

Requesting exemption from the union's political fund

(from the Unite rulebook, April 2008)

All members are encouraged to contribute to the union's political fund, but have the right to request exemption if they wish.

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

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 but 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 branch office of the Union or from the Certification Office for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations, Brandon House, 180 Borough High Street, London SE1 1LW.

This form, when filled in, or a written request in a form to the like effect, should be handed or sent to the secretary of the branch to which the member belongs.

You should be able to find out your branch and the address to write to your branch secretary by ringing your UNITE Regional Office, see:

<http://www.unitetheunion.com/regions.aspx>

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POLITICAL FUND EXEMPTION NOTICE

I hereby give notice that I object to contributing to the political fund of the Union and am in consequence exempt, in the manner provided by Chapter VI of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, from contributing to that fund.

Signature.....

Name.....

Address.....

Name of Branch.....

Membership No..... Date