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Media release

# Addressing skills shortages in key industries and rebuilding the international education sector

## Joint media release with the Hon Jason Clare MP

The Albanese Government is addressing skills shortages by extending post-study work rights for international students that have graduated from an Australian higher education provider.

This will support businesses across the country and help rebuild the international education sector following the pandemic.

This is a practical change that will increase the availability of a well-trained and highly capable workforce to help ease current pressures.

The Government has today released the [list of occupations and the eligible qualifications](#) that will enable graduates to access greater work rights.

We are targeting the skills Australia needs most, including health, teaching, engineering and agricultural fields.

Targeted skills will be considered on an annual basis and updated as needed in response to the labour market.

This was a commitment made following the Jobs and Skills Summit and developed further after advice from a working group made up of the Council of International Education, the National Tertiary Education Union, Universities Australia, and the Departments of Home Affairs and Education.

These extended work rights come into effect from 1 July 2023. Current settings will be increased by two years. This will extend post study work rights from

- two years to four years for select Bachelor degrees
- three years to five years for select Masters degrees
- four years to six years for all Doctoral degrees.

Existing settings for regional and remote Australia will also be maintained, and where relevant, will be eligible for the additional two years.

Eligible graduates with a valid Temporary Graduate Visa on 1 July 2023 or who apply for a Temporary Graduate Visa after 1 July 2023, will be considered for the two year extension.

Graduates whose visa expires before 1 July 2023 can apply for an extension of their work rights by visiting [Temporary Activity visa \(subclass 408\) Australian Government endorsed events \(COVID-19 Pandemic event\)](#).

More information about these measures is available at [Temporary Graduate visa - Subclass 485](#).

In addition, the Government will increase the allowable work hours cap from 40 hours per fortnight to **48 hours per fortnight**.

This modest increase will help students to support themselves financially, gain valuable work experience and contribute to Australia's workforce needs while they study.

The cap will take effect from 1 July 2023. More information on student visa work hours is available at the [Department of Home Affairs website](#).

The Government's response to the recommendations of the Post-Study Work Rights Working Group is available at <https://www.education.gov.au/extended-poststudy-work-rights-international-graduates>.

***Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Jason Clare:***

“Businesses are screaming out for skilled workers, particularly in the regions.

“We have got the second highest skills shortage in the developed world, according to the OECD. Skills shortages are everywhere.

“We teach and train these skilled workers. This will mean they can stay on longer and use the skills they've gained in Australia to help fill some of the chronic skills shortages we have right now.

“As well as delivering the skills and qualifications Australia needs, the measure will make Australia more attractive as a study destination, helping the recovery of the international education sector and **boosting** earnings from Australia's **education exports**.”

***Quotes attributable to Minister for Home Affairs Clare O'Neil:***

“Enabling students that gain an education in Australia to stay longer and contribute to our economy benefits us all.

“After a lost decade on immigration and skills we are looking for ways to utilise skilled migrants via enhanced training and better targeted, less exploitative programs for temporary visa workers and students.

“This work is being undertaken as we work towards the conclusion of the migration review and continue to reform our broken migration and skills system.”



## Extended Post-Study Work Rights: Eligible Occupations and Qualifications

The Government has extended post-study work rights to give eligible international higher education graduates with select qualifications an additional two years on their Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485).

Post-study work rights for select degrees in areas of verified skill shortages will be increased from:

- Two years to four years for select Bachelor degrees
- Three years to **five years for select Masters degrees**
- Four years to six years for all doctoral qualifications.

To implement the extension, lists of occupations in demand and related qualifications were developed through a mapping process undertaken by Jobs and Skills Australia and the Department of Education.

This document comprises:

- A list of identified occupations from the 2022 Skills Priority List, and
- A summary list of eligible qualifications by occupational category.

**All doctoral studies** are considered eligible for the measure, regardless of field of study and so are not listed individually.

