



## **Freedom of Information Request FA 25/06/01036**

### **Information regarding student visa work limitations**

- **Student visa work limitations:**

Student visas include a visa condition that, once the course has commenced, allows most students to work for up to 48 hours per fortnight while their course is in session and for unlimited hours during course breaks. The limitation imposed by this visa condition reflects the purpose of a student visa - that is to allow entry to Australia in order to study, not to work. Secondary visa holders are subject to a visa condition that limits them to 48 hours work per fortnight at any time.

Higher degree by research students on a Postgraduate Research Sector visa may work unlimited hours once their Masters or PhD course has commenced. Dependants of students studying a Masters or PhD research course have no limitation on their work hours.

A scholarship is generally considered a form of financial assistance given to a student to support their education. Generally, scholarships are not considered employment or a form of work.

Further information on Student visa conditions, including work limitations, is available on the [Department of Home Affairs website](#)

### **Notes:**

1. Source: Department of Home Affairs

### **Caveats:**

- *This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request.*
- *It is the responsibility of the area providing the Department of Home Affairs information to external stakeholders to ensure that the disclosure is in accordance with the ABF Act, Australian Privacy Principles or other relevant legislation.*