

Permission to work on a student visa

information for international students

WHO should read this fact sheet

This fact sheet is for students with visas showing a 570-576 subclass that is subject to condition 8101(no work).

You are eligible to apply for permission to work if you satisfy the following conditions:

- ✓ you are currently in Australia
- and
- ✓ you hold a valid 570-576 subclass student visa that is subject to condition 8101 (no work)
- and
- ✓ you have an electronic confirmation of enrolment with a status of 'studying' or 'finished' for the course you wish to undertake (unless you are AusAID or Defence-sponsored)
- and
- ✓ you are applying after studies have **commenced** in that course
- and
- ✓ you are enrolled full-time or part-time in your last semester of study.

Volunteer / unpaid work

If you volunteer or take part in unpaid work then you must apply for permission to work. Any volunteer or unpaid work counts towards the limit of 20 hours per week.

Work that is a formal part of your course

If you are doing work that is a formal registered part of your QUT course, QUT requires that Student Visa holders also hold a Work Permit. Work hours that are a formal registered part of your course are not included in the maximum of 20 hours a week.

New visa label

If you are granted permission to work a new visa label will be put into your passport.

It will have a work limitation condition (8105 or 8104) instead of the no work condition (8101).

Exception: If you are a member of a family unit under visa subclass

- 573 (undertaking a masters coursework)
- 574 (masters research or doctorate course) or
- 576 (AusAID or Defence-sponsored)

and are granted permission to work after the student starts their masters or doctorate course you will not have any work restriction condition on your visa label.

For specific Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) questions you should visit the DIAC website at www.immi.gov.au/students/students/working_while_studying

Tax File Number

You need a Tax File Number (TFN) to work in Australia. Contact the Australian Taxation Office about requirements and processes: www.ato.gov.au

HOW to apply

In person at a QUT Student Centre

- You need to:
- bring your student card
 - A staff member will check your course details to ensure you satisfy the permission to work requirements. These details will be sent electronically to DIAC to advise them of your eligibility.
 - apply and pay by credit card online at www.immi.gov.au/students/students/working_while_studying/how-to-apply.htm
 - You will be able to access DIAC's online application after 10am the day following your request at the Student Centre.
 - Sometimes QUT staff are unable to inform DIAC of your current student status electronically and in this event you will be required to submit a form-based application (see below).
 - If this applies to you, QUT staff will notify you by telephone or email to your student email account prior to 10am the day following your request.

On a form-based application

- You need to:
- download Form 157P from www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/157p.pdf
 - complete the form and present it at a QUT Student Centre
 - Staff will complete the 'Educational Provider Details' section.
 - submit the form to DIAC.

More information

For more information on important matters regarding your visa and work permission, please visit the Department of Immigration and Citizenship website at: www.immi.gov.au/students/students/working_while_studying