

APPLICATION FORM

The General Contract of Use for Wagons (GCU) sets out the rights and obligations of Wagon Keepers (K) and Railway Undertakings (RU), using freight wagons as a means of transport.

The complete text of the GCU can be downloaded at <http://www.gcubureau.org>

The company indicated here below

<i>Company name</i>	
<i>Street 1</i>	
<i>Street 2</i>	
<i>Zip code</i>	<i>City</i>
<i>Country</i>	
<i>VAT N°</i>	
<i>RICS code</i>	

apply for a code via <https://uic.org/rics>

Legally represented by

<i>Name representative</i>
<i>Function</i>
<i>Email address</i>
<i>Phone N°</i>

hereby accepts the General Contract of Use for Wagons (GCU) as

- Railway Undertaking (RU)
- Wagon Keeper (K)
- Railway Undertaking and Wagon Keeper (RUK)

with all rights and obligations of a signatory of the GCU in the version being in force as of the date below and as of the date of this admission to the GCU becoming effective in accordance with article 2.2 of the GCU.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Stamp company (if any)</i>
<i>Signature</i>		

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Join the GCU Community: Become a Signatory

Are you a Railway Undertaking or Wagon Keeper? Joining the General Contract of Use for Wagons (GCU) network is your next step toward seamless collaboration in the rail freight sector. Becoming a GCU signatory is simple, with a streamlined self-onboarding process designed to get you started quickly and efficiently.

What It Means to Be a GCU Signatory

As a GCU signatory, you'll take on several key responsibilities to ensure smooth operations and compliance:

- **Annual Contribution:** Pay an annual fee set by the GCU Joint Committee.
- **Data Accuracy:** Use the GCU Broker to maintain up-to-date mandatory contractual information. A scoring system will guide you in ensuring data completeness.

GCU Annual Fees

The GCU contribution consists of a fixed annual fee plus a variable charge calculated based on the size of your wagon fleet.

You can find the latest fees on the website.

The annual contribution is billed once per year. If you join partway through the year, the full annual fee will still apply.

Onboarding steps via <https://prod.gcubroker.org/ns/onboarding>

1. **Create a GCU Broker Account:** Register your user account and confirm your email.
2. **Enter Organization Details:** Provide essential information about your business.
3. **Set Up Billing Information:** Ensure accurate details for annual invoicing.
4. **Upload Documentation:** Submit your signed application form and wagon list (for Wagon Keepers only).
5. **Submit Your Application:** Send in your application for review.

Once submitted, your application will be verified. If all information is accurate and complete, your membership will be activated, and your organization will be included in the official list of signatories at the next publication date (as outlined in Article 2.4). You'll receive an invoice for the current year shortly thereafter.

Once your membership is activated, please always ensure that the following mandatory information are complete and accurate:

- **Organisation:** provide general contact details of company
- **Billing:** provide billing information for you annual GCU invoice
- **Responsible:** provide the mandatory information as described in the GCU:
 - Deployment of wagons by the keeper (Art. 9)
 - Contact point for compensation claims for loss of use of wagons (Art. 13) (RU in charge)
 - Contact point for instructions issued by the keeper (Art. 14) (RU in charge)
 - Contact point for information necessary for the operation and maintenance of wagons (Art. 15) (keeper)
 - Supply/receipt of information on the handling of damaged or lost wagons (Chapters IV-VI) (keeper + RU in charge)
 - Supply of spare parts - logistics centre (Appendix 7)
 - Contact point for invoices relating to the use of wagons (RU/keeper)
- **Wagon Park:** As a Wagon Keeper, you will be obliged to submit all wagon nr. of wagons that will resort under the GCU. Wagons can be uploaded to the GCU wagon database section of the CRM web portal. This operation can be done manually, via excel list upload or via xml-based web services. (for more information check out the user manual online).