

STUDENT VISAS WORK ENTITLEMENT CHANGES FROM 3rd MARCH 2010

The number of hours that students are allowed to work who apply for an Immigration Visa on or after 3rd March 2010 is changing and is being separated into Foundation / Degree courses and other courses.

Visa applied for on or after 3rd March 2010

Student Course	Students	Dependants
Foundation or degree level course at a recognised place of learning.	20 hours per week in term time Full time during vacations	Have the right to work – see the Immigration Visa for restrictions that may have been applied.
Courses below foundation or degree level at a recognised place of learning.	10 hours per week in term time Full time during vacations	No right to work.

It is essential to check which course the student is undertaking to ascertain the number of hours that the student is allowed to work in term time.

There is no change for students who already have an Immigration Visa and are currently studying in the UK.

Visa applied for before 3rd March 2010

Student Course	Students	Dependants
Foundation or degree level course at a recognised place of learning.	20 hours per week in term time Full time during vacations	Have the right to work – see the Immigration Visa for restrictions that may have been applied.
Courses below foundation or degree level at a recognised place of learning.	20 hours per week in term time Full time during vacations	Have the right to work – see the Immigration Visa for restrictions that may have been applied.

Students are already studying in the UK who have to re-apply for an Immigration Visa either due to the expiry of their visa or if they change course / undertake a new course will be subject to the hours restrictions that apply from the 3rd March 2010.

It is therefore essential to check what level of course a student who renews an Immigration Visa is taking when the visa is renewed.