

To whomever it may concern,

We write to provide employers with information about the working rights of Warwick's postgraduate international students on a master's degree towards the end of their course, in line with their student visa obligations.

Normally, our students on a master's degree are allowed to work only 20 hours a week during their course (this means their term time is from the course start date to the course end date as stipulated on their student records).

To support our students in applying for jobs in pursuit of gaining work experience as soon as they complete all the academic requirements of their studies, we would like to clarify the following about their working rights whilst they hold a student visa, towards the end of their course:

- Our international postgraduate level students on a master's degree can start working full-time 4 weeks before their official course end date, as long as they have completed all their academic requirements.
- To help our students benefit from this flexibility, students can obtain letters from our office to confirm the date from which they can work full-time (we would check with their academic departments to ascertain they have indeed completed all the academic requirements before we issue the letter).
- They can only obtain this letter once the academic requirements have been completed.
- The letter will confirm the student's details including the date they completed their final piece of academic work, allowing them to be able to work full-time from this date, without breaching their student visa conditions.
- The letter a student will obtain after completing all their academic requirements, will stand as evidence for an employer as regards the date when full-time working rights begin for our postgraduate international students on a master's degree.

International students offer employers greater flexibility to delve into the global talent pool without any cost to the employer. We hope you will allow our students to prove their talents and skills, and equally benefit from their diverse skill set.

Thank you for your time.

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