

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter confirms that students holding a Tier 4 (General) or Student visa are entitled to work in the UK, subject to the Home Office conditions outlined below.

The immigration authorities treat work restrictions very seriously. They can refuse student's immigration application or remove them from the UK if they work too many hours or do work that they are not allowed to do. Student may also be barred from returning to the UK for a certain period.

Students must not work if their visa (in the form of a sticker on their passport, a Biometric Residence Permit or Online Status Check) states:

- No work; or
- Work Prohibited

Those holding a student visa or Tier 4 visa must not work more than the hours stated in their BRP/ visa during term time, except for an agreed work placement or internship. For further information, see [UWE - Work placements](#) webpage.

All students holding a Tier 4 or Student visa can do most kinds of work but must not:

- Engage in business, self-employment or provide services as a professional sportsperson or entertainer.
- Pursue a career by filling a permanent, full-time vacancy.

Students should not be working more than the relevant hours during these periods when they should be studying, writing a dissertation, or preparing for exams as part of their course, even if they are not expected to attend classes.

Students can work full-time during the wrap-up period if they pass all the modules, including the dissertation. This could be up to 4 months, depending on the level of course studied. An official course completion date is on the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement as submitted to the Home Office (and not the student's last submission date).

It is the responsibility of the employer to check the individual's right-to-work status.

For more information regarding international students working in the UK, please see the [UK Council for International Student Affairs website](#). Employers can also check a student's eligibility to work by calling 0300 123 4699. Further information can also be found on the Gov.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/check-job-applicant-right-to-work>.

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Telephone: +44(0)117 32 83871 (open Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9am-12pm)

For the full university's term dates, see [UWE- 2023-2024 Term Dates](#).

Please note that postgraduate students are not considered to have summer vacation periods as they are expected to work on their final assessments/dissertations during this time. For this reason, you should restrict your working hours as stated in your BRP throughout the summer.

Here are the Key Term Dates in the 2023/2024 Academic Year for postgraduate programmes:

For postgraduate taught students, the course will be taught during three terms, starting in September 2023 or January 2024.

Autumn Term

- Monday 18th September 2023 - term starts
- Friday 19th January 2024 - teaching and assessment ends

Spring Term

- Monday 29th January 24 - term starts
- Friday 10th May 2024 - Spring term teaching and assessment ends

Summer Term

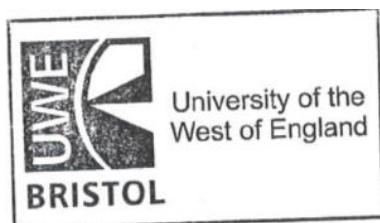
- Monday 27th May 2024 - Summer term teaching starts
- Friday 23rd August 2024 - Summer term teaching ends

There are specific periods international students studying at the postgraduate level are allowed to work full-time. This is during designated University Christmas and Easter vacations.

They are as follows:

- Christmas Vacation: Monday 18th December - Sunday 7th January 2024
- Easter Vacation: Monday 1st April 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024

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