

Benefits of becoming a Member of UA Local 516

UA Local 516 is dedicated to protecting and advancing the economic and social goals of its members. We work to provide members with fair wages and safe working conditions, as well as provide health and welfare benefits and a retirement savings plan that is second to none among craft trade unions. Local 516 also provides assistance for members who may have problems with WorkSafe BC compensation claims and can aid in providing fair representation in employee/employer relations.

If you would like to pursue an apprenticeship through UA Local 516, you will need to secure a job with one of our contractors. Once you are hired, you must contact our office at (604) 882-8212 or 1-800-729-6699 toll free to arrange an appointment to complete the application process before you actually start work.

All persons hired to work must obtain a dispatch slip (work permit) signed by the Business Manager from the Union Hall before you commence work.

What does it cost to join Local 516?

The first-time membership or initiation fee to join Local 516 is \$190 for an Apprentice and \$340 for a Journeyman. The initiation fee must be paid on or before the day you start work. The payment can be made in cash or by debit/credit card, cheque or money order. It is the policy of Local 516 to only process initiation fees and applications when the apprentice/journeyman is hired to work for a signatory contractor, and not before.

Where and when do I fill out Local 516 applications?

If you are hired to work for one of our signatory contractors, but are not yet a member of Local 516, call us at (604) 882-8212 or 1-800-729-6699 to make an appointment to fill out your application. The sign-up process takes approximately 40 minutes of your time. Our office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. Our address is 19560 96th Avenue, Surrey, BC V4N 4C3.

When you call to book an appointment, ask what information you are required to bring in for the application process.

What are the other costs to the member?

As per the Collective Agreement, the Employer will deduct from the employee's wages monthly dues of \$36 and supplementary dues of 1.25% of the hourly gross wage package. The amounts deducted for union dues are 100% tax deductible for income tax purposes. There is also a deduction from the employee's wages of \$0.01 per hour to the Canadian Building Trades Fund.

You can view the Wage Scales on our website under the Agreements Section of the Information Tab.

Can I terminate my membership when I want?

Yes, you can leave Local 516 whenever you choose without penalty. Keep in mind that should you decide to re-apply in the future, there is a re-initiation fee currently set at \$2,500.