The qualifications listed in this document are a summary of the eligible qualifications. A comprehensive list mapped to CRICOS course codes will be released by the Department of Education before implementation on 1 July 2023. **Students will need to refer to the comprehensive list, when published, to confirm the eligibility of their particular course at their provider.**

The implementation and on-going management of the extension to Post-Study Work Rights will be supported through monitoring and an annual review process. This approach means the lists and the implementation will be flexible in response to changes in the labor market and able to address any risks that may emerge.

### Identified occupations from the 2022 Skills Priority List

List of **occupations** requiring Skill Level 1 qualifications in strong and moderate demand according to the 2022 Skills Priority List, adjusted by a manual validation process.

A Labour Market rating of **'S' represents an identified skills shortage at a national level**, whereas a rating of 'R' specifies a shortage specific to regional areas only.

The acronym 'nec' refers to occupations 'not elsewhere classified' which allows occupations that do not fit into detailed categorisation in the classification to still be included. All occupations which are not separately identified in the ANZSCO classification structure are included in the 'nec' category of the unit group to which they relate.

<b>ANZSCO code</b>	<b>Occupation title</b>	<b>National Labour Market Rating</b>	<b>Future Demand Rating</b>
233212	Geotechnical Engineer	S	Strong
233611	Mining Engineer (excluding Petroleum)	S	Strong
233612	Petroleum Engineer	S	Strong
234912	Metallurgist	S	Strong
241111	Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teacher	S	Strong
254111	Midwife	S	Strong
254411	Nurse Practitioner	S	Strong
254412	Registered Nurse (Aged Care)	S	Strong
254413	Registered Nurse (Child and Family Health)	S	Strong
254414	Registered Nurse (Community Health)	S	Strong
254415	Registered Nurse (Critical Care and Emergency)	S	Strong
254416	Registered Nurse (Developmental Disability)	S	Strong
254417	Registered Nurse (Disability and Rehabilitation)	S	Strong
254418	Registered Nurse (Medical)	S	Strong
254421	Registered Nurse (Medical Practice)	S	Strong
254422	Registered Nurse (Mental Health)	S	Strong
254423	Registered Nurse (Perioperative)	S	Strong
254424	Registered Nurse (Surgical)	S	Strong
254425	Registered Nurse (Paediatrics)	S	Strong
254499	Registered Nurses nec	S	Strong
261112	Systems Analyst	S	Strong
261211	Multimedia Specialist	S	Strong
261212	Web Developer	S	Strong
261311	Analyst Programmer	S	Strong
261312	Developer Programmer	S	Strong
261313	Software Engineer	S	Strong
261314	Software Tester	S	Strong
261317	Penetration Tester	S	Strong
261399	Software and Applications Programmers nec	S	Strong
262111	Database Administrator	S	Strong
262114	Cyber Governance Risk and Compliance Specialist	S	Strong
262115	Cyber Security Advice and Assessment Specialist	S	Strong
262116	Cyber Security Analyst	S	Strong
262117	Cyber Security Architect	S	Strong
262118	Cyber Security Operations Coordinator	S	Strong
263111	Computer Network and Systems Engineer	S	Strong
263112	Network Administrator	S	Strong
263113	Network Analyst	S	Strong
263211	ICT Quality Assurance Engineer	S	Strong
263213	ICT Systems Test Engineer	S	Strong
121311	Apiarist	S	Moderate
133111	Construction Project Manager	S	Moderate
133112	Project Builder	S	Moderate

