**UCU23a**

**The University of Manchester**

**Industrial Action by University and College Union (UCU) Members**

**1st February 2023 onwards**

**REQUEST TO STOP USS CONTRIBUTIONS**

Ordinarily, where an employee takes industrial action and the employer withholds their pay, the impact on USS membership, if employer’s and employee’s contributions are not maintained in full (i.e. as if no salary is withheld), is:

* Loss of pensionable service for each day not worked, and
* No death in service cover or ill health protection on each day not worked.

The USS rules permit total contributions to be maintained as if salary was not withheld for the period of industrial action, which would mean no loss of pensionable service and maintenance of death in service cover and ill health protection.

On this occasion, the University is willing to maintain its USS pension contributions in full (i.e. 100% of salary) where any proportion of your salary is withheld, provided that you maintain your member contributions at 100% of your salary.

If you do **not** wish to pay USS contributions on your salary withheld in respect of the industrial action, the University will not pay its USS contributions.

Notwithstanding that the University is not obliged to maintain death in service and ill health protection cover in these circumstances, the Trustee has confirmed that death in service cover and ill health protection will be maintained for the below day(s) of industrial action.

**If you do not wish to maintain USS pension contributions in full (i.e. 100% of salary), please complete this pro-forma in full and return it to** [**pensions@manchester.ac.uk**](mailto:pensions@manchester.ac.uk)

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Staff No:** |  |
| **Job Title:** |  |
| **School/Department:** |  |

I confirm that I do **not** wish to pay my USS contributions in full during the period/s stated below in which I participate in this action. I confirm that **I took part** in the UCU strike on the following date/s:

Strike Days\* (\*please indicate where applicable).

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| **Date of Strike Days** | **Confirmation that I took part on Strike Action on this Date** |
| Wednesday 1st February | Y/N |
| Thursday 9th February | Y/N |
| Friday 10th February | Y/N |
| Tuesday 14th February | Y/N |
| Wednesday 15th February | Y/N |
| Thursday 16th February | Y/N |
| Tuesday 21st February | Y/N |
| Wednesday 22nd February | Y/N |
| Thursday 23rd February | Y/N |
| Monday 27th February | Y/N |
| Tuesday 28th February | Y/N |
| Wednesday 1st March | Y/N |
| Thursday 2nd March | Y/N |
| Thursday 16th March | Y/N |
| Friday 17th March | Y/N |
| Monday 20th March | Y/N |
| Tuesday 21st March | Y/N |
| Wednesday 22nd March | Y/N |

ASOS – 23rd November 2022– 20th April 2023

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| Start date of ASOS | End date of ASOS |
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Please sign and return this form to [**pensions@manchester.ac.uk**](mailto:pensions@manchester.ac.uk)

by latest 24 March 2023

**Signature: . Date: .**