

Who are we?

The Australian Education Union is the major union in the education sector. We have over 190,000 members nationally and over 43,000 in Victoria. We are the third largest union in Australia.

Services

Immediate assistance?

Members can ring the AEU at any time and talk to an officer in the membership services unit. You will get immediate advice and assistance about any matter including:

- Salaries
- Awards
- Fixed term employment
- Superannuation
- Casual relief teaching
- Leave
- WorkCover
- Merit Protection Board appeals
- Complaints and discipline matters
- Dispute settlement
- Industrial agreements

Professional support

The AEU prides itself on being a professional and an industrial organisation. It offers members a range of professional support and advocacy services.

These include:

- Professional development programs
- Advice on professional and curriculum matters
- Education discussion forums and networks
- Representation on education and curriculum issues at state and federal levels.

Industrial representation

Through achieving federal awards and industrial agreements, the AEU has protected:

- Salaries
- Classifications
- Attendance and hours of duty
- Leave entitlements
- Allowances
- Many other conditions of work

Only union members are able to enforce terms and conditions of employment.

Women's issues

The AEU has been at the forefront of developing and implementing policy relating to women's issues. Such policy includes:

- Flexible work options
- Family leave
- Sexual harassment guidelines
- Permanent part-time
- Childcare
- Equal employment opportunity
- Gender equity in curriculum and training

Graduate Teachers

Because the AEU looks after people from the beginning of their careers until the end, it understands the financial constraints people face when starting out. To make sure graduate teachers get the most from their union, the AEU has introduced discounted rates across all sectors for members during the first three years of teaching.



Benefits

Get the real story

Your regular copy of AEU News, the union's magazine, provides the latest information about the issues that affect you. Bulletins, newsletters, emails, pamphlets and other specialist publications keep you up-to-date.

Health

Since 1954 Teachers Health Fund, a not-for-profit health fund, has cared for the education sector. Today, your own health fund is the largest restricted membership health fund in Australia, covering over 200,000 individuals. Teachers Health Fund offers hospital and extras cover at extremely competitive contribution rates, access to a comprehensive travel insurance scheme, and an Eyecare Centre with heavily discounted frames. For more information visit www.teachershealth.com.au or phone **1300 728 188**.

Education Credit Unions

Union members and their families can belong to the Members and Education Credit Union or the Victoria Teachers' Credit Union, giving them access to services such as home loans, personal loans, bill paying, direct salary credit-ing, travel insurance and cheque accounts.

Union Shopper

Union Shopper is a shopping service established by unions to provide their members with discounts and savings on a wide range of products and services through Union Shopper preferred suppliers. AEU members have access to Union Shopper as part of their union membership.

Superannuation and finance

The AEU provides access to specialist services covering retirement planning, superannuation, investment and salary sacrifice/packageing.

Free legal advice

A free initial legal consultation on any matter is available and the union can provide ongoing legal support in work-related matters.

Union training

The AEU runs regular training courses for unionists, contract teachers and sub-branch representatives. Training in occupational health and safety procedures is also available.

Professional development

The AEU offers a wide range of PD activities, including curriculum, educational leadership, job applications, women's issues, principal class matters, interview skills, family leave seminars, teachers and the law. The AEU is a key sponsor of the Teacher Learning Network.

Presidential Card

All AEU members receive this card as their membership card.

The card provides:

- Savings at over 4,000 locations
- Save on accommodation, meals and adventure!
- More than 11,000 unique offers
- Australia's leading lifestyle benefit program



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Personal Details

Record Number (if applicable):

Title: First names: Surname:

Have you previously been a financial member? Yes No

Are you an Aborigine or Torres Strait Islander? Yes No

Previous surname (if applicable): Date of birth: M F

Postal address:

Suburb: Postcode: Telephone: Mobile:

Email address:

Workplace 1: Campus: Time fraction:

Workplace 2: Campus: Time fraction:

Graduate Teacher Discount is applied to the first 3 years of teaching.

Please indicate your current salary level GT1 GT2 AT1 Please specify _____

Govt. Schools and DEECD workplaces

Location type

- Primary
 Secondary
 Special/Special Development
 VSL
 Other (specify) _____

Classification

- Principal
 Assistant Principal
 Teacher/Instructor
 ES
 Koorie educator
 Paraprofessional
 Other (specify) _____

Employment status

- Ongoing/Contract
 CRT/Casual

TAFE and Adult Provision

Location type

- TAFE
 AMES
 Disability

Classification

- Manager/Supervisor
 Senior educator
 Teacher/Instructor
 Paraprofessional
 Other (specify) _____

Employment status

- Ongoing/Contract
 Sessional/Casual

Early Childhood

Location type

- Preschool
 Long Day Care
 Early Intervention
 Other (specify) _____

Classification

- Coordinator
 Teacher
 Assistant
 Preschool field officer
 Other (specify) _____

Employment status

- Ongoing/Contract
 Emergency/Relief

I hereby apply for membership of the Australian Education Union Victorian Branch and authorise the AEU, through its officers and agents, to represent me on all and any matters pertaining to the terms and conditions of my employment. I understand the rules of the union require notice of resignation in writing.

Signed: Date:

AEU collection statement

For all matters relating to personal information about an individual covered by the Privacy Act (1988), the individual will need to write to the Branch Secretary, PO Box 363, Abbotsford Vic 3067. You may gain access to personal information about you, held by the AEU.

The information is collected to assist in achieving the objects of the AEU and to provide trade union services, and benefits to members. The AEU may disclose personal information to:

- Employers of member and relevant statutory authorities, for the purposes of representing members' interests
The AEU's lawyers, for purpose of representing members and advising the AEU in relation to members' claims
Union officials and other members acting on behalf of the AEU on union matters

- Organisations that provide access to a range of services where union membership is required, for the purpose of verification of union membership only
Electoral Commission of Victoria for the conduct of ballots required under law
Candidates in elections conducted by the union in accordance with AEU policy
The union's mailing house for distribution of notices and publications. A confidentiality agreement exists between the parties
Researchers, to enable the conduct of AEU sponsored research
Others as required by state and federal legislation.

The AEU is committed to establishing confidentiality agreements where necessary with all external organisations to which this information is disclosed. The Workplace Relations Act 1986 requires that unions maintain a record of home addresses.

