

Masters students

You have legal restrictions on your ability to work as directed by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI). However, even greater work restrictions may apply depending upon which Institution you attend.

You will be issued a contract, assignment agreement or worker's agreement in line with the restrictions outlined below. If you are issued a zero hours contract or you receive an assignment through the Temporary Employment Service (TES), you **must** work in accordance with the restrictions below and you can only submit claims for the number of hours permitted. **You must adhere to your permitted working hours. You also must notify us immediately if your circumstances change and provide written evidence to that effect.**

It is imperative that you adhere to the University regulations and the legal restrictions of your visa at all times. Failure to observe the conditions of your visa could result in the curtailment of your visa and a possible ban from the United Kingdom.

Working conditions

Students from other Higher Education Institutions (HEI)

If you are not studying at the University of Cambridge, you are subject to the legal restrictions imposed by UKVI. However, it is also your responsibility to ensure you are not breaching any work restrictions imposed upon you by your home Institution. You are permitted to work as follows upon receipt of the required written evidence. You must notify us immediately if your circumstances change:

Stage in studies	Maximum permitted hours	Evidence required from student
Full-time study is ongoing	20 hours per week (if permitted by your home Institution)	Official letter from HEI that confirms the type of degree being undertaken
Vacation periods (between terms)	Full-time (if permitted by your home Institution)	Official letter from HEI and evidence of academic term dates
Degree awarded	Full time	Degree certificate or official letter from HEI confirming award of degree

Whilst you are working full time, it is a requirement of the Immigration Rules that:

- You cannot fill a full-time permanent vacancy; and
- You cannot be self-employed; and
- You cannot be employed as a doctor or dentist in training

Students from the University of Cambridge

If you are studying at the University of Cambridge, you are subject to the legal restrictions imposed by UKVI. **However, the University imposes greater work restrictions.** Masters students who are permitted to work, cannot work full-time in periods outside of full-time study. You are permitted to work as follows upon receipt of the required written evidence. You must notify us immediately if your circumstances change:

Stage in studies	Maximum permitted hours	Evidence required from student
Course duration one year or less	No work permitted	N/A
Course duration more than one year	10 hours per week* (inc. vacation periods)	Official letter from College that confirms the type of degree being undertaken
Degree awarded	Full time	Degree certificate or official letter from University confirming award of degree

* You may work up to a maximum of ten hours per week but only:

- With the approval of your supervisor and College tutor;
- Where the work relates to your studies or career progression;
- If the work occurs within a department or College. The work **cannot** take place outside the University or College.

The only exception is Research Assistant posts, where you are permitted to work up to 20 hours per week provided the research you undertake matches that of your research degree.

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- You cannot fill a full-time permanent vacancy; and
- You cannot be self-employed; and
- You cannot be employed as a doctor or dentist in training

University of Cambridge Term Dates

For Masters students at the University of Cambridge, the following term dates apply:

Year	Full Michaelmas Term	Full Lent Term	Easter Day	Full Easter Term
2014-15	Tue 7 Oct - Fri 5 Dec	Tue 13 Jan - Fri 13 Mar	5 Apr	Tue 21 April - Fri 12 Jun
2015-16	Tue 6 Oct - Fri 4 Dec	Tue 12 Jan - Fri 11 Mar	27 Mar	Tue 19 April - Fri 10 Jun
2016-17	Tue 4 Oct - Fri 2 Dec	Tue 17 Jan - Fri 17 Mar	16 Apr	Tue 25 April - Fri 16 Jun
2017-18	Tue 3 Oct - Fri 1 Dec	Tue 16 Jan - Fri 16 Mar	1 Apr	Tue 24 April - Fri 15 Jun

2018-19	Tue 2 Oct - Fri 30 Nov	Tue 15 Jan - Fri 15 Mar	21 Apr	Tue 23 April - Fri 14 Jun
2019-20	Tue 8 Oct - Fri 6 Dec	Tue 14 Jan - Fri 13 Mar	12 Apr	Tue 21 April - Fri 12 Jun

Note

Division of Term is half-way through Term (not Full Term). The dates are the same for every year except for Easter term: 9 November, 13 February, and 14 May or 21 May depending on whether Easter Term starts on 10 April or 17 April.

The above term dates are also contained on the University of Cambridge webpages here:

<http://www.cam.ac.uk/about-the-university/term-dates-and-calendars>