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## **Right to Work: academic year 2025/26**

To whom it may concern,

This letter explains the work conditions on a Student visa for those studying September start Masters programme at the University of Exeter.

The letter is intended to be used in conjunction with a Status Certificate Letter which confirms registration as a student at the University of Exeter and programme details.

### **Limited to 20 hours per week**

Masters students are limited to 20 hours per week during term time. A week is considered in this context to run from Monday to Sunday.

2025/6 academic year:

Autumn term: Monday 22 September - Friday 12 December

Spring term: Monday 5 January - Friday 27 March

Summer term: Monday 27 April - Friday 12 June

Masters students are expected to be working on their final assessments/dissertations/projects during the summer. For this reason, students are also limited to 20 hours per week from 13 June until the expected end date listed on their status certificate letter.

### **Not limited to 20 hours per week**

Students are able to work full-time during Christmas & Easter vacation periods.

Vacation periods in 2025/6 academic year:

Saturday 13 December – Sunday 4 January

Saturday 28 March – Sunday 26 April

Students are also able to work more than 20 hours per week before and after their studies. See 'period of study' dates in the status certificate letter.

Placements: if a programme contains an official placement, students are able to work full time during their placement dates.

### **Other restrictions**

Students must not fill a permanent full-time vacancy while on a Student visa.

Students must not be self-employed while on a Student visa.

#### **Further information for employers**

- [Student Sponsor Guidance- Document 2: Sponsorship Duties- Version 06/2025](#) - refer to section 6 'working while studying'.
- [Right to work checks: an employer's guide](#)
- [UKCISA](#)
- [Checking a job applicant's right to work](#)

Current University advice on Student visa work conditions can be found on:  
[www.exeter.ac.uk/students/international/visaconditions/workingintheuk/](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/students/international/visaconditions/workingintheuk/)

I hope this is clear but please do contact us should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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(This letter cannot be amended on an individual basis.)