



**Suggestions on how to explain your Visa status to employers.....**

Job Type	Explanation options (consider using in your cover letter or at interview)
<p>One year undergraduate placement</p> <p><a href="http://ukcisa.org.uk/Information--placements">ukcisa.org.uk/Information-- placements</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/newstudents/immigration/during-study/conditionsresponsibilities/workinguk-student-visa/workplacements">https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/newstudents/immigration/during-study/conditionsresponsibilities/workinguk-student-visa/workplacements</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/right-to-work-checks-employers-guide">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/right-to-work-checksemployers-guide</a></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As an international student with a Student Visa, I have the permission to work full time on a placement year with your company. This is confirmed in ‘employer right to work’ guidance. My university can provide a letter to confirm this and sponsor me to extend my visa at no cost to your company.</li> <li>2. As an international student on a Student Visa, I can apply for a placement year as part of my degree. It could be in the UK or overseas. I am not restricted to 20 hours per week whilst I am on placement in the UK and can work full time.</li> </ol>
<p>Part- time job</p> <p><a href="http://sheffield.ac.uk/workinguk-student-visa">sheffield.ac.uk/workinguk-student-visa</a></p> <p><a href="http://ukcisa.org.uk/student-Visa">ukcisa.org.uk/student Visa</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/about/dates/current-and-future-semester">https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/about/dates/current-and-future-semester</a></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I am currently studying for a bachelor’s degree at the University of Sheffield. My Student Visa allows me to work up to 20 hours per week during term time. I can also work full time during my official University holiday periods, which are (insert dates) and after I complete my course. I can provide evidence of my student status and official semester dates</li> <li>2. I am currently studying for a master’s degree at the University of Sheffield. My Student Visa allows me to work up to 20 hours per week during term time and full-time during the Christmas and Easter holidays. I can also work full time at the end of my studies until my visa expiry date (e.g., September to January). I can provide evidence of my student status and official semester dates</li> </ol>

<p>Graduate job – Graduate Route Visa</p> <p><a href="https://sheffield.ac.uk/graduate-route">sheffield.ac.uk/graduate route</a> <a href="https://ukcisa.org.uk/Graduate route">ukcisa.org.uk/Graduate route</a></p>	<p>1. I can apply for the new Graduate Route Visa when I have successfully completed my studies. The Graduate Route Visa is a 2 (or 3) year visa and does not require employer sponsorship. There are no minimum skill or salary requirements. It is a very flexible visa. There would be no additional costs for you as a company to recruit me on this visa.</p>
<p>Graduate Route moving on to Skilled worker Visa</p> <p><a href="https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/post-study-support/immigration/after-studies/skilled-worker-visa">https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/post-study support/immigration/after studies/skilled-worker-visa</a></p> <p><a href="https://ukcisa.org.uk/Graduate route">ukcisa.org.uk/Graduate route</a> <a href="https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/skilled_worker">www.ukcisa.org.uk/skilled worker</a></p>	<p>1. I am eligible to apply for the new Graduate Route Visa for 2 years (3yrs if PHD graduate) This is no cost to you as the employer and it does not require sponsorship. My wish is to remain with your company and continue as a sponsored worker in the future and so working for you on the Graduate route would allow you time for you to assess my performance. I could also switch from the Graduate route to the skilled worker visa later should you wish to hire me on a longer-term basis.</p>

<p>Job with Student Visa (end of studies)</p> <p><a href="https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/post-study-support/immigration/work-ing-student-visa-after-study">https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/post-study support/immigration/work ing-student-visa-after study</a> <a href="https://ukcisa.org.uk/student Visa">ukcisa.org.uk/student Visa</a></p>	<p>1. I have completed my studies and am eligible to work full time the remaining months before my Student Visa ends (insert date), which is classed as a vacation period. The role could be temporary, fixed term, agency, or internship but not a permanent full-time contract. This is also confirmed in the student section within the ‘Employer Right to work’ guidance</p>
<p>Tier 5 ‘temporary worker’ Visa</p> <p><a href="https://ukcisa.org.uk/tier 5">ukcisa.org.uk/tier 5</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk">GOV.UK</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/post-study-support/immigration/after-studies/temporary-worker visa">https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/post-study support/immigration/after studies/temporary-worker visa</a></p>	<p>1. I would like to ask for sponsorship under the Tier 5 Temporary Worker Visa (Government Authorised Exchange) for this internship. This sponsorship lasts for up to 2 years and is relatively low cost. It can be organised for you by one of the agencies listed at GOV.UK such as <a href="https://tier5intern.com/">https://tier5intern.com/</a> or <a href="https://www.accessstier5.com/">https://www.accessstier5.com/</a></p>

**For any Visa, you need to meet the eligibility criteria. If you want advice about your personal circumstances, contact an immigration adviser at**

<https://students.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/contacts/issac>.

Post study work advice drop in level 3, ISSAC office 1.30 to 4.30pm every Wednesday

Immigration Advice is regulated area of advice, see <https://www.gov.uk/find-an-immigration-adviser>

**For further information about different post study work visa options see**

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/post-study-support/immigration/after-studies/working-after-your-studies>

**Useful information to pass on employers: [ukcisa.org.uk/Recruiting International Graduates-FINAL.pdf](https://ukcisa.org.uk/Recruiting_International_Graduates-FINAL.pdf)**

This explains the different Visa routes from the employer's perspective. It covers all they need to know.

[gov.uk/visas-immigration/work-visas](https://gov.uk/visas-immigration/work-visas) – The official government website advising on Visas and work

**Blog (C. Guy): Tips on assuring employers that employing international student is easy**

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