

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to confirm 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 your immigration application, or remove you from the UK, if you work too many hours or if you do work which you are not allowed to do. You might 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 in 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 the 6th of April 2010:

If they are studying on a **degree level course or above**, i.e. a bachelors 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:

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

As detailed above, during term time international students must not work for more than 10 or 20 hours a week depending on the level of their course and the date their visa was issued except in the case of an agreed work placement. There are however periods when students are not expected to attend classes but when they should be studying, writing a dissertation, or preparing for exams as part of their course. They should not be working more than the relevant 10 or 20 hours during these periods.

There are certain periods when international students are allowed to work full-time. They are as follows:

- During designated University Easter, Summer and Christmas vacations. **This is dependent on the course studied.**
- **This is University's vacation periods for 21/22 academic year for student on Masters' degree:**
 - **Christmas: 20 December 2021 - 9 January 2022**
 - **Easter: 11 April 2022 - 24 April 2022**
 - 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.
- Whilst undertaking a work placement as part of your course (for further information see [UWE - Work placements](#) webpage)

- For the remaining leave (Tier 4 or Student visa) that students have on completion of their studies, whilst waiting for their results or commencement of a new course or graduation. This could be up to 4 months depending on the level of course studied. An official course completion date is that on the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement as submitted to the Home Office (and not the student's last submission date)

For more information regarding international students working in the UK, please refer to the leaflet: 'Working in the UK during your studies' which is available to download from the UK Council for International Student Affairs website (www.ukcisa.org.uk).

You 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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