

Working restrictions for Student Visa holders

Student Visas contain restrictions on the duration and the types of work that can be completed.

Student Visas normally restrict university students to work no more than 20 hours per week during term time but, depending on the level of the course of study and the sponsoring institution, this could be 10 hours per week or may not allow work at all in some cases. It is important to check your visa to establish what restrictions are in place. Out of term time full-time employment is permitted. It is important to be aware that the term dates for your course may not match the standard term dates for your institution of study. Please refer to the sections below for further guidance.

Before you begin an assignment, in addition to your proof of eligibility to work, you must bring a student status letter and evidence to show your course term dates to the Unitemps office (for University of Warwick students, student status letters are available from Senate House reception).

Warwick Undergraduates

As a Warwick undergraduate with a Student Visa, you are restricted to working no more than 20 hours per week during the university term dates and are permitted to work full-time during vacations.

Warwick Postgraduate Masters Students

As a Warwick postgraduate Masters student with a Student visa, the University term dates do not apply to you. Thus you are restricted to working a maximum of 20 hours per week for the entire duration of your course. On completion of your course you are permitted to work full time. Please note that your course will only be determined to have ended when you have received a letter from the University confirming that you have passed and that your degree has been conferred. You must provide a copy of this letter to Unitemps before you are permitted to work more than 20 hours per week.

Warwick PhD students

As a Warwick PhD student with a Student Visa, the University term dates do not apply to you. Thus you are restricted to working a maximum of 20 hours per week for the entire duration of your course.

On completion of your course you are permitted to work full time. Your course is determined to have ended when you have received a letter from the University confirming your degree has been conferred. You must provide a copy of this letter to Unitemps before you are permitted to work more than 20 hours per week. Please note that your degree will only be conferred after your viva and after any corrections have been submitted and deemed to have passed.

Other types of courses

If you believe that the course you are studying is different to those listed above then please contact the Unitemps office to confirm what restrictions apply to you.

Courses at other UK institutions

If you study at another institution under a Student Visa, we require a letter confirming your placement on the course and proof of the term dates that apply to you.