133211	Engineering Manager	S	Moderate
225411	Sales Representative (Industrial Products)	S	Moderate
233111	Chemical Engineer	S	Moderate
233112	Materials Engineer	S	Moderate
233211	Civil Engineer	S	Moderate
233213	Quantity Surveyor	S	Moderate
233214	Structural Engineer	S	Moderate
233215	Transport Engineer	S	Moderate
233311	Electrical Engineer	S	Moderate
233915	Environmental Engineer	S	Moderate
233999	Engineering Professionals nec	S	Moderate
234111	Agricultural Consultant	S	Moderate
234114	Agricultural Research Scientist	S	Moderate
234115	Agronomist	S	Moderate
234212	Food Technologist	S	Moderate
234711	Veterinarian	S	Moderate
241213	Primary School Teacher	S	Moderate
241411	Secondary School Teacher	S	Moderate
241511	Special Needs Teacher	S	Moderate
241512	Teacher of the Hearing Impaired	S	Moderate
241513	Teacher of the Sight Impaired	S	Moderate
241599	Special Education Teachers nec	S	Moderate
242211	Vocational Education Teacher / Polytechnic Teacher	S	Moderate
251211	Medical Diagnostic Radiographer	S	Moderate
251212	Medical Radiation Therapist	S	Moderate
251214	Sonographer	S	Moderate
251411	Optometrist	S	Moderate
251511	Hospital Pharmacist	S	Moderate
251513	Retail Pharmacist	S	Moderate
251912	Orthotist or Prosthetist	S	Moderate
251999	Health Diagnostic and Promotion Professionals nec	S	Moderate
252312	Dentist	S	Moderate
252411	Occupational Therapist	S	Moderate
252511	Physiotherapist	S	Moderate
252611	Podiatrist	S	Moderate
252712	Speech Pathologist / Speech Language Therapist	S	Moderate
253111	General Practitioner	S	Moderate
253112	Resident Medical Officer	S	Moderate
253311	Specialist Physician (General Medicine)	S	Moderate
253312	Cardiologist	S	Moderate
253313	Clinical Haematologist	S	Moderate
253314	Medical Oncologist	S	Moderate
253315	Endocrinologist	S	Moderate
253316	Gastroenterologist	S	Moderate
253317	Intensive Care Specialist	S	Moderate
253318	Neurologist	S	Moderate
253321	Paediatrician	S	Moderate

253322	Renal Medicine Specialist	S	Moderate
253323	Rheumatologist	S	Moderate
253324	Thoracic Medicine Specialist	S	Moderate
253399	Specialist Physicians nec	S	Moderate
253411	Psychiatrist	S	Moderate
253511	Surgeon (General)	S	Moderate
253512	Cardiothoracic Surgeon	S	Moderate
253513	Neurosurgeon	S	Moderate
253514	Orthopaedic Surgeon	S	Moderate
253515	Otorhinolaryngologist	S	Moderate
253516	Paediatric Surgeon	S	Moderate
253517	Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon	S	Moderate
253518	Urologist	S	Moderate
253521	Vascular Surgeon	S	Moderate
253911	Dermatologist	R	Moderate
253912	Emergency Medicine Specialist	S	Moderate
253913	Obstetrician and Gynaecologist	R	Moderate
253914	Ophthalmologist	S	Moderate
253915	Pathologist	S	Moderate
253917	Diagnostic and Interventional Radiologist	R	Moderate
253999	Medical Practitioners nec	S	Moderate
254212	Nurse Researcher	S	Moderate
261111	ICT Business Analyst	S	Moderate
261315	Cyber Security Engineer	S	Moderate
261316	Devops Engineer	S	Moderate
272311	Clinical Psychologist	S	Moderate
272312	Educational Psychologist	S	Moderate
272313	Organisational Psychologist	S	Moderate
272399	Psychologists nec	S	Moderate
411211	Dental Hygienist	S	Moderate
411214	Dental Therapist	S	Moderate

## Indicative list of eligible qualifications, listed by occupational category

The qualifications listed in this table are a summary of the eligible qualifications. A comprehensive list mapped to CRICOS course codes will be released by the Department of Education before implementation on 1 July 2023. **Students will need to refer to the comprehensive list, when published, to confirm the eligibility of their particular course at their provider.**

The qualifications were generated by mapping to the occupations in skills shortage (the above list). The mapping process included both automated and manual steps.

These qualifications are eligible for extended post-study work rights.

In addition to the qualifications listed below, **all doctoral graduates (AQF level 10) are eligible for an additional period of stay.**

Courses differ between education providers, including as to duration, and this may affect eligibility of individual courses at individual providers. The **Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS)** will be updated to inform decision making by students, providers and employers.

