Why Joining the Union Makes A Difference

Through collective bargaining, union baristas at Starbucks now enjoy the following:

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A company commitment to quicker barista certification, so new baristas should expect an extra 40 cents/hour within 90 days of employment



A guaranteed pay increase of a further 2% **minimum** to all Starbucks wage rates in April 2025, unless the government can do it better - next year's national minimum wage increase is still unknown



An increase from time-and-a-half to double pay for authorised overtime



A new obligation on the company to pay workers for job redundancies



Improved access to paid sick leave within the first 6 months of the job, helping to take care of the whole team



Freedom to skip the customer queue for partner beverages, with a third partner beverage now available on the second paid break



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Unions exist because workers want them.

Thousands of workers join Unite Union every year from different hospitality businesses across New Zealand. Starbucks employees were some of our first union members when we started out 20 years ago, helping to create greater benefits and protections at work that are now normal for today's employees.

Membership contributions are 1.2% of gross weekly pay with a minimum of \$2.50 and maximum of \$7.25/week per member. They continue to connect and strengthen workers across your company and industry. Join now for what's next.