

February 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](#) (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 2025 and 2026 are as follows:

2025 - 2026 Compulsory Teaching and Exam Periods	Start Date	End Date	International Student Work Hours Explanation
Term 6 2025	3 November 2025	18 December 2025	48 hours per fortnight limit applies if student is enrolled in the study period
Summer 2025*	17 November 2025	21 February 2026	
Semester 1 2026**	2 March 2026	15 June 2026	
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	

These dates can be verified on our website: www.latrobe.edu.au/calendar/academic-calendar.

Notes:

1. Students enrolled in the above standard teaching periods 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. Students enrolled in non-standard teaching periods (e.g. Weeks 06-24) should refer to their current enrolled teaching periods and the Academic Calendar to confirm when their course is considered in session.

3. Enrolling in Term 6/Summer Semester /Term 1 is **optional** for most international students (i.e., not a compulsory study period). However, **students who are commencing their course in any of these study periods** must enrol in their respective intake period.
4. Semester-based courses are not in session during:
 - * Summer 2025 Mid-Semester break from **25 December 2025 to 4 January 2026**
 - ** Semester 1 Mid-Semester and Tern 2 mid-term break (including Easter) from **3 April to 12 April 2026**
 - *** Semester 2 Mid-Semester break from **31 August to 6 September 2026**
 - **** Summer 2026 Mid-Semester break from **21 December 2026 to 3 January 2027**

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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