

CLAIMS

Claims must be submitted on the appropriate form through the branch secretary. The union may require the member to provide whatever information it may deem appropriate, and in particular:

- The nature of the offence
- The date and place of conviction
- The amount of any fine imposed by the court (receipt to be provided)
- Any other information the member may wish to submit to support their application.

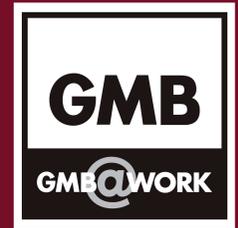
The regional secretary's decision on whether or not to make payment of a hardship grant and to determine the amount of such a grant is final.

RULES

Every member of the Motor Drivers' Fund will be bound by the rules.

MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Any matter arising in connection with this fund not provided for in these rules, shall be dealt with by the regional secretary who shall have full authority to decide any point and this decision shall be final.



MOTOR DRIVERS' FUND

MOTOR DRIVERS' FUND APPLICATION

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel No:

Email:

Branch: Membership No:

Employer: Occupation:

I apply for membership of the Motor Drivers' Fund and agree to abide by the rules and to pay 20p (weekly) or 84p (monthly). Please take this application as your authority to collect 20p (weekly) or 84p (monthly).

Signed: Date:

Return your completed slip to Freepost GMB Wakefield

www.gmbbyorkshire.org.uk



MOTOR DRIVERS' FUND

Any GMB member is entitled to join the Motor Drivers' Fund, especially if they drive as part of their job. For only 20p per week you will be covered in the event of a road traffic offence. Members may be granted legal assistance and representation and a payment of a hardship grant covering a fixed penalty may be awarded. There is a limit of 2 fines per year. For full fund rules visit:

www.gmbbyorkshire.org.uk

THE UK'S NEW SPEEDING FINES EXPLAINED

Fines for the most serious speeding offences have risen in order to better reflect the gravity with which the courts view them. Previously, the minimum penalty you could have expected to receive for speeding is a £100 fine and 3 penalty points added to your licence, but from April 24 2017, magistrates in England and Wales are applying a Band C speeding fine for the most serious offenders.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN IF CAUGHT SPEEDING?

Band C speeding fine

A Band C speeding fine means that anyone speeding at 51mph or above in a 30mph limit - for example - faces a fine equivalent to 150% of their weekly income, and 6 penalty points on their driving licence, or disqualification from driving for up to 56 days. If you're disqualified for 56 days or more you must apply for a new licence before you're able to start driving again. For anyone earning £25,000 a year, a speeding fine equivalent to 150% of their weekly income means handing over a minimum of £720 - no small amount.

Band B speeding fine

You might receive a Band B speeding fine for doing between 41-50mph, in which case you'd face a fine equivalent to 100% of your weekly income (£480), and 4 penalty points on your driving licence, or disqualification from driving for up to 28 days.

Band A speeding fine

A Band A speeding fine would be appropriate if you are caught speeding between 31-40 in a 30mph zone, and you can expect to receive a fine equivalent to 50% of your weekly income (£240), and 3 penalty points on your driving licence. By way of comparison, the average speeding fine handed out in 2015 was just £188.

Disqualification from driving vs penalty points

If you get caught driving at a speed that will land you with a Band B or C speeding fine, the magistrates may believe your speeding is too serious for penalty points. In this case, you may be disqualified from driving for a period of time instead of being given penalty points. The speeding fine is to be capped at £2,500 for those caught speeding on the motorway, and £1,000 everywhere else. This means that anyone earning more than about £50,000 a year probably won't be asked to pay any more than this, a situation that leaves poorer drivers disproportionately disadvantaged.

MOTOR DRIVERS' FUND BENEFITS

Contributions - 20p per week (84p per month).

1. BENEFITS

The fund shall be used for the assistance of members who have incurred police court proceedings.

- a) A solicitor will be provided as authorised by the regional secretary to advise, assist and/or represent members with difficulties arising from road traffic accidents
- b) A member of the fund may apply for payment of a grant to relieve hardship suffered by them following a conviction for a motoring offence which will be no more than £150 in any 12 month period.

2. LIABILITY OF BENEFIT

- a) The fund will only apply to incidents occurring within the United Kingdom
- b) No more than one parking fine will be paid for parking offences committed within twelve consecutive months. Parking fines will only be paid where there are mitigating circumstances as determined by the regional secretary
- c) No more than one fine will be paid for mobile phone or seatbelt offences committed within twelve consecutive months. Fines in this respect will only be paid where there are mitigating circumstances as determined by the regional secretary
- d) No assistance or benefit will be paid or provided for:
 - Log book offences
 - Any driver not having insurance cover as required by the current road traffic legislation
 - Proceedings arising from drink/drug related offences
 - Wilful neglect or any criminal act on the part of members.

e) Legal costs will only be paid where the fund has provided the solicitor and not for the member's own solicitor

f) The regional secretary shall have the absolute power to limit the number of claims by any member in any set period.

To join the Motor Drivers' Fund complete the slip overleaf and return to Freepost GMB Wakefield

UNIONLINE

YOUR TRADE UNION LAW FIRM

0300 333 0303

www.unionline.co.uk

