

October 2026

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 (out of session).

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 <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/international/applying/pathways> (e.g. La Trobe College Australia [LTCA]'s Diploma course to La Trobe University's Bachelor program), their study is considered on break (out of session) 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 2026 and 2027 are as follows:

2026 - 2027 Compulsory Teaching and Exam Periods	Start Date	End Date	International Student Work Hours Explanation
Semester 1 2026*	2 March 2026	15 June 2026	48 hours per fortnight limit applies if student is enrolled in the study period.
Semester 2 2026**	13 July 2026	24 October 2026	
Term 1 2026	5 January 2026	21 February 2026	
Term 2 2026*	2 March 2026	24 April 2026	
Term 3 2026	4 May 2026	20 June 2026	
Term 4 2026	13 July 2026	29 August 2026	
Term 5 2026	7 September 2026	24 October 2026	
Term 6 2026	2 November 2026	19 December 2026	
Summer 2026***	2 November 2026	20 February 2027	
Semester 1 2027*	1 March 2027	12 June 2027	
Semester 2 2027**	12 July 2027	23 October 2027	
Term 1 2027	4 January 2027	20 February 2027	
Term 2 2027	1 March 2027	24 April 2027	
Term 3 2027	3 May 2027	19 June 2027	
Term 4 2027	12 July 2027	28 August 2027	
Term 5 2027	6 September 2027	23 October 2027	
Term 6 2027	1 November 2027	18 December 2027	
Summer 2027***	1 November 2027	19 February 2028	

These dates can be verified on our website: <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. non-standard study periods).
2. The Summer semester is **optional** for most international students and is not a compulsory study period. However, it is **mandatory/compulsory** for those **commencing** their studies in the Summer or Term 6.
3. Semester-based courses are not in session during:
 - * Semester 1 Mid-Semester and Term 2 Mid-Term break (including Easter):
 - **2026: from 3 April to 12 April 2026**
 - **2027: from 26 March to 4 April 2027**
 - ** Semester 2 Mid-Semester break:
 - **2026: from 31 August to 6 September 2026**
 - **2027: from 23 to 29 August 2027**
 - *** Summer 2026 Mid-Semester break:
 - **2026: from 21 December 2026 to 3 January 2027**
 - **2027: from 20 December 2027 to 3 January 2028**

An international student can prove they are an enrolled student at 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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