

## Frequently Asked Questions – Unison members and the Labour Leadership

- [Can I join UNISON and get a vote?](#)

No. To be eligible to vote you have to be a UNISON member before 12 January 2016.

You also have to be a member of our affiliated political fund, **and** you need to register as an affiliated supporter of the Labour Party.

If you work in public services, there are many good reasons why you should join a union now, and urge colleagues and friends to do the same.

[Join UNISON](#)

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- [I'm a UNISON member, can I vote in the Labour Leadership election?](#)

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You also have to be an existing member of our affiliated political fund, **and** you need to register as an affiliated supporter of the Labour Party.

[Sign up as a Labour affiliated supporter](#)

- [Am I a member of the affiliated political fund \(APF\)?](#)

To check if you are currently a member of the affiliated political fund, call us on **0800 0857 857**.

Check for yourself online: [unison.org.uk/my-unison](http://unison.org.uk/my-unison)

Or, if you sign up as an affiliated Labour supporter, we will check your status before you are eligible to vote.

[Sign up as a Labour affiliated supporter](#)

- [I am a UNISON member, can I join the APF and become an affiliated supporter?](#)

No. You need to be a UNISON member before 12 January 2016 and **currently** paying in to the affiliated political fund.

- [I voted in the 2015 Labour leadership election as an affiliated supporter, do I get a vote this time automatically?](#)

Yes. As long as your UNISON membership status remains the same. UNISON will be confirming with the Labour Party that all existing registered supporters are still members today and are a member of the affiliated political fund. Lapsed members will not get a vote.

If you want to be sure, you can register again as an affiliated supporter.

[Sign up as a Labour affiliated supporter](#)

- [I'm already a Labour member should I sign up as an affiliated supporter too?](#)

You only get one vote. If you were a Labour member before 12 January 2016, you will receive a vote as a Labour member. If you were not a Labour member, but you were a UNISON member before 12 January and are currently a member of the affiliated political fund – you should register as an affiliated supporter.

### [Sign up as a Labour affiliated supporter](#)

- [What's the deadline for signing up as an affiliated supporter?](#)

You must register as an affiliated supporter of the Labour Party by noon on Monday 8 August

### [Sign up as a Labour affiliated supporter](#)

Your details will then be checked to make sure you are eligible to vote. Voting closes on Wednesday 21 September.

- [I'm a retired UNISON member. Can I vote?](#)

Retired members who were in affiliated political fund (APF) when they retired can continue if you pay five pounds per year to your region.

You cannot join or transfer to the APF after retirement.

[Find my region](#) or call **0800 0857 857**

If you want to vote in the Labour leadership, you should also register as an affiliated supporter now

### [Sign up as a Labour affiliated supporter](#)

- [How will I receive my vote?](#)

The Labour party will contact those eligible to vote in the Leadership contest when the ballot opens.

- [Will UNISON be taking a position in the Labour leadership election?](#)

The National Labour Link committee will consider whether they wish to make a supporting nomination. At this stage, consultation processes are being decided.

However, the principle for the Labour leadership ballot is on one member one vote, and any position is a preference suggested by the national committee. Members are free to vote for whoever is their preferred candidate.

- [When does the vote close?](#)

Wednesday 21 September.

- [When will the result be announced?](#)

Saturday 24 September