<i>Medical and Nursing</i>
<b>Occupation Category – Medical Professionals</b>
Bachelor of Psychological Science
Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)
Bachelor of Health Science
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)
Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science
Bachelor of Applied Science (Diagnostic Radiography)
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (Honours)
Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Medical Imaging)
Bachelor of Health Sciences
Bachelor of Radiography and Medical Imaging (Honours)
Bachelor of Medical Imaging (Honours)
Bachelor of Medical Science Bachelor of Medical Studies
Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine
Master of Speech Pathology
Master of Clinical Psychology
Master of Diagnostic Radiography
Master of Applied Behaviour Analysis
Master of Applied Psychology
Master of Leadership and Management in Health Care
Master of Audiology Studies
Master of Research (Medicine and Health Sciences)
Master of Clinical Embryology
Master of Philosophy (Medicine and Health)
Master of Business Psychology

Master of Psychology  
Master of Professional Psychology  
Master of Counselling and Psychotherapy

**Occupational Category: Nursing and Medical Technicians**

Bachelor of Nursing  
Bachelor of Science (Nursing)  
Bachelor of Nursing (Pre-Registration)  
Bachelor of Health Science  
Bachelor of Nursing Science  
Bachelor of Health Sciences  
Bachelor of Nursing (Enrolled Nurses)  
Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry)  
Bachelor of Health Science (Clinical Nutrition)  
Bachelor of Nutrition Science  
Bachelor of Nursing Science: Graduate Entry  
Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science  
Bachelor of Health and Community Services  
Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences  
Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies)  
Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science  
Bachelor of Public Health  
Bachelor of Applied Public Health  
Bachelor of Nursing - Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse Pathway  
Bachelor of Dermal Sciences  
Master of Public Health  
Master of Public Health Advanced  
Master of Nursing Practice  
Master of Nursing  
Master of Nursing Practice (Pre-registration)  
Master of Nursing International  
Master of Laboratory Medicine  
Master of Nursing Practice (Preregistration)  
Master of Global Public Health  
Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry)  
Master of Health Science  
Masters of Public Health Extension  
Master of Nursing Science  
Master of Biomedical and Health Science  
Master of Nutrition and Population Health  
Master of Health and Human Services Management  
Master of Health Management  
Master of Nursing Studies  
Master of Dietetics  
Master of Nursing (Professional Studies)

**Professional Health**



<b>Occupational Category: Dentistry</b>
<p>Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Dental Surgery</p> <p>Bachelor of Dental Health Science</p> <p>Bachelor of Dental Science</p> <p>Bachelor of Oral Health</p> <p>Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics</p> <p>Bachelor of Oral Health Therapy</p> <p>Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy and Hygiene)</p> <p>Bachelor of Dental Technology</p> <p>Bachelor of Dental Technology/Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics</p> <p>Bachelor of Dental Hygiene</p> <p>Bachelor of Science (Oral Health Therapy)</p> <p>Master of Dentistry</p> <p>Master of Dental Public and Primary Health</p> <p>Master of Clinical Dentistry</p>
<b>Occupational Category: Veterinarian</b>
<p>Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Animal and Veterinary Bioscience)</p> <p>Bachelor of Veterinary Technology</p> <p>Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Biosciences</p> <p>Bachelor of Veterinary Science</p> <p>Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience</p> <p>Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing</p> <p>Bachelor of Science (Animal Health Major)</p> <p>Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine</p> <p>Bachelor of Science / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine</p> <p>Master of Philosophy (Veterinary Science)</p> <p>Master of Tropical Veterinary Science</p>
<b><i>Diagnostic</i></b>
<b>Occupational Category: Medical Imaging</b>
<p>Bachelor of Applied Science (Diagnostic Radiography)</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Medical Imaging)</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical Imaging (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Honours) (Diagnostic Radiography)</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Honours) (Radiation Therapy)</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical and Radiation Physics</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Honours) (Nuclear Medicine)</p> <p>Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations)</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Radiation Therapy)</p> <p>Bachelor of Radiation Sciences</p> <p>Master of Diagnostic Radiography</p>

