

2026/2027 Working Conditions Confirmation letter

Important Work Rules for Student Visa Holders

The dates noted below apply to all students who started their studies in January 2026, May 2026 or September 2026. Please refer to the course start date on their student status letter.

If you hold a UK Student Visa and study a Taught Masters degree, you must follow strict laws about working in the UK to comply with your visa conditions and protect your immigration status.

If you plan to work above the weekly limit as stated on your student visa, you may need to provide evidence to confirm you are on an official university vacation (i.e. not in term-time). Please refer to the Academic Calendar below. This information should be used alongside an official **Confirmation of Student Status** letter for employers to assess your eligibility to work full-time.

Your working conditions cannot change until **after** the course end date stated on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). This rule applies regardless of whether you submit your final exam, coursework or dissertation. Any changes to permitted working hours can only commence in the first full working week available (i.e., the first Monday after your official CAS end date where UKVI define a working week as Monday–Sunday).

When Can You Work? (2026/2027 Calendar)

Trimester A

Start	End	Permitted Working Conditions
14/09/2026	18/12/2026	Part Time Work Only (Max 20 hrs/week)

Vacation Period

Start	End	Permitted Working Conditions
21/12/2026	24/01/2027	Full Time

Trimester B

Start	End	Permitted Working Conditions
25/01/2027	07/05/2027	Part Time Work Only (Max 20 hrs/week)

Trimester C (Postgraduate Taught and Resitting Students)

Start	End	Permitted Working Conditions
10/05/2027	06/08/2027	Part Time Work Only (Max 20 hrs/week)

Undergraduate Vacation Period

Start	End	Permitted Working Conditions
10/05/2027	12/09/2027	Full Time unless resitting – contact studentrecords@gcu.ac.uk to request confirmation.

Additional Compliance Information

Resit Students

Any student with resits, including coursework re-submissions, cannot work full-time during their wrap-up period (last four months of visa) as this is classed as term-time for UKVI compliance. This rule also applies to continuing students during the study weeks and exam diet periods when they would normally be on vacation.

Completion of Studies

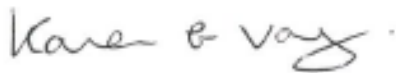
We are unable to provide pre-emptive confirmation of completion of studies. Students must wait until after the relevant Progression and Awards Board (PAB) has confirmed their award, after which an official academic transcript can be used to confirm course completion.

Information for Employers

The University cannot directly verify or guarantee a student's eligibility to work. Employers must ensure they understand the student's visa conditions and use the information we have provided in this document alongside the student's official Right to Work documentation to assess eligibility. For further guidance and information employers can refer to the government checking service: <https://www.gov.uk/check-job-applicant-right-to-work>

Students who do not comply with the working conditions permitted on their visa will be reported to UKVI, which may result in their Student Visa being revoked

Yours faithfully



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