

Factsheet: Reinstatement of the fortnightly working hours cap

This factsheet provides information for international students about allowable working hours as of **1 July 2023**.

During the COVID pandemic, the Federal Government relaxed the allowable working hours cap so that the international student community could assist in meeting the workforce shortages in Australia.

Recently the Federal Government announced that it will reintroduce the allowable working cap, during term time, to **48 hours per fortnight**.

What you should know

Who does this apply to?

The new allowable working hours cap comes into force on 1 July 2023 and applies to **all** international students. This includes international students who are currently studying, and international students who will not begin their studies until after 1 July 2023.

What is the new rule?

You must not work more than 48 hours per fortnight during term time. When it is not term time, you can work as many hours as you want.

Satisfactory course attendance

As an international student, you must maintain your course enrolment, and ensure that you meet the requirements for satisfactory course attendance and course progression. Failure to meet these requirements may result in a breach of your international student visa conditions.

What if I need help?

If you are an international student and you are being exploited at work, such as being underpaid, you should get legal advice. If you are in NSW, you can contact RLC's International Student Legal Service NSW at www.rlc.org.au/contact or phone 02 9698 7277.

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