<p>Master of Magnetic Resonance Technology</p> <p>Master of Medical Imaging</p> <p>Master of Radiopharmaceutical Science</p> <p>Master of Molecular Imaging Technology</p>
<p><b>Occupational Category: Radiologist</b></p>
<p>Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)</p> <p>Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery</p> <p>Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science</p> <p>Bachelor of Applied Science (Diagnostic Radiography)</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Medical Imaging)</p> <p>Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Radiography and Medical Imaging (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical Imaging (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical Studies</p> <p>Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine</p> <p>Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine</p> <p>Master of Diagnostic Radiography</p> <p>Master of Research (Medicine and Health Sciences)</p> <p>Master of Clinical Embryology</p> <p>Master of Philosophy (Medicine and Health)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Allied Health</b></p>
<p><b>Occupational Category: Psychologist</b></p>
<p>Bachelor of Psychological Science</p> <p>Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Psychology</p> <p>Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy)</p> <p>Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Occupational Therapy</p> <p>Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy)</p> <p>Bachelor of Science (Psychology)</p> <p>Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Science in Chiropractic Science leading to Bachelor of Clinical Chiropractic</p> <p>Bachelor of Chiropractic Science</p> <p>Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)</p> <p>Bachelor of Psychological Sciences</p> <p>Master of Occupational Therapy Practice</p> <p>Master of Clinical Psychology</p> <p>Master of Clinical Audiology</p> <p>Master of Clinical Physiotherapy</p>

<b>Occupational Category: Recovery Therapist</b>
<p>Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Health Science</p> <p>Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy)</p> <p>Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy)</p> <p>Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy) (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Physiotherapy</p> <p>Bachelor of Occupational Therapy</p> <p>Bachelor of Podiatry</p> <p>Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Science in Chiropractic Science leading to Bachelor of Clinical Chiropractic</p> <p>Bachelor of Chiropractic Science</p> <p>Bachelor of Health Sciences</p> <p>Master of Occupational Therapy</p> <p>Master of Physiotherapy</p> <p>Master of Chiropractic</p> <p>Master of Speech Pathology</p> <p>Master of Physiotherapy Studies</p> <p>Master of Occupational Therapy Practice</p> <p>Master of Speech Language Pathology</p> <p>Master of Speech Pathology Studies</p> <p>Master of Clinical Audiology</p> <p>Master of Clinical Physiotherapy</p> <p>Master of Leadership and Management in Health Care</p> <p>Master of Rehabilitation Counselling and Mental Health</p> <p>Master of Physiotherapy Practice</p> <p>Master of Music Therapy</p> <p>Master of Advanced Clinical Physiotherapy (Sports)</p> <p>Master of Audiology</p>
<b>Occupational Category: Optometrist</b>
<p>Bachelor of Vision Science</p> <p>Master of Optometry</p> <p>Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Clinical Optometry</p> <p>Bachelor of Vision Science / Master of Optometry</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science)/Master of Optometry</p> <p>Master of Health Sciences (Research)</p> <p>Master of Clinical Optometry</p>
<b>Occupational Category: Pharmacist</b>
<p>Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Pharmacy</p> <p>Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science</p> <p>Bachelor of Pharmacy and Management</p> <p>Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science (Honours)</p>

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Chemical and Pharmaceutical)  
 Bachelor of Pharmacy with Honours  
 Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) and Master of Pharmacy  
 Master of Pharmacy  
 Master of Pharmaceutical Science  
 Master of Good Manufacturing Practice  
 Master of Philosophy  
 Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) / Master of Pharmacy Practice  
 Master of Philosophy (Pharmacy)  
 Master of Pharmacy (Research)

