

Who can work in the UK?

Currently, if you are a national of the UK, EEA or Switzerland, you are allowed to work in the UK. Students from Croatia may need to apply for a registration card before they start work. Students from other nationalities should check their passport for conditions given about work. Most students will have a passport sticker or Biometric Residence Permit which says "Work 20 hours max in term time" or similar. You should check your Visa or Residence Permit before looking for work.

If you need to clarify your eligibility to work or need more information around registration for Croatian nationals, please make an appointment to speak to the Student Immigration Team internationaladvisor@stir.ac.uk. Alternatively look at the guidance notes on ukcisa.org.uk. This leaflet should be read in conjunction with the information on our website stir.ac.uk/careers/students/international/

Working during your studies

Part-time work - working part-time can be a great way to earn some extra money, develop your skills and meet new people; this can be especially helpful in developing your English language skills if you are not a native speaker. When considering part-time work is important to consider whether you can fit it in without your studies suffering.

Stirling Internship programme - This programme provides University of Stirling students and graduates with the opportunity to secure a paid internship with local organisations.

Vacation work - vacation time is a great opportunity for undergraduate students to gain valuable work experience. We see constantly that some form of work experience is essential to employers. Postgraduate students should note that if you are writing a dissertation over the summer then you are still classed as a full-time student and therefore a Tier 4 visa holder would be restricted to working 20 hours or less.

Voluntary work - volunteering can be an essential way to gain work experience, meet new people and develop skills required by employers. There are no restrictions on international students undertaking voluntary work.

What you will need

National Insurance - employees are required to have a national insurance number, if you are wanting to work in the UK you will need to apply for one. This can be done by calling the national insurance number application line on 0345 600 0643

Employers are now required by law to ask for a letter from students setting out the term dates and vacation periods. Students can request this letter from Student Services Hub in 2A Cottrell or by emailing Tier4Students@stir.ac.uk

To find out more about job vacancies in the Stirling area and further afield register with TARGETconnect. For more information see stir.ac.uk/careers/students/jobsearch/targetconnect/

Getting ready for employment

The Careers and Employability Service also plays a very important role in helping you find work experience and other extracurricular activities to enable you to improve your skills and boost your CV to help you gain employment once you have completed your degree. Check out the events pages and register with our TARGETConnect platform to find vacancies, book events and appointments with a consultant stir.ac.uk/careers

Working in the UK after your studies

Student visa holders who intend to switch into Tier 2 (General) are required to provide documentary evidence that they have completed a course of study of at least one academic year in duration. To work in the UK under Tier 2 provision you must be sponsored by an employer listed on the Home Office register of sponsors. You can check whether potential employers are already on the existing list .

For more information about these schemes see ukcisa.org.uk/International-Students/The-next-stage/Working-after-your-studies. You can also consult the student immigration team. For more information on working in Scotland, please see the web site talentscotland.com . For working elsewhere in the UK please refer to ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/working/

Working in your home country after completing your course

We are able to support you if you are planning to work outside the UK, we subscribe to GoinGlobal. For the majority of International students returning to their home country after graduating is their preferred option. The Careers and Employability Service can help with CV writing, application forms, covering letters, assessment centres and interview technique - see stir.ac.uk/careers/events.

Getting ready for employment by:

- Discuss your career plans and job search with a Careers and Employability Consultant (book via TARGETconnect)
- Check out our website for information on our workshops and other careers events happening during semester - stir.ac.uk/careers

Other useful websites:

- **Careers and Employability Pages** for international students: stir.ac.uk/careers/students/international/
- **GoinGlobal** a job abroad that suits your needs. Use Search for jobs in more than 30 countries and over 50 USA metropolitan areas
- **TARGETjobs:** targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/working-abroad
- **Prospects:** prospects.ac.uk - Specific information for international students/graduates as well as information about working and studying in other countries.
- **Talent Scotland:** talentscotland.com— a website dedicated to international students living in Scotland, offering information and advice on looking for work in Scotland, as well as a section on job vacancies.
- **Paperboy:** thepaperboy.com - Web links to newspapers in different countries
- **Euro graduate:** eurograduate.com—The European Graduate Career Guide
- **Eures European Employment Services:** europa.eu

We cannot provide advice on your eligibility to work in the UK. If you have a question about your immigration status or would like advice on applying for a visa please contact the Student Immigration team who can provide advice and information internationaladvisor@stir.ac.uk

Contact information

Careers and Employability Service

Got an enquiry? Visit the Student Services Hub

Telephone: 01786 466022

Email: careers@stir.ac.uk

stir.ac.uk/careers

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