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Right to Work: academic year 2026/27

To whom it may concern,

This letter explains the work conditions on a Student visa for those studying an Undergraduate programme at the University of Exeter.

The letter is intended to be used in conjunction with a Student Status Certificate ("To whom it may concern") letter which confirms registration as a student at the University of Exeter and programme details.

Limited to 20 hours per week

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

2026/7 academic year:

Autumn term: Monday 21 September - Friday 11 December

Spring term: Monday 4 January - Friday 26 March

Summer term: Monday 26 April - Friday 11 June

Not limited to 20 hours per week

Students are able to work full-time during Christmas, Easter and summer vacation periods.

Vacation periods in 2026/7 academic year:

Saturday 12 December – Sunday 3 January

Saturday 27 March – Sunday 25 April

Saturday 12 June – Sunday 19 September

- Students are able to work more than 20 hours per week **before** their studies.
- Students are able to work more than 20 hours per week **after** their expected end date (see separate Student Certificate letter for dates). If the Student Certificate ("To whom it may concern") Letter is **issued after** the expected completion date, the letter confirms that the student is no longer in term-time.
- Students must not fill a permanent full-time vacancy while on a Student visa.

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

Other restrictions

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

Further information for employers

- [Student Sponsor Guidance- Document 2: Sponsorship Duties- Version 01/2026](#) - refer to 6.3
- [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/

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.)