

UNISON

the union for overseas nurses



"UNISON has plenty of workplace representatives who are always ready to help. It makes me proud to be a member of the largest trade union in the UK."

Shafi, nurse
(India)

UNISON is the UK's largest health union. We represent, support and protect staff working in the NHS and health care team. What can you expect when you join UNISON as an overseas nurse?

Local advice and support

UNISON has a branch network that includes every health and care employer in the UK. When you join, you'll become part of your local branch, and can get support and advice from your local representatives – healthcare staff working in your NHS trust who understand the issues you face.

Professional representation

Our dedicated Professional Services Unit offers representation and advice to members registered with professional bodies. So, if you need help dealing with any regulatory issue with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), UNISON is here to support you every step of the way.

Immigration support

You're never alone in UNISON. We work with the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants to provide free immigration advice to our members. Working together we have successfully pressured the UK government to extend NHS visas with no additional fees and to remove the health surcharge for health workers.

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"UNISON supports nurses in their OSCE exams and organises training for members to upgrade their skills as well as for promotion. UNISON has got my back and makes sure everyone is treated fairly."

Grenda, nurse
(Philippines)

Making work better

UNISON leads national campaigns on important issues affecting nurses like ensuring safe staffing levels, challenging racism and negotiating for better pay.

UNISON is proud to represent overseas nurses and wants to make your journey to working in the NHS as smooth as possible. Recently we have:

- Campaigned successfully for a more appropriate minimum IELTS score;
- Worked with the NMC to create a better online process for international applicants;
- Helped to strengthen safeguards for staff recruited from overseas.

Find out more at unison.org.uk/health

Join UNISON

Over 100,000 nurses are already members of UNISON, the largest trade union in the UK. Join online now at join.unison.org.uk or call us free on **0800 171 2193**.



"I have received a lot of support including representation against discrimination, support going through divorce, and immigration advice to help bring my family here. And I've found friendships through UNISON."

Gamu, nurse (Zimbabwe)