



Freedom of Information Request - FA 24/04/01158

- From March 2020 - Initially with supermarket workers on 13 March 2020 and further expansions until the relaxation was applied to all student visa holders in January 2022.

For further information, see <https://minister.homeaffairs.gov.au/davidcoleman/Pages/more-help-aussie-shelves-stocked.aspx>

- From 13 Jan 2022, all work restrictions were removed for all student visa holders. Allowing work before course commencement and no restrictions on hours worked during course session. Student visa work restrictions were relaxed throughout the pandemic, and completely removed in Jan 2022. This ended on 30 June 2023.

For further information, see <https://minister.homeaffairs.gov.au/ClareONeil/Pages/addressing-skills-shortages-in-key-industries-international-education-sector.aspx>

- From 9 May 2023, the government announced that student visa holders already working in the aged care sector on 9 May 2023 could continue to work unrestricted hours in the aged care sector until 31 December 2023.

For further information, see <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/temporary-relaxation-of-working-hours-for-student-visa-holders>

- From 1 July 2023, student visa holders can work no more than 48 hours a fortnight while studying. Student visa holders have no work restrictions when their course of study or training is not in session.

For further information, see <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/temporary-relaxation-of-working-hours-for-student-visa-holders>

Notes:

1. Source: Department of Home Affairs.

Caveats:

- *This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request.*