

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. If a student takes on a job they are not allowed to do, or if they work too many hours, the Home Office can refuse their immigration application or remove them from the UK, or they might 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

If their visa states something else, then they are authorised to work subject to the following conditions:

If their Tier 4 or Student visa was issued on or after 6th April 2010 and they are studying on a **degree level course or above**, i.e., a bachelor's or master's course, they must not:

- Work for more than 20 hours per week during term time, except in the case of an agreed work placement or internship.

If they are studying on a course that is **below degree level**, i.e., a foundation or pre-sessional English course or an HND, they must not:

- Work for more than 10 hours per week during term time.

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

- Work for more than 10 or 20 hours a week during term time, depending on their course level and the date their visa was issued, except for an agreed work placement as part of their course (for further information, see [UWE - Work placements](#) webpage).
- Engage in business, self-employment or provide services as a professional sportsperson or entertainer.
- Pursue a career by filling a permanent or full-time vacancy.
- Work more than 10 or 20 hours 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.

For more information regarding international students working in the UK, please refer to the UKCISA website on [UKCISA - international student advice and guidance - Finding work, employers and tax](#).

Further information on students' eligibility to work can be found on the Gov.UK website: [Checking a job applicant's right to work - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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For the full university's term dates, see [UWE- 2022-2023 Term Dates](#).

Here are the Key Term Dates in the 2022/2023 Academic Year for postgraduate programmes:

For postgraduate taught students, the course will be taught during three terms, starting in September 2022 or January 2023.

Autumn Term

- Monday 5th September 2022- Term begins for early starting programmes, including starting block
- Monday 19th September 2022- Teaching begins
- Monday 16th January 2023- Term ends

Spring Term

- Monday 30th January 2023 Spring term starts
- Monday 15th May- Spring term ends

Summer Term

- Monday 22nd May Summer term starts
- Sunday 18th August Summer term 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: Saturday 17th December - Sunday 8th January 2023
- Easter Vacation: Monday 3rd April 2023- Sunday 16th April 2023

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