



# Usdaw – The Trade Union For Professional Drivers



## All Usdaw members who drive as part of their job can apply to join Usdaw's Road Transport Distress Fund


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- Professional drivers spend a lot of time driving. That means more chances of falling foul of the law.
- Usdaw's Road Transport Distress Fund helps to relieve hardship if you commit a driving offence during the course of your employment, resulting in you being issued with a fixed penalty notice or attending a driver improvement course.
- It is a unique voluntary self-help scheme costing only £6 a year; payable by direct debit every October.
- Alcohol and drug-related offences are excluded.
- The Road Transport Distress Fund (RTDF) covers a wide range of driving offences such as speeding, parking and weight violations.
- Current Usdaw members just have to fill in the RTDF application form and Direct Debit Mandate to join the Fund.
- Once you've joined the Fund, you will receive a letter confirming your membership.
- Claiming is easy, just fill in a claim form (available online) and send it in with a copy of the fixed penalty notice and receipt to show the fine has been paid.

To join the Distress Fund simply complete and return the attached direct debit and application forms.

**Get protected! Don't be saddled with payments you can't afford – join the Distress Fund now.**





# Good reasons to join Usdaw

## Professional drivers should join Usdaw's Transport Section

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- We look after the interests of Usdaw members who drive for a living; this includes representation on pay and conditions of employment. We have agreements covering drivers in companies such as Sainsbury's, Tesco, Wincanton, Yodel, Evri, Co-op, GXO, Next Distribution and DHL.
- We maintain an up-to-date information system on transport matters and provide help and advice to members.
- We give you a voice through your own representative on the National Road Transport Committee - Usdaw's national forum for transport matters.
- We operate a Road Transport Distress Fund for members who receive work-related penalties for motoring offences. For an additional £6 per year, after 13 weeks' membership of the Distress Fund, you are entitled to up to three claims per year.
- We'll give you a FREE copy of the Usdaw Drivers' Handbook containing valuable information and advice.



Please complete and return to Usdaw.  
Just write **FREEPOST USDaw** on the  
envelope and put it in the post.

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Branch No. \_\_\_\_\_

I apply to join Usdaw. As a member of Usdaw I undertake to abide by the Rules and regulations of the Union and to pay contributions regularly. The home address I give is the address that Usdaw will use for balloting purposes. Members joining from 1 July 2021 are automatically entered at Scale A. For details of current membership rates and cash benefits visit [www.usdaw.org.uk](http://www.usdaw.org.uk). **Responsibility of keeping payments up-to-date rests with the member.**

**Use BLOCK LETTERS and complete this form as fully as possible.**

Have you been a member of Usdaw before? Yes  No

Please tick the appropriate box

Ms  Miss  Mrs  Mr  Mx  Other \_\_\_\_\_ Female  Male  Non-binary

Surname

Forename

Email

Full Postal Address

Postcode

Tel. No. (Inc. STD)  Mobile No.

Date of Birth  Age

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Workplace Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode

Location No. \_\_\_\_\_ Employee No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Opt-in Notice** I agree to contribute to the Union's political fund at the rate set out from time to time in the Rule Book, and I understand that this agreement constitutes an opt-in notice for the purposes of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 as amended and the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995. Every member may opt to contribute to a separate fund for the furtherance of the Union's political objects under the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (as amended) or, as appropriate, the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 by ticking this opt-in notice. A member who chooses not to contribute shall not, by that reason, be excluded from any benefits of the Union or be placed in any respect either directly or indirectly under a disability or at a disadvantage as compared with other members of the Union (except in relation to the control of the fund).

**For Members Paying by Payroll**

I hereby authorise my employers for the time being, or their representatives, to deduct from my salary or wages the amount of contributions payable by me under the Union's Rules, as amended from time to time. I also authorise the deduction of any arrears which may accrue during my employment. I consent to the Union sharing my personal data with my employers, or their representatives in order to process my deduction contributions. I also authorise my employers, or their representatives, to share my information with Usdaw in order to process and maintain my Union membership and where appropriate that my employers, or their representatives, shall notify the Union of any future changes in my home address and email to enable the Union to maintain a register of the names and proper addresses of its members.

