

IHEA Welcomes Extension of Post-Study Rights for International Graduates and Changes to Working Cap for International Students

Independent Higher Education Australia (IHEA) notes the federal government announcement extending post-study work rights for international graduates and changes to the working cap for international students.

From 1 July 2023, the post-study work rights for international graduates with select degrees in areas of specific skills shortage will be increased from two years to four years for select bachelor degrees, three years to five years for select master's degrees, and four years to six years for all doctoral degrees. In addition, from 1 July, the cap of allowable work hours will be increased from 40 hours a fortnight to 48 hours.

"IHEA welcomes the extension of post-study work rights for international graduates and the increase in the allowable work hour cap to 48 hours a fortnight for international students," said IHEA CEO, Dr Peter Hendy.

"IHEA has advocated for an extension to post-study work rights for international graduates and an increase in the cap of allowable work hours for international students. These important changes will help rebuild Australia's international education sector and ease skills shortages."

All quotes above attributed to Dr Peter Hendy, IHEA CEO

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