

Political fund: notices to members

The following notices relating to the political fund are issued under the union's political fund rules which can be found, along with the scrutineer's report of UCU's recent political fund review ballot, at <https://www.ucu.org.uk/politicalfund>.

There are three notices:

- 1. Notice to members in Great Britain who joined the union on or after 1 March 2018 – right to give a withdrawal notice**
- 2. Notice to members in Great Britain who joined the union before 1 March 2018 – right to be exempt from contributing to the fund**
- 3. Notice to members in Northern Ireland– right to give notice to contribute or withdraw from contributions**

- 1. Notice to members in Great Britain who joined the union on or after 1 March 2018 – right to give a withdrawal notice**

Under the union's rules (schedule C, annex 2), members who joined the union after 1 March 2018 must be notified, annually, of their right to give a withdrawal notice, that is, notice to the union that they are no longer willing to contribute to the political fund.

Notice to Members

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (as amended)

Any member (who joined the union on or after 1 March 2018), who has given notice of their willingness to contribute to the union's political fund (an 'opt-in' notice), has a right to withdraw that notice by giving notice to the union (a 'withdrawal notice').

A member can submit a withdrawal notice via the union's online membership portal, <http://members.ucu.org.uk>

Members may also submit a withdrawal notice in writing or as otherwise described in the union's political fund rules (see <http://www.ucu.org.uk/politicalfund>), including:

- by email to membership@ucu.org.uk
- by delivering the notice (either personally or by an authorised agenda or by post) at the head office or regional office of the union.

2. Notice to members in Great Britain who joined the union before 1 March 2018 – right to be exempt from contributing to the fund

Under the union's rules (schedule C, annex 1), after the passing of a resolution approving the furtherance of political objects as an object of the union, the following notice must be given to members who joined the union before 1 March 2018:

Notice to Members

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (as amended)

A resolution approving the furtherance of political objects within the meaning of the above Act as an object of the union has been adopted by a ballot under the Act. Any payments in the furtherance of any of those objects will be made out of a separate fund, the political fund of the union.

Every member of the union has a right to be exempt from contributing to that fund. A form of exemption notice can be obtained by or on behalf of any member either by application at, or by post from, the head office or any regional office of the union or from the Certification Office for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations, Lower Ground Floor, Fleetbank House, 2-6 Salisbury Square, London EC4Y 8JX. This form, when filled in, or a written request to the like effect, should be handed or sent to the General Secretary or the National Head of Resources.

Note that in addition to the form of exemption notice referred to in the notice above, any member can exempt themselves from contribution via the union's online membership portal, <http://members.ucu.org.uk> . Any member unable to access the membership portal can contact the membership department by email, membership@ucu.org.uk .

3. Notice to members in Northern Ireland – right to give notice to contribute or withdraw from contributions

Under the union's rules (schedule C, annex 3), after the passing of a resolution approving the furtherance of political objects as an object of the union, the following notice must be given to members in Northern Ireland:

Trade Union and Labour Relations (NI) Order 1995

A resolution approving the furtherance of political objects within the meaning of the above Order as an object of the union has been adopted by a ballot under the Order. Any payments in the furtherance of any of those objects will be made out of a separate fund, the political fund of the union.

A member who is willing to contribute to that fund must give the union notice in writing to that effect. No member is required to contribute to the fund unless he/she has given the union such notice.

A member who, having sent a notice that he/she wishes to contribute to the political fund, subsequently decides to cease contributing must send the union a written notice of withdrawal. A notice of withdrawal will take effect from the next 1 January after it is given.

Both a notice and a notice of withdrawal may be given by being delivered at the head office or a regional office of the union personally or by an authorised agent or by post.

Note that in addition to the form of notice and notice of withdrawal referred to in the notice above, any member can submit a withdrawal notice via the union's online membership portal, <http://members.ucu.org.uk> . Any member unable to access the membership portal can contact the membership department by email, membership@ucu.org.uk .

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