### *Teaching*

#### **Occupational Category: Teacher**

Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Care (Birth-5)  
 Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Birth to 5)  
 Bachelor of Early Childhood Education  
 Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)  
 Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)  
 Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Birth to Five Years)  
 Bachelor of Education (Honours)  
 Bachelor of Education (Honours) and Bachelor of Arts  
 Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth-5/Birth-12)  
 Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Humanities) / Bachelor of Arts  
 Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Honours)  
 Bachelor of Education (Primary)  
 Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education  
 Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) with Bachelor of Arts  
 Master of Education  
 Master of Teaching  
 Master of Teaching (Secondary)  
 Master of Teaching (Early Childhood)  
 Master of TESOL  
 Master of Teaching (Birth - 5 years/Birth - 12 Years)  
 Master of Teaching (Early Childhood and Primary)  
 Master of Education (Advanced)  
 Master of Education (Special Education, Advanced)  
 Master of Education (By Coursework)  
 Master of Teaching (Primary)  
 Master of Teaching (Secondary Education)  
 Masters of Teaching (Secondary)  
 Master of Arts (TESOL)

<b>Engineering</b>
<b>Occupational Category: Engineer</b>
Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Biomedical Science Bachelor of Medical Science Bachelor of Project Management Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Science (Lab + Non-lab Based) Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Advanced Studies Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Infrastructure) (Honours) Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Civil) Bachelor of Engineering Science Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science) Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Mechanical) Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Civil) Master of Engineering Master of Professional Engineering Master of Engineering Science Master of Biotechnology Master of Construction Management Master of Science Master of Construction Management (Professional) Master of Engineering (Professional) Master of Engineering Management Master of Professional Engineering (Accelerated) Master of Machine Learning and Computer Vision Master of Biomedical Science Master of Engineering (Extension) Master of Engineering Science (Management) Master of Philosophy (Engineering)
<b>ICT</b>
<b>Occupational Category: ICT</b>
Bachelor of Information Technology Bachelor of Computer Science Bachelor of Business Information Systems Bachelor of Advanced Computing Bachelor of Networking Bachelor of Science - Computer Science Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Information Systems Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology Bachelor of Cyber Security

Bachelor of Business Analytics  
 Bachelor of Information Technology (Mobile Applications Development) (Standard)  
 Bachelor of Advanced Computing (Honours)  
 Bachelor of Information Technology and Systems  
 Bachelor of Software Engineering  
 Bachelor of Computing Science (Honours)  
 Bachelor of Information Technology (Software Development)  
 Bachelor of Data Science  
 Master of Information Technology  
 Master of Data Science  
 Master of Business Information Systems  
 Master of Information Systems  
 Master of Information Technology and Systems  
 Master of Computer Science  
 Master of Computing  
 Master of Business Analytics  
 Master of Cyber Security  
 Master of Information Technology and Master of Information Technology Management  
 Master of Networking  
 Master of Applied Information Technology  
 Master of Technology (Enterprise Systems and Business Analytics)  
 Master of Technology (Software Engineering)  
 Master of Cybersecurity  
 Master of Information Technology (Enterprise Management)  
 Master of Enterprise Resource Planning  
 Master of Computing and Innovation

***Agriculture***

**Occupational Category: Agriculture**

Bachelor of Science  
 Bachelor of Biomedicine  
 Bachelor of Biomedical Science  
 Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Advanced Studies  
 Bachelor of Agriculture  
 Bachelor of Agricultural Science  
 Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience)  
 Bachelor of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences  
 Bachelor of Science (Honours)  
 Bachelor of Science (Science)  
 Bachelor of Environmental Science  
 Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours)  
 Bachelor of Environmental Management (Honours)  
 Bachelor of Marine Science  
 Master of Environmental Science  
 Master of Environmental Management

Master of Environment  
 Master of Biotechnology  
 Master of Marine Biology  
 Master of Agricultural Science  
 Master of Science in Agriculture  
 Master of Sustainability  
 Master of Science (Bioinformatics)  
 Master of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics  
 Master of Environment and Sustainability  
 Master of Agricultural Sciences  
 Master of Biotechnology (Biomedical)  
 Master of Molecular Biology  
 Master of Environmental Management and Sustainability

