

December 2024

This letter confirms the holiday periods for international students currently enrolled at La Trobe University.

International students on student visas undertaking a degree by coursework (Bachelor degree or Masters by coursework) are entitled to work 48 hours per fortnight when their course is in session, and unlimited hours when their course is on break.

*In session* means:

- Enrolment during advertised semesters/terms/non-standard study periods, including examination periods regardless of exam status (i.e., even if a student does not have any exams)
- Student is enrolled in any subject with credit points counting towards their course

A student undertaking a full research degree (Masters by research or PhD) may work unlimited hours during their studies in Australia.

Both coursework and research students can only start working after their course has commenced. For further information, visit our website: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/life/living/work>

For students studying packaged courses in La Trobe's [pathway program](#) (e.g. La Trobe College Australia [LTCA]'s Diploma course to La Trobe University's Bachelor program), their study is considered on break after they have formally completed their initial LTCA course and waiting for their Bachelor program to commence. They can work unlimited hours during this period.

This information may be verified on the Department of Home Affairs website:  
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview>.

For the purposes of La Trobe University, the core Semester and Term Dates for **2024** are as follows:

2024 Compulsory Teaching and Exam Periods	Start Date	End Date	International Student Work Hours Explanation
Semester 1*	04 March	22 June	48 hours per fortnight limit applies if student is enrolled in the study period
Semester 2**	29 July	16 November	
Term 2	04 March	18 April	
Term 3	22 April	06 June	
Term 4	29 July	12 September	
Term 5	16 September	31 October	

These dates may be verified on our website: [www.latrobe.edu.au/calendar/academic-calendar](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/calendar/academic-calendar).

Notes:

1. Students can work unlimited hours when they are not studying in the above study periods. However, their work restrictions apply if they are enrolled in a simultaneous study period or any other study period not listed above (e.g. Term 1, Term 6, Winter Term, Summer Semester, non-standard study periods).
2. Semester-based courses are not in session during:
  - \* Semester 1 Mid-Semester break from 03 to 05 April 2024
  - \*\*Semester 2 Mid-Semester break from 09 to 13 September 2024

An international student can prove they are an enrolled student of La Trobe University by providing:

- an Academic Transcript, or;
- a Statement of Account for the Semester (internal versions from their StudentOnline account), or;
- a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE), or;
- a La Trobe student card.

Yours sincerely,



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