When transferring to or from a permanent position in a school, a new deduction authorisation card must reach Head Office **one month in advance** of the transfer.

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### Voluntary schools

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

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### Periods of absence £20 reduced rate

A reduced rate of **£20** applies during unpaid leave and career breaks, covering you for the remainder of the year (paid annually in January). It keeps you updated with union information, your membership-plus card, and any advice you need while off and on returning to work.

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### Termination of membership

To end your membership, complete a resignation letter and return it to Head Office; the letter is forwarded immediately on written request. The **4th of the month** is the final date for receipt if termination is to take effect that month, and membership card(s) must be returned **with** the resignation letter.

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### Further enquiries

Any further enquiries about your subscription should be addressed to the **UTU Membership Team** — email [membership@utu.edu](mailto:membership@utu.edu) or call Head Office on (028) 9066 2216.

#### TEMPORARY OR PART-TIME? TALK TO US

For help registering as a temporary or part-time member — remember, no salary means no fee — contact the **UTU Membership Team** on (028) 9066 2216, or email [membership@utu.edu](mailto:membership@utu.edu).