**Occupational Category: Food Technologist**

Bachelor of Science  
 Bachelor of Biomedical Science  
 Bachelor of Medical Science  
 Bachelor of Science (Lab + Non-lab Based)  
 Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Advanced Studies  
 Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science)  
 Bachelor of Science (Honours)  
 Bachelor of Medical Sciences  
 Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science Advanced (Honours)  
 Bachelor of Science (Food Technology and Nutrition)  
 Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science)  
 Bachelor of Food and Nutrition Science  
 Bachelor of Biotechnology  
 Bachelor of Viticulture and Oenology  
 Bachelor of Science (Science)  
 Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Chemical)  
 Bachelor of Biotechnology (Honours)  
 Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Laboratory Medicine)  
 Master of Biotechnology  
 Master of Science  
 Master of Food Science and Technology  
 Master of Biomedical Science  
 Master of Materials Technology  
 Master of Pharmaceutical Industry Practice  
 Master of Research  
 Master of Science (Food Science and Technology)  
 Master of Biotechnology Research Extensive  
 Master of Science (Chemistry)  
 Master of Viticulture and Oenology  
 Master of Laboratory Medicine  
 Master of Wine Business

Master of Medical Biotechnology (Extension)

Master of Science in Biotechnology

Master of Science (Professional)

Master of Food Science





# Post-Study Work Rights Extension

## Additional two years post-study work rights for international graduates with select degrees

### Introduction

A key outcome from the Australian Government's Jobs and Skills Summit in September 2022 was the announcement of a two-year extension of post-study work rights for international graduates with select degrees in areas of verified skill shortage.

Post-study work rights for international graduates will be increased from:

- two years to four years for select Bachelor degrees
- three years to five years for select Masters degrees
- four years to six years for all doctoral degrees.

This extension will be added to the **Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485)** for eligible graduates; or enabling a new visa application for those select students who already hold a TGV and will be seeking an additional two years.

The Government has considered the working group's advice and has announced more details about the measure including the indicative [list of occupations and eligible qualifications](#).

The measure will **commence on 1 July 2023**.

Further information will be provided on the Home Affairs and Department of Education websites as July approaches.

### Regional

This will not affect eligibility to apply for the Post-Study Work Stream for graduates who have studied, worked, and lived in a regional area.

### Transitional arrangements

Eligible international students whose TGV will expire between 1 September 2022 and 1 July 2023, as well as TGV holders who remained in Australia contributing to the economy during the COVID-19

pandemic, will be able to access a two-year Pandemic event (subclass 408). For details, see the [Home Affairs website](#).

## Eligible qualifications

The list of eligible qualifications was developed by mapping in-demand occupations on the Skills Priority List to relevant qualifications.

The lists of occupations and qualifications will be monitored and reviewed on an annual basis to respond to any changes in the labour market and address any risks that emerge.

It is intended that future changes to the qualifications list will not adversely impact students who have started an eligible course of study, which has subsequently been removed from this list.

Students who graduate with a qualification that was eligible either when they started studying or when they finished studying, or both, will be eligible for the extension.

The list of eligible qualifications can be found [here](#).

## Eligibility and how to apply

International students and graduates should check their eligibility on the [Home Affairs website](#).

Lodgement for visa applications will commence on 1 July 2023, subject to appropriate regulations being put in place.

## Further reading

The Post-Study Work Rights Working Group Report submitted to Government for consideration on 28 October 2022 is available [here](#).

The Government Response to the Post-Study Work Rights Working Group Report is available [here](#).

## Frequently asked questions

### Do I need an employer to sponsor me for the extension?

**No**, employer sponsorship is not required.



## Why is my qualification not eligible?

While all Australian qualifications are designed to prepare graduates for employment, not all qualifications are directly relevant to occupations where skills shortages are being experienced.

The eligibility assessment process relies on the occupational forecasts created by Jobs and Skills Australia.

The list of eligible qualifications will be reviewed on an annual basis.

## What if the list of qualifications changes while I am studying?

The list of eligible qualifications will be reviewed yearly, and it is possible that qualifications will be added or removed. If you graduate with a qualification that was eligible either when you started studying or when you finished studying, or both, you will be eligible for the extension.

## Can I change my course of study to an eligible qualification and be eligible for the extension?

Yes.

## Can I change my course of study from an eligible qualification to an ineligible qualification and be eligible for the extension?

