

# JOIN PCS ARMs WE'RE STRONGER TOGETHER



If you have retired, been made redundant or resigned from your job, you can still have a voice and enjoy the benefits of being in PCS by joining the **PCS Associate and Retired Members Network**

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# PCS ARMs membership application form

Complete all questions in BLOCK CAPITALS

Membership number

Title  Date of birth

Forename(s)  Surname

National Insurance number  /  /  /  /

**We cannot process this form without your National Insurance number**

Home phone number  Mobile number

Email address

Ballot address

Account holder's address (if different to ballot address) **This information is mandatory**

Post code

Post code

Last employer

Date of leaving employment

If you have not been a member for 3 years, your application will be subject to approval by the ARMs committee.

## MEMBERSHIP DETAILS AND EQUALITY MONITORING

Help us improve our records by ticking the appropriate boxes

Which of the following categories describes your ethnicity?

Asian: Bangladeshi  Asian: Indian  Asian: Pakistani  Asian: other

Black African  Black Caribbean  Black: other  Chinese

Mixed ethnic background  White

Please indicate your sexuality and gender identity:

Heterosexual  Gay/Lesbian  Bisexual  Asexual

Are you  Male  Female Do you identify as a transgender person?  Yes

Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?  Yes  No

## DECLARATION AND DATA PROTECTION

By completion of this form I agree to join PCS for the purposes of collective bargaining. I declare that I will observe the terms of its rules and constitution.

Signature

Date

**DATA PROTECTION** PCS is a data controller and processes information (data) which you give us on this application form and subsequently. Your information is used for the effective operation of the trade union and to provide you with the right to vote and to receive union goods, benefits and services. PCS does not share your information with any other data controllers, but may contract approved data processors to deliver goods, benefits and services to union members. We may share your information with organisations with which we work in partnership. We or they may contact you by mail, telephone, short message service, fax or email, to let you know about goods, services or promotions that may interest you. You have a right to ask for a copy of your information (for which we charge a small fee) and to correct any inaccuracies. To make sure we maintain our standards of service, we may monitor or record communications. You understand that by making this application for membership you consent to PCS's processing of data supplied by you, including sensitive personal data, for the purposes stated above. If you do not wish to receive any correspondence other than official PCS communications please tick this box .

Please fill in the whole form using a ball point pen and return both parts to your local representative or: **Membership, PCS, Freepost — BFH1003, 160 Falcon Road, London SW11 2BR.**

Service user number

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Name and full postal address of your bank or building society

To: The Manager	Bank/building society
Address	
Postcode	

Name(s) of account holder(s)

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Branch sort code

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Bank/building society account number

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Reference (PCS use only)

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Instruction to your bank or building society

Please pay PCS Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this Instruction may remain with PCS and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

Signature(s)
Date



Banks and building societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions for some types of account. This guarantee should be **detached and retained** by the payer



## The Direct Debit Guarantee

- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit the Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request PCS to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by PCS or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.
- If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when PCS asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

If you were a PCS member but have retired, been made redundant or are no longer employed in an area where PCS has members, you can become a member of the PCS Associate and Retired Members (ARMs) network.

As well as standing up for issues which affect our members, the ARMs network also maintains a link with the wider union and plays a vital role in supporting PCS campaigns.

You can keep up to date with all the latest news and benefit from a range of services, such as:

- Earn up to 6% cashback in-store or online at Argos, Boots, Sainsbury's, ASDA, M&S, B&Q and many more
- Legal advice helpline
- Conveyancing services
- Free will service
- Personal injury claim line
- Helpline for debt
- Opportunity to join PCS Credit Union
- Cheaper insurance for you, your home, pets and car

- Assistance through the PCS benevolent fund
- ARMs updates in PCS magazines and newsletters.

### **Completing this application form**

If you are still working in an area where the union represents members you need to complete a PCS membership application form rather than this one.

### **Join over the phone**

It is also possible to join PCS as an associate member by calling our membership department on 0800 3 17 464.

### **Subscription rates**

Your Associate and Retired Members subscriptions will be collected by Direct Debit at the rate of £2.09 per month.

### **Return your application form free of charge to:**

Membership Department, PCS  
Freepost – BFH 1003  
160 Falcon Road, London, SW11 2BR

## **Play an active part in the ARMs network**

ARMs have a number of regional committees made up of elected reps who meet regularly to progress ARMs issues. These are open meetings and ARMs members are welcome to come as observers. There is also an elected national committee that ensures the voice of ARMs members is heard throughout the union.

ARMs reps can also support local PCS branches by mentoring new reps, giving advice on personal cases and supporting their campaigns.

### **Active in the community**

The ARMs network has a strong link to charities, local trades councils, regional TUC pensioners networks, and campaign groups.

We are affiliated to the National Pensioners Convention and the Public Services Pensioners Council where we work with other organisations on matters of common interest. We also subscribe to charities such as PARITY (a disabled peoples charity) and Age UK.