

'Right to work' in the UK: information for students with Tier 4 (general) student visas

Your entitlement to work in the UK will be stated on your visa.

For Tier 4 (general) students who study at the University of Salford at degree level or above, they can work up to 20 hours per week during term time. They can also work full time hours during a vacation period. If the study is below degree level there may be a 10 hour restriction rather than 20 on the visa stamp. Tier 4 (general) student visa holders can also work full-time in the period after their studies have finished, and before their Tier 4 (general) student visa expires.

Your employer is legally obliged to check your right to work in the UK.

The government has an online guide for employers here: <https://www.gov.uk/employing-staff>

The Employer Helpline is **0300 123 4699**

Here are the University of Salford semester dates for the academic year 2014-15 which define the vacation periods:

Welcome Week	15 September - 21 September 2014
Induction Week	22 September - 28 September 2014
SEMESTER 1	29 SEPTEMBER 2014 - 23 JANUARY 2015 29 Sep – 19 Dec (12 weeks) 12 Jan - 23 Jan (2 weeks) Total of 14 weeks
Christmas Vacation	20 Dec 2014 - 11 Jan 2015 (3 weeks)
Inter-Semester Break	26 Jan - 1 Feb 2015 (1 week)
SEMESTER 2	2 FEBRUARY - 29 MAY 2015 2 Feb – 27 Mar (8 weeks) 20 Apr - 29 May (6 weeks) Total of 14 weeks
Easter Vacation	28 Mar – 19 Apr (3 weeks)
Inter-Semester Break	29 May - 7 Jun 2015 (1 week)
SEMESTER 3	8 JUNE - 11 SEPTEMBER 2015 8 June - 11 Sep (14 weeks) Total of 14 weeks
Inter-Semester Break	12 Sep - 20 Sep 2015 (2 weeks)

Semester Three and the Summer Vacation

For many undergraduate students Semester Three is the Summer Vacation. However, Semester Three is not a vacation period for students who are expected to do academic work at that time. Academic work over the summer can include attending classes or writing a dissertation or a thesis.

A student who presents this letter to an employer should also produce a letter from the university to prove they are a registered student, in addition to their immigration document(s).

These will help an employer to determine the maximum permitted hours of work.