**Privacy Notice**

As a member of the Union, Usdaw will process your personal data as part of its legitimate activities in providing trade union services and benefits in accordance with the Union's Objects stated in the Rule Book and to perform its obligations to you under statute or contract. This involves processing of personal and sensitive personal data under the current data protection legislation. We will store your personal data only for the period necessary under law to enable us to fulfil our legal obligations. You have the right to request access to your personal data, and its rectification, erasure, restriction on processing, and portability. You have the right to withdraw consent for sharing of your personal data and to complain to the Information Commissioner. Usdaw and its Data Protection Officer may be contacted at Usdaw, Voyager Building, 2 Furness Quay, Salford Quays, Manchester M50 3XZ.

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

We operate a self-help Distress Fund for members who receive penalties for motoring offences during the course of their employment. After 13 weeks' membership of the Distress Fund you are entitled to up to three claims per year.

## Road Transport Distress Fund Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile no. \_\_\_\_\_

Usdaw branch name \_\_\_\_\_

Usdaw branch no. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of company \_\_\_\_\_

Place of work (town only) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The cost of one year's membership is £6 (payable by direct debit every October)**

**Please complete and return to Usdaw. Simply write FREEPOST USDAAW on the envelope and put it in the post.**

### Privacy Notice

As a member of the Road Transport Distress Fund, Usdaw will process your personal data to be used solely for the purposes of processing your application to join the fund. This is part of the Union's legitimate activities stated in the objects in the rule book and to perform its obligations to you as a member of the RTDF. The data that we collect about you will be stored securely. The application form will be retained for seven years as required by HMRC and Auditor.

## The Direct Debit Guarantee



- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit USDAAW ROAD TRANSPORT DISTRESS FUND will notify you five working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request USDAAW ROAD TRANSPORT DISTRESS FUND to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by USDAAW ROAD TRANSPORT DISTRESS FUND or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society - If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when USDAAW ROAD TRANSPORT DISTRESS FUND asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.



## Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit.

Please complete and return with the completed membership form to Usdaw.  
Just write **FREEPOST USDAW** on the envelope and put it in the post.

### Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society

To: The Manager

Bank/Building Society \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of account holder(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Bank/Building Society account number

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Branch sort code

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Service User Number

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Reference Number

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**For USDAW Official Use Only** (This is not part of the instruction to your bank or building society)

Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch No. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

**Instruction to your Bank or Building Society.** Please pay **USDAW ROAD TRANSPORT DISTRESS FUND** Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by The Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with **USDAW ROAD TRANSPORT DISTRESS FUND** and if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account.

# Usdaw membership offers you a range of free professional services

- Representation on pay and conditions of employment.
- Free legal services for accidents or problems at work or whilst travelling to and from work.
- Health and safety advice.
- Union education and training.
- Pensions advice.
- Protection from unlawful discrimination.
- Free will writing service for you and your partner.
- Cash benefits in times of need.

## Your Voice

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Usdaw can give you a stronger voice at work. Without a union you are less likely to have a say in your terms and conditions and how your employer operates.

## Opt in to the Political Fund

Usdaw's Political Fund supports the Union's campaigns and helps to fund the lobbying of politicians on issues that matter to Usdaw members. Opt in to the Political Fund on the membership form to support our campaign work that gives our members a voice.



# More information

## Usdaw nationwide

Wherever you work, an Usdaw rep or official (Area Organiser) is not far away. For further information or assistance, contact your Usdaw rep or local Usdaw office. Alternatively you can phone our Freephone Helpline **0800 030 80 30** to connect you to your regional office or visit our website [www.usdaw.org.uk/offices](http://www.usdaw.org.uk/offices) You can also write to the Union's Head Office. Just write **FREEPOST USDAW** on the envelope and put it in the post.

## Join Usdaw

For immediate membership simply complete the attached membership form, detach from the leaflet and return it to Usdaw. Just write **FREEPOST USDAW** on the envelope. Or you can join online at [www.usdaw.org.uk/join](http://www.usdaw.org.uk/join)



Scan to  
join today

## What happens next

Once we process your application, you will receive a membership card with our Helpline telephone number and a New Member's Pack giving details of all the benefits and professional services available to you.

