

PLACEMENTS FOR STUDENT VISA HOLDERS

As a student visa holder, you can complete a work placement as part of your study in the UK.

A Placement Must Be:

- An assessed and integral part of the course.
- Can be full-time or part-time – make sure to check the requirements with your schools' placement unit.
- No more than 50% of the total duration of the course unless it is a statutory (legal) requirement of the course.
- Can be in the UK or abroad (subject to attendance monitoring).
- **Must be approved by the Placement Unit at your school.**

NB: Any changes to the immigration regulations may have an impact on all international students studying on a student visa at the university, including those undertaking placements or internships.

Your decision to undertake a placement can have an impact on your visa. See examples below:

Current course and visa length	Action required from students	Points to note
You originally started on an undergraduate course that included a placement, but you have decided not to complete the placement, or you were unable to secure one.	When you have finished your course early, the Immigration & Compliance team (International Office) will report this early completion of your course to the Home Office, who will curtail (cut short) your student visa.	You cannot use the extra year on your visa to work full-time or study another course, you must apply for a new visa for this. You cannot claim a refund of the Immigration Health Surcharge. You will still qualify for the Graduate Route or post-study work visa.
You originally obtained a visa to study an undergraduate course without a placement. However, you add a placement year later.	You can apply for an extension of your student visa in the UK either before your work placement starts, or after you have completed your work placement and require additional time to complete the final year of your course.	The immigration team will issue you with a new CAS for a visa extension. Contact the Immigration team (immigration@hud.ac.uk) for further advice or attend an online immigration drop-in session .



Part-time Work Permission During Placement

Your eVisa should have your work permission i.e. 20hrs per week during term time.

Whilst you are undertaking a placement, in addition to the placement hours, you are permitted to work up to 20 hours, as confirmed on your eVisa.

Your Obligations

- You must inform the Placement Unit in your school of your placement details (i.e., company name and address) as soon as possible at the start of the academic year. Your school will confirm this with the Immigration team (International Office) who will send a report to the Home Office.
- You must enroll as usual at the start of the academic year.
- If you are changing your address for the duration of your placement (e.g., undertaking placement in another city), please update your details on the web via the “My Details” section in MyHud or by contacting the School Office.
- Inform the Placement Unit in your school of any other changes to your personal circumstances change i.e., if your placement ends prematurely, if you get married, become ill, or need to return to your home country for any reason.
- During your placement, you would be expected to report for work in accordance with the company’s conditions, which will have been set out formally in advance of the placement starting.
 - **Note:** The company will notify the University in the event of unauthorised absences. The University is obliged to report these absences to the Home Office, who will take appropriate action.
- If you are ill or need to miss work for an urgent reason, you must contact your employer on the same day. You do not have to contact the Placement Unit.
- If for any reason you are considering withdrawing from your placement, you must not do so without the authorisation of the University. This may affect your degree award as well as your visa status.



Useful Information

The Placement Unit will monitor your attendance whilst in placement. You will be expected to make regular contact with the Placement Unit to report attendance at work, your Placement Unit will let you know how to do this.

The Immigration team in the International Office contacts all students whose visas are about to expire, usually within two months of the visa expiry, but please note that **your visa is your responsibility**.

Under the UK's immigration rules, universities are obliged to report students who do not meet their visa conditions or are suspected to be in breach of their visa status. The University of Huddersfield will not hesitate to report any students who are believed to have violated UK immigration regulations. Infringement of visa conditions is a serious offence and may lead to deportation and additional sanctions being imposed by the Home Office.

Please Note: Students are strongly recommended to consult either the University's own visa advisers in the Immigration Team, or qualified independent immigration advisors, for guidance on specific personal issues concerning immigration or visa status.

Help Available

If you have any visa related queries or if your visa is going to expire while you are on placement, you must get in touch via email at immigration@hud.ac.uk or attend one of the immigration team [online drop-in sessions](#) - these are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:00 - 13:00.

The following webpage has lots of useful information and is kept up to date should anything change in the future: [Immigration Support - University of Huddersfield](#).

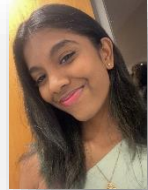
The Placement Unit is also here to help, if you have any questions surrounding placements, please get in touch.



Our Students Said

Working on placement has been a valuable learning experience that helped me develop skills, knowledge, and personal growth. I have had the opportunity to work in a professional environment, gain hands-on experience, and learn from experienced professionals.

Samathi Korala, Chemical Engineering BEng (Hons)



Choosing a company that offered cancer research aligns with my future aspirations, but relocating to an entirely new place presented its own set of challenges. However, I discovered that patience and persistence are crucial when searching for the perfect placement. Overall, my experience has taught me the value of adaptability, hard work, and a strong work ethic.

Sakshi Viral Shah, Medical Genetics BSc (Hons)



As an international student, I was not aware of my eligibility to go on a placement year as student visas don't allow full-time work during term time. Fortunately, on a placement year you are allowed to work as a full-time employee even on a student visa. The earlier you start searching and applying for a placement position, the better opportunity you secure.

Areeba Jafar, Business Economics BSc (Hons)