No. You must graduate with an eligible qualification in order to be eligible for the extension.

## Why have graduate certificates and graduate diplomas been excluded as eligible qualifications?

Graduate certificates and graduate diplomas do not meet the Australian Study Requirement. Please check your eligibility on the [Home Affairs website](#).

## Skills needs

### Are all skill priority occupations in-scope for the two-year extension?

Qualifications with direct links to occupations in shortage, with strong or moderate projected future demand are in scope for the two-year extension. The Government will agree and publish the final list annually after review.

### Why have generalist qualifications been excluded?

Generalist qualifications are those which do not lead to a specific occupation pathway, so do not encourage international graduates to contribute to Australia's skills needs by getting jobs in in-demand sectors.



## Will the Australian Government be reviewing its decision to exclude generalist qualifications?

The list of eligible occupations and qualifications will be monitored and reviewed annually, and updated as required based on labour market needs.

## Why aren't doctoral degree holders restricted to the eligible qualifications list?

International doctoral degree graduates of all disciplines represent a highly-skilled cohort with significant potential for this cohort to contribute to Australia's economy and society.

## Timing

### Is this extension of post-study work rights a permanent decision?

There is currently no end-date set for this measure.

## International students working cap

### Is the working hour cap for international students changing?

Yes, from 1 July 2023, the working hour cap for international students will be reinstated. The cap will be raised from 40 hours to 48 hours per fortnight. For more information on this change, please visit the [Home Affairs website](#).





# Allowable work hours cap for international students

## Reinstating of the fortnightly work hour cap from 1 July 2023

### Introduction

The allowable work hours cap for international students was relaxed during the pandemic to help meet workforce shortages.

The Government has announced that the cap will be reinstated **on 1 July 2023** and will be raised from its previous level of 40 hours per fortnight to the new level of **48 hours per fortnight**.

This revised cap will help international students to support themselves through their studies, while maintaining study as the primary purpose of their visa.

More information for students and employers can be found on the [Home Affairs website](#).

### Safeguarding international students' rights

The Government is committed to addressing exploitation of migrant workers in all sectors and is aware of the risks of exploitation that international students can face, where limited work hours are a condition of their visa.

The Government has agreed to the recommendations in the Post-Study Work Rights Report which address these risks:

- ensuring the needs of student and graduate visa holders are considered when developing the package of reforms to address migrant worker exploitation expected in 2023.
- ensuring information about the role of the Fair Work Ombudsman in securing workplace rights and protections for all workers in Australia is available to international students and graduates.

# The Fair Work Ombudsman

If an international student is being exploited in the workplace, they should contact the [Fair Work Ombudsman](#), who will be able to support them. The [Assurance Protocol](#) applies to temporary visas with work restrictions, including the [Student visa \(subclass 500\)](#). This allows international students to seek help from the Ombudsman without fear of visa cancellation, even if they have breached their visa conditions.

Employers are not able to cancel visas, even if you have breached your visa conditions. If you are being exploited in your workplace, please contact the Fair Work Ombudsman as soon as possible.

For more information about international students' rights in the workplace, consult the [Fair Work Ombudsman international students fact sheet](#).

## Frequently asked questions

### Does the cap apply to all international students, or just new students who begin their courses after 1 July 2023?

The cap will apply to all international students, [no matter when they began studying](#).

### Why is the Government reinstating the cap on working hours?

The relaxation of the working hour cap was a temporary measure during the pandemic to allow students to bolster their income while helping to meet labour shortage. The primary purpose of a student visa is to study in Australia. The working hour cap is intended to balance international students' [need to support themselves](#) and gain work experience in Australia with their main purpose, which is to study in Australia.

### What should I do if my employer is threatening me with visa cancellation for working too many hours in a fortnight?

You should contact the [Fair Work Ombudsman](#). Your employer cannot cancel your visa, and the Department of Home Affairs will not cancel your visa for reporting workplace exploitation to the Fair Work Ombudsman, [even if you have worked more than the allowed number of hours in a fortnight](#).

