



**Stay in touch with the
education sector**

Associate and Retired members

Staying in touch is easy

ATL membership is available to anyone who has an interest in education, offering many of the benefits available to our standard* members, but at a highly reduced rate.

If you are an existing member who is taking a career break or leaving the profession, or if you simply have an interest in education but are not directly employed in its delivery, ATL offers associate membership so you can keep in touch with the education profession.

And for those ATL members who have now retired or are about to retire, you can stay in touch through retired membership.

Important note: For any member paying associate or retired membership while still working, you should be advised that you cannot access any legal help, advice and support, including insurance protection and personal injury protection, relating to this employment from ATL. If you return to the workplace and require cover, we advise that you should transfer back to standard membership (full-time or part-time) before doing so.

*Standard refers to all teacher/lecturer and support membership categories.

What's in it for you?

- **Member discounts:** ATL aims to give you more for your membership by providing you and your family with a wide range of money-saving benefits and services through the ATLplus programme. ATLplus products are available online at www.atl.org.uk/plus, advertised in *Report* magazine and promoted through email updates (provided you have given us your email address). And if you're an existing member, you will continue to receive discounts on your Aviva policies.
- **Report magazine and newsletters:** through our award-winning member magazine *Report* and sector-specific newsletters, we will keep you updated on the latest developments in your union and profession.
- **We are led by you:** ATL is led by its members and your opinion is vital to us. From attending branch meetings to taking part in our discussion groups, you can share your views, help shape our policies and strengthen our arguments. You may also wish to help your branch by attending recruitment events – helping potential new members understand why ATL is the best for them.
- **A voice in the education debate:** ATL has a well-respected voice in the education debate because we use the experience of members when formulating policy and provide considered alternatives to ineffective policies or difficult issues, and you can make your voice heard by answering surveys and/or taking part in policy development.
- **Publications and resources:** you are still able to access our unrivalled range of publications we produce that are free to members. We publish employment guidance publications, education and research publications and advice and pension factsheets.

RETIRED MEMBERSHIP

Although you may be retiring from work, you don't have to remove yourself from the profession completely. Through retired membership we will continue to offer you the level of information and support that you've come to expect from us.

As a retired member with experience in education, your knowledge is invaluable and we encourage you to stay involved and have your say in our work, both at local and national level. Your local branch offers you ways to keep up with activities and events, maintain contact with former colleagues as well as make new friends.

Peace of mind

To ensure you can make the most of your retirement, our specialist staff and representatives in your local area will provide expert guidance on all aspects of retirement and re-employment, including comprehensive advice on the Teachers' Pension Scheme.

The ATL Trust Fund is also available, with trustees working sympathetically and confidentially to help you and your dependents, in times of illness or financial hardship.

And by transferring your membership from standard to retired, you will be eligible for help, advice and support if an issue arises from when you had standard membership. This means you'll have professional advice and legal expertise at your fingertips, should you need it.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Through associate membership, members can easily stay in touch with the education profession. Membership is available to anyone who has an interest in education, including:

- Existing ATL members who take a break, are not working due to ill health or have finished work, but are not retired and in receipt of a pension.
- Anyone who is involved in education but not directly employed in its delivery, such as school governors and local authority education officers.
- Educators who are not currently employed within education.

Are you an existing member?

If you have transferred your membership from standard to associate, you will be eligible for legal help, advice and support if an issue arises from when you had standard membership. This means you'll have professional advice and legal expertise at your fingertips, should you need it.

And if you return to employment in the education sector, you can seamlessly transfer back to standard membership

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