

# International Students

## European Economic Area (EEA) Students

EEA students and Swiss nationals can work in the UK without restrictions on the type or amount of work they undertake.

## Non-EEA Students

It is dependent on when the student made their immigration application. The visa stamp on a passport or biometric resident permit will show whether the student can work or not.

The UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs) has a factsheet on their website which has examples of what would be on a Visa or Biometric Resident Permit

<http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Working/Can-you-work#layer-3702>

## What work you cannot do

You cannot set up your own business

You cannot work as self-employed

You cannot work as a professional sports person or entertainer

You cannot pursue a career by filling a permanent full-time vacancy

## When can you work?

There are restrictions regarding the number of hours which you can work depending on whether it is term time or not. Term time means any period where you are supposed to be doing academic work for example

Attending classes and lectures

Doing coursework and writing essays

Preparing for exams

Writing a dissertation or thesis

You may have been given immigration permission which extends for up to four months after the end of your course, in this case you can work full-time during this period.

**All up to date information will be on the UKCISA website so please refer to this website.**

## Further Support

Careers Network runs lots of events and workshops throughout the year for international students, for a full list of events and to see other ways they can support you visit

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/employability/careers/international/index.aspx>

## Video

Watch a past international student talking about their experience working part time whilst studying

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVvkrmNX0q8>