

Teachers and school leaders

JOINING THE QTU



QTU membership (schools)

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Protecting the rights of Queensland state school teachers and principals for more than 125 years

More than 45,000 teachers and school leaders in Queensland's state primary schools, secondary schools, special schools and colleges choose to belong to the QTU. We are here to help you in times of difficulty, to negotiate better pay and conditions and to work on your behalf to promote the teaching profession and public education.



Wages and conditions

The QTU campaigns for improved salaries and conditions, including class size targets, non-contact time, permanent employment, maternity leave, transfers, remote area incentives, superannuation, equal pay for women, and the end of annualisation in TAFE.

A professional voice

The QTU is your voice on issues such as curriculum, pedagogy, assessment, registration and professional standards. It represents you at the Queensland College of Teachers, the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority and the TAFE Consultative Committee.

Promoting public education

The QTU campaigns for needs-based funding for schools and TAFE, progressive, effective education policy and better facilities, and promotes your work.

Strength in numbers

A lone teacher has limited power. That power is multiplied exponentially as a Union member, joined with others, whether at a school, state or national level.

Legal assistance*

Members have access to legal advice and representation from lawyers specialising in education and employment law, and it's free in cases arising from your work.

A democratic voice

The QTU's success is built on the active involvement of members at all levels - school, branch or statewide. Its decision-making bodies are overwhelmingly composed of practising educators, and it is they who decide the Union's direction.

Your protection

When things go wrong, don't face it alone. The QTU is constantly representing and supporting members who feel unjustly treated, or are subject to unfair complaints.

Information and advice

Get advice and information about your work, pay and conditions from the Queensland Teachers' Assist Desk (QTAD) or from QTU Organisers. There's also www.qtu.asn.au, the Queensland Teachers' Journal and the QTU Library. The Queensland Teachers' Education Centre (QTEC) provides industrial and professional development courses.

National and international

Membership is your link to the teaching profession across the nation through the Australian Education Union (AEU), and across the world through Education International, our global union.

Great services

QTU membership gives you access to Teachers' Union Health, the Union Shopper buying service and RACQ Bank.



How to join

Join online by visiting the QTU website at www.qtu.asn.au/join or fill out and return the application in this brochure in the reply paid envelope or drop it into a QTU office.

Speak with your school Union Rep or QTU Organiser for more information.

Contacts

Web: www.qtu.asn.au

Email: qtu@qtu.asn.au

Phone: 07 3512 9000

The QTU has offices in Brisbane, Cairns, Gold Coast, Wide Bay, Rockhampton, Springwood, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba and Townsville.

Notes:

- *Legal assistance cannot be granted for matters that occurred prior to becoming a member of the QTU.
- The QTU reserves the right to limit or refuse union assistance for a matter that began or occurred prior to joining the QTU.
- Non-payment of Union dues does not cancel membership. To cancel your membership, you must do so in writing to the General Secretary, and pay all dues and monies outstanding at the time of resignation.
- A copy of the privacy statement can be found at www.qtu.asn.au/privacy-statement

Post to: QTU, PO Box 1750, Milton LPO Q 4064

Email to: qtu@qtu.asn.au

You can also join and pay online at www.qtu.asn.au/join

Note: Union dues are fully tax deductible



Payroll number

ID/payroll number

Please select **ONE** payment option - **A. direct debit** or **B. credit card** - and fill in the details required.

A. Direct debit request (customer authority)

For yearly or monthly debits from your nominated bank account

Payment selection (Please tick one)

Payment in full in March each year Payment in equal instalments

Note: For more information about direct debit payment options and instalment dates see the dues sheet included with this form or online at www.qtu.asn.au/membership. See below for the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement.

I/We

(Surname or Company/Business Name)

Given Names or ABN

authorise you, the Queensland Teachers' Union ID No. 063053, to arrange for funds to be debited from my/our account at the Financial Institution below through the Bulk Electronic Clearing System (BECS).

This authorisation is to remain in force in accordance with the terms described in the Queensland Teachers' Union Direct Debit Request Service Agreement.

I/We authorise the following:

1. The Queensland Teachers' Union to verify the details of the account identified below with my/our Financial Institution.
2. The Financial Institution to release information allowing the QTU to verify the details of the account identified.

Details of bank account to be debited

(Name of Financial Institution)

(BSB Number)

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(Account number)

(Name of account to be debited)

(Branch name)

(Signature)

(Date)

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(Signature)

(Date)

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B. Credit card authority

For one-off payments from your credit card

To calculate the amount payable, please refer to the separate dues scale and refer to your classification/salary code.

If you are permanent part-time or have any queries regarding a pro-rata rate, please contact the membership section at membership@qtu.asn.au or telephone 07 3512 9000.

Please charge my Visa Card MasterCard

Amount \$. Date - -

Credit card number

CVV

Expiry date -

Cardholder's name

Cardholder's signature

Direct debit request service agreement

1. By signing the Direct Debit Request, you authorise us to arrange for funds to be debited from your account in accordance with the agreement.
2. The Queensland Teachers' Union will issue a letter in November detailing the dates and amount of the debit transactions.
3. The customer will be advised no less than 14 days in advance of any changes to the Direct Debit arrangements.
4. For all matters relating to the Direct Debit arrangements (such as requests to defer/alter, stop/cancel, or dispute), the customer should contact the membership section of the Union on 07 3512 9000 and/or write to the General Secretary, Queensland Teachers' Union, PO Box 1750, MILTON LPO 4064.
 1. If you believe that there has been an error in debiting your account, you should notify us directly on 07 3512 9000 and confirm that notice in writing with us as soon as possible so that we can resolve your query more quickly.
 2. If we conclude as a result of our investigations that your account has been incorrectly debited we will respond to your query by arranging for your financial institution to adjust your account (including interest and charges) accordingly. We will also notify you in writing of the amount by which your account has been adjusted.
 3. If we conclude as a result of our investigations that your account has not been incorrectly debited we will respond to your query by providing you with reasons and any evidence for this finding in writing.Alternatively, disputes or requests to stop or cancel a Direct Debit Request can be directed to your financial institution.
5. The customer should be aware that:
 1. Direct Debiting through BECS is not available on all accounts; and
 2. Account details should be checked against a recent statement from its Financial Institution.
(If in any doubt you should check with your Financial Institution before completing the drawing authority.)
 6. It is the responsibility of the customer to ensure sufficient funds are in the nominated debiting account when payments are to be drawn.
 7. If the due date falls on a non-working day or public holiday, the payment will be processed on the next working day. The customer can check with their Financial Institution to confirm when payment will be debited.
 8. For returned unpaid transactions the customer's (member) financial status will be at risk. The Union will advise the member as soon as possible and then will have 21 days to pay directly to the Union. Future instalments will continue to be debited on the dates advised. Should instalments continue to be unpaid after three attempts, the customer's Direct Debit authority will be cancelled and the customer will be advised accordingly.
 9. All customer records and account detail/s will be kept confidential to be disclosed only at the request of the customer or Financial Institution in connection with a claim made to an alleged incorrect or wrongful debt.
 10. The customer should confirm with their Financial Institution any charges applicable if any payment is returned unpaid. There will be no charges imposed by the Queensland Teachers' Union.
 11. If you wish to notify us in writing about anything to do with this agreement, you should write to "The General Secretary, Queensland Teachers' Union", at the postal address listed above. We may send notices either electronically to your email address or by ordinary post to the address you have given us. Any notice will be deemed to have been received on the third banking day after emailing or posting.