

AT SEAT NEWSLETTER



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RMT ASC COMPANY COUNCIL

RMT Negotiates 9.7% Wage Increase

RMT members employed within At Seat Catering have as of April 2009 received a 4% increase on their basic rate of pay. The rise which is part of a two year pay deal follows on from the 5.7% increase awarded to At Seat members in 2008 a combined total of 9.7% over the two year period well above the industry average.

Although it is recognized that much work still needs to be done to improve both the pay and conditions within the organisation it cannot be doubted that this is an extremely positive development for RMT members.

The RMT Company Council is committed to further working towards improving the pay and conditions for members within the company and in 2010 will again be seeking to make further advances.

It is vital that all At Seat Catering staff are members of the RMT the only trade union recognised by the Company for negotiations. It is quite simple as per the unions motto Unity is Strength the more members that we have the better the chance to improve on the gains already achieved. If you are not already a member and wish to join please call 0800 376 3706 or www.rmt.org.uk or alternatively speak to your RMT representative.

UNITY IS STRENGTH

RMT Company Council (North) Vacancy

Following the decision of Chris Rooney to leave the employment of At Seat Catering to pursue an alternative career a vacancy currently exists for the position of RMT Company Council Representative (North).

Nominations will be sort for the vacant position shortly from RMT branches and any interested member should contact either their RMT Branch Secretary or the RMT Bristol Regional Office for further details.

We would like to thank Chris for the sterling work he carried out for the members during his time with the Company Council and wish him all the very best of luck for the future.

Reasons to Join the RMT

- **Collective Voice**
- **Representation**
- **Legal Benefits**
- **Financial Benefits**
- **RMT Credit Union**
- **Reduced Contribution Rate for lower earning members**



If you are a member of facebook why not join the RMT group?

RMT has successfully negotiated a 9.7% wage increase for AT Seat members over last two years

Vigilance of the 4 Hour Rule

Many members will be fully aware that this is an extremely important safety matter for the company and that any breaches of the rule could result in severe implications for both the company and the member concerned.

In order to support members in adhering to this important rule the RMT Company Council will be pursuing the following initiatives:

- The issue of clearly stated advice notes on each trolley
- A timing device on each trolley to assist with the four hour rule and temperature checks
- The procurement of higher quality trolley thermometers including spares for each trolley

Should you have any further suggestions in addition to those stated then please contact Company Council Representative David Starr at: dave.starr@rmtarrivatrainswales.org.uk

AT Seat Catering Members Website

Following the successful creation of the RMT Arriva Trains Wales website an At Seat Catering section has now been added to both improve communication to At Seat members on the latest developments within the company but to also act as a useful resource for both members and representatives alike. Should you have any suggestions or feedback on the site then please let us know:

www.rmtarrivatrainswales.org.uk/10.html

RMT Reduced Contribution Rate



Did you know that RMT members earning less than £15,000 (gross) are entitled to a rebate on their RMT subscriptions?

Any members earning under £15,000 (gross) at the end of a financial year are entitled to a £2 per week rebate on their subscriptions from RMT head office.

Any members who qualify for this benefit will need to complete a simple form which can be obtained from either their local RMT Branch Secretary or via the RMT members website www.rmtarrivatrainswales.org.uk

To access the benefit members will be required to produce their P60 as proof of earnings.

What's in a name?

Following recent negotiations at Company Council level it has been agreed that both At Seat Catering and the RMT will canvass the opinions of staff as to a proposed change to the existing job title. Options that staff are being asked to choose between are:

- **Customer Host**
- **Steward**
- **Customer Assistant**

Notice's will be placed at all At Seat shore bases with staff encouraged to indicate their preference or any alternatives that they may wish to suggest by no later than Monday 1st June 2009. Alternatively please e mail any suggestions or comments that you may have to dave.starr@rmtarrivatrainswales.org.uk

RMT Contact Numbers

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RMT Main Website- www.rmt.org.uk

RMT ATW Website- www.rmtarrivatrainswales.org.uk



RMT has recently launched its own web based TV service:

www.rmtv.org.uk

NATIONAL UNION OF RAIL, MARITIME & TRANSPORT WORKERS

Unity House, 39 Chalton Street, London NWT 1JD



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – please complete your application along with either the attached Direct Debit or a separate paybill mandate form.

Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS** and **black ink**.

BRANCH NUMBER

1 PERSONAL DETAILS.

Surname

Forename(s)

Home phone

Mobile phone

Email address

Date of Birth / /

Address

Postcode

National Insurance Number

2 Your Employment.

Employer*

Job Description*

Location

Part Time YES NO

* See guidance leaflet. You can also call our freephone helpline 0800 376 3706 for advice.

3 Sex.

Male Female

4 Ethnic Origin.

White Black African Black Caribbean Black Other

Pakistani Indian Chinese Bangladeshi Irish Other (please state)

5 How do you wish to pay.

Direct Debit (you must complete form below)

Your Pay Number

Paybill Deduction (complete separate form)

6 I undertake to abide by the rules now in force or those that are adopted.

Your signature

Date / /

DIRECT DEBIT INSTRUCTION

Name & full postal address of your Bank / Building Society Originator's ID Number 971745



To The Manager

Address

Postcode

Account holder's name(s)

Ref. Number (head office use only)

Bank / Building Society Number

Bank / Building Society Sort Code

National Insurance Number (RMT office use only)

Normally your payments are made once a month to RMT. If you prefer to pay 4 weekly instead please tick

Instruction to your Bank / Building Society: Please pay RMT Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee (printed below). I understand that this instruction may remain with RMT and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank / Building Society.

Your Signature(s)

Banks / Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions for some types of accounts.

Date / /

THE DIRECT DEBIT GUARANTEE

• This guarantee is offered by all Banks and Building Societies that take part in the Direct Debit Scheme. The efficiency and security of the scheme is monitored and protected by your own Bank or Building Society. If the amounts to be paid or the payment date changes, RMT will notify you 3 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If an error is made by RMT or your Bank or Building Society, you are guaranteed a full and immediate refund from your branch of the amount paid. You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by writing to your Bank or Building Society. Please also send a copy of your letter to us.