



THE FIRE BRIGADES UNION

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES OF THE UNION

MOVED BY

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AND

**BRIGADE/NATIONAL SECTIONAL COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS
TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PROPOSED ALTERATIONS**

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PRESENT RULE	PROPOSED EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ALTERATION	RULE AS AMENDED
Rule 5 CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS (2) Out of Trade Members (a) Members desiring to become “Out of Trade Members” in accordance with Rule 4 (b) shall be eligible to continue Union membership by completing an application form and forwarding it to Head Office not later than 180 days from the cessation of employment in accordance with Rule 4 (b). (b) The contribution of Out of Trade members shall be £25 per five years. (c) Such members will be entitled to receive assistance under Rules 3(3) and 3(7). (d) Out of Trade Members shall neither hold office nor have voting rights.	Delete current Rule 5 (2) Insert: Rule 5 CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS (2) Retired and Out of Trade Members (a) Members desiring to become ‘Retired and Out of Trade Members’ in accordance with Rule 4(b) shall be eligible to continue Union membership by completing an application form and forwarding it to Head Office not later than 180 days from the cessation of employment in accordance with Rule 4 (b). (b) Former ‘Ordinary Members’ who did not join as detailed in Rule 5 (2) (a), must complete an application form and return to Head Office. (c) Applicants must have been ‘Ordinary Members’ at the time of the cessation of their employment. Applications should be copied to the relevant Brigade Secretary, who should place the application before the next Brigade Committee for consideration and decision. The Brigade Secretary shall put in writing the decision of the Brigade Committee and forward it to the General Secretary within 28 Days.	Rule 5 CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS (2) Retired and Out of Trade Members (a) Members desiring to become ‘Retired and Out of Trade Members’ in accordance with Rule 4(b) shall be eligible to continue Union membership by completing an application form and forwarding it to Head Office not later than 180 days from the cessation of employment in accordance with Rule 4 (b). (b) Former ‘Ordinary Members’ who did not join as detailed in Rule 5 (2) (a), must complete an application form and return to Head Office. (c) Applicants must have been ‘Ordinary Members’ at the time of the cessation of their employment. Applications should be copied to the relevant Brigade Secretary, who should place the application before the next Brigade Committee for consideration and decision. The Brigade Secretary shall put in writing the decision of the Brigade Committee and forward it to the General Secretary within 28 Days. In the absence of a response or objection from the Brigade Secretary within 28 days, the application shall be accepted.

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Rule 4 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP (b) Ordinary Members ceasing to be employed by Local Authority Fire Brigades or the FBU in accordance with Rule 4 (a), who desire to continue membership, who shall be known as "Out of Trade Members".	Delete current Rule 4 (b) Insert: Rule 4 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP (b) Ordinary Members in accordance with Rule 4 (a) upon retirement or upon ceasing employment in the Fire and Rescue Service, who desire to continue membership, who shall be known as "Retired and Out of Trade Members". EXECUTIVE COUNCIL	Rule 4 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP (b) Ordinary Members in accordance with Rule 4 (a) upon retirement or upon ceasing employment in the Fire and Rescue Service, who desire to continue membership, who shall be known as "Retired and Out of Trade Members".

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Rule 26 INTERNAL UNION DISCIPLINE (11) For the purpose of this rule, "Member" shall include Ordinary, Out of Trade, Honorary, and Junior Members.	Delete current Rule 26 (11) Insert: Rule 26 INTERNAL UNION DISCIPLINE (11) For the purpose of this rule, "Member" shall include Ordinary, Retired and Out of Trade, Honorary, and Junior Members. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL	Rule 26 INTERNAL UNION DISCIPLINE (11) For the purpose of this rule, "Member" shall include Ordinary, Retired and Out of Trade, Honorary, and Junior Members.