Process for obtaining the unionlearn discount

A member has approached me to verify their membership status to claim the unionlearn discount at Birkbeck. What do I need to do?

Anyone from within the union with access to the membership records to verify the member’s current status and length of membership can approve their discount claim. However, the confirmation email must come from a recognised union email address in lieu of a signature. Please send an email with the member’s full name, membership number and their current membership status and length of membership to feesinv@bbk.ac.uk. This confirmation email must be received within 28 days of the member enrolling at Birkbeck in order for the discount to be applied.

What is the eligibility criteria to receive the unionlearn discount?

To receive the discount for the academic year 2020/21, a student must have been a member of a recognised TUC affiliated Trade Union for a minimum of 3 months prior to the start of the academic year, Monday 5th October 2020. Members can obtain an annual 10% discount off course fees for programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate level and short courses at Birkbeck. Students who are being sponsored by their employer are not eligible for the discount.

Why does Birkbeck pass on member details on to the union?

In order to enable Birkbeck and the union to monitor the impact and uptake of the unionlearn discount, we ask for the member’s consent to share their: full name; programme of study; mode of study (full-time or part-time). This is then shared with the union on request. Your union may use this to demonstrate how they are providing government funded learning support (e.g. for ULF projects). Without consent, the data cannot be shared.
I’m a Union Learning Rep and want some help supporting learners into university

We have free resources and support to help support union members on the journey to university. This is available by contacting union-learning@bbk.ac.uk

The resources can be used in any setting and may form the basis of learning conversations with learners when discussing awareness of higher education, interests and reasons for returning to study and readiness for higher education.

If you would like support with delivering a workshop or information about studying at university, please email union-learning@bbk.ac.uk to discuss your requirements. We also have a number of member case studies on file, please contact us for details.

The member I’m signing for has been out of education for a long time and might benefit from further support at Birkbeck

All union members accepted onto a course of study at Birkbeck can contact the Access & Engagement Team to discuss their needs and ways to raise the profile of union learning at Birkbeck if they wish. Please email union-learning@bbk.ac.uk for more information.