

What are the benefits of UCU membership?

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The union is constantly working to improve terms, pay, and conditions for its members. Here at Sussex our caseworkers will advise and support UCU members on any work-related issues that arise.

Nationally, there are various benefits which UCU membership entitles you to:

Personal Insurance

Loss of property, malicious damage and serious accidents

A group insurance policy provides you with FREE limited cover. This policy is an improvement on the policies former AUT and NATFHE had for personal injury and loss of personal property and now includes malicious damage to motor vehicles whilst parked in institution car parks. Full details of the terms and conditions are available on the national UCU website: Personal property: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=2188> Malicious damage (motor vehicle): <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=2425>

Personal injury: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=2187>

Financial Advice

Financial advice is available through Endsleigh Financial Independent Tailoring (EFIT). They offer impartial and independent advice for individual members and where appropriate recommend solutions from the entire marketplace. For further information and to book a place on a retirement seminar, see the website: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=2738> or telephone 0800 389 2193 to speak to an adviser.

General Insurance

General insurance products, including household, motor and travel are available through Endsleigh and Norwich Union. Individual quotations are available to members through the website or by telephone:

Endsleigh: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=2739> or telephone: 0800 028 3571

Norwich Union: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=2603> or telephone: 0800 01 01 99

Credit Card

The UCU MasterCard is now available to members through arrangements with HBOS Card Services via the TUC. Members can apply for a UCU Platinum card or a classic card through the web: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=2191> or by telephone: 0800 032 2036.

Legal

Accident Aid – a cost free compensation scheme

The union's specialist personal injury lawyers can advise and represent you to recover compensation in case of injuries sustained in the workplace. You need to contact one of the union's panel firms listed on the web: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=2426> producing evidence of at least 90 days membership of the union.

Professional

College and University Support Network

The College and University Support Network (CUSN) offers support services to all staff in higher, further and adult education and their families, including: counselling, one-to-one coaching, information, advice and support material, financial assistance and money management advice. For further information, see the website: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=2189> or telephone the 24/7 support line on Freephone 08000 32 99 52.

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