

Skilled Worker and Tier 2 Visa holder responsibilities

The University has sponsored your Skilled Worker or Tier 2 visa to provide you the right to work for us in the UK. To retain your visa to allow you to continue to work at the University, you are responsible for keeping your personal information up-to-date and reporting absences to us, normally through MyView self-service. Legislation requires the University to report any changes to UK Visa and Immigration (UKVI) **within 10 working days of the change**, failure to do so will result in your visa being withdrawn and the University terminating your employment.

Your responsibilities are:

Keeping your contact details up to date on your HR record

You must keep all your contact details up to date using [MyView](#). Update your details promptly when any change occurs:

- Address
- Telephone number
- Personal email address
- All other contact details

Reporting changes in your circumstances/employment

You must inform your manager and HR (via [ServiceNow](#)) of any changes to your personal circumstances, as soon as you know of the change, including:

- **Amendment to visa status** (including being granted settlement in the UK/Indefinite Leave to Remain)
- Change of name
- Change to your core **duties** and/or **job title**
- Decrease in salary/payments/allowances
- Change to **weekly working hours** (increase or decrease)
- Change of **work location** (UK or overseas) whether short term or long term and including hybrid working
- **Secondment** (as part of your existing sponsored job) - you need to report start and end dates of a secondment as soon as the details have been agreed
- Employment affected by transfer to another organisation (TUPE)
- Anything that suggests a breach in the conditions of your visa

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

If an [ATAS certificate](#) is required for your visa, you **must** notify HR if any of the following change, as you will be required to obtain a new ATAS certificate:

- The content of your research project or scope of research changes.
- Your job title changes.
- Your financial sponsor or conditions of financial sponsorship changes at any time during your research project.

Reporting Absences

All absences need to be approved by your manager and recorded with HR via the applicable method:

- **Family friendly leave:** Including maternity, adoption, shared parental, and paternity leave. Record via the relevant [HR Request](#).
- **Sickness or Holiday:** Record in [MyView](#) and ensure you follow the correct process ([Sickness Absence](#), [Holiday](#)).
- **Business travel:** Record as 'Other Paid Absence' through [MyView](#), stating your reason for travel and destination in 'Comments' field. This is required if you apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain.
- **Non-attendance:** If you are unable to attend work at any time during your employment, you must contact your line manager and HR on or before the first day of absence with reasons for the non-attendance. The University is required by law to inform the UKVI of any periods of absence, a delay in reporting could impact your permission to remain in the UK. Record via [ServiceNow](#)

Keeping your UKVI account up to date

If you have a UKVI account to access your eVisa, you must ensure that you keep all your personal details up to date. Please see [Update your UK Visas and Immigration account details: Overview - GOV.UK](#) for details.

Visa conditions for Supplementary Employment

Staff sponsored under the Skilled Worker/Tier 2 route are permitted to undertake Supplementary Employment subject to all the following restrictions:

- Maximum of 20 hours per week (Monday to Sunday); **and**
- Must take place outside of normal working hours for the job for which your Certificate of Sponsorship was assigned; **and**
- You must continue to work in the job which you are being sponsored for; **and**
- The work must be:
 - In an [eligible SOC 2020 occupation code](#) listed as 'Higher Skilled' (if you are newly sponsored under the Skilled Worker route on or after 22 July 2025). If you are being sponsored for a job on the Temporary Shortage List (TSL), you can also work in that same occupation you are being sponsored for, but **not** in any other occupations on the TSL.
 - OR**
 - In an [eligible SOC 2020 occupation code](#) listed as 'Medium Skilled' or 'Higher Skilled' (if you were already sponsored under the Skilled Worker route on or before 21 July 2025).

You must not undertake supplementary work until all relevant right to work checks have been made. If you wish to undertake supplementary work at the University, you must wait to receive confirmation from the UniWorkforce team for each assignment. If you wish to undertake supplementary work at another employer, you must inform that employer that the work is supplementary and the limitations that apply to your visa.

Notify HR if you leave the University

If you leave the University before the work end date stated on your COS, we must notify UKVI within 10 working days of your leaving date. It is important to ensure that HR is informed as soon as possible if you intend to leave the University before the end date stated on the COS. Report using the [HR Leaver/End of Contract Form](#)

Need help?

If you require further information or have any questions, please contact AskHR on 023 8059 7547 or AskHR@soton.ac.uk

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