

Dear Member

Our records show you are no longer a member of the GMB Union which may not be your intention and can easily be rectified. GMB is always concerned if a member makes the decision to leave and we genuinely want to understand the reason/s that prompted the decision.

If you were unaware that this has happened and you wish to continue your GMB membership, you can re-join online at www.gmb.org.uk/join or contact our [Membership Department](#)

Changed your job?

If you cancelled your membership because you have changed your job or workplace, I would like to inform you that as GMB is a general Union, you can still remain a member, regardless of where you work as we represent workers across a wide range of industries and sectors. You have a legal right to belong to a Trade Union and being a member of GMB means you have access to free legal advice and representation, should you need it at work. Also, in the event of sustaining an injury in the workplace, through no fault of your own, GMB membership provides complete legal cover for personal injury claims at no additional charge. If your new employer does not operate a system which enables you to pay your contributions through your wages, then all you need to do is complete the direct debit mandate on the enclosed application form.

Are you sick, unemployed or on maternity or shared parental leave?

If you have been a member for a year and become unemployed, ill or are on maternity or shared parental leave, you can pay a reduced amount (just **22p a month**) to keep your GMB membership and retain any benefits you have accrued (such as being able to access our legal services) but you just won't be eligible for employment support.

Have you retired?

If you have recently retired from work and wish to remain a GMB member, you can apply for **free retired life membership** within three months of no longer paying contributions. To qualify, you must be permanently retired from paid work, have been a member for at least five years and apply in writing. If you have been a member for less than 5 years, you can pay a one-off charge of £40 for Retired Life Membership. To apply, please email our Membership Department direct on london.membership@gmb.org.uk.

Unhappy with our support?

If you have left the Union because you haven't been happy with the support received, please let us know about this by email (quoting your membership number, if possible, or your home address) to infolondon@gmb.org.uk. As with many organisations, things can go wrong, but unless the Union is made aware, it is difficult for these to be addressed and for improvements to be made.

Benefits of being a GMB member

In addition to receiving protection, support and advice at work there are many extra benefits to being in GMB. If you access **GMB Extra**, www.gmb.org.uk/extra you will find many exclusive member discounts including money off insurance, cinema tickets, many attractions and days out. We also run a **GMB Credit Union** offering fairer savings and loans for GMB members and their families. www.gmb.org.uk/creditunion

Don't forget all GMB members can also access free online training through our **Universal Member Learning Offer** www.gmb.org.uk/learning where you can find learning opportunities available to you as part of your GMB membership, from free accredited qualifications to bursaries for study, you'll find everything you need to help you develop both in and out of work

For full details of our benefits and services as well as the GMB Rulebook, look at our London Region website, www.gmblondon.org.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read this and if you have already been contacted by the union regarding this matter, then please accept my apologies for the duplication.

I hope you will choose to retain your GMB membership, and we would be happy to arrange a meeting with you to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely



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For any questions or to continue your GMB membership, please contact the Region's Membership Department on 020 8202 8272 london.membership@gmb.org.uk