

Date: December 13, 2016
 From: International Student Services
 Subject: On-Campus Employment of International Students in F-1 or J-1 immigration status during Winter Vacation

This is a reminder message for the campus community regarding on-campus employment of international students. Due to confusion on these issues, International Student Services (ISS) has worked with Payroll, the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies (OGAPS), and the Registrar to clarify the information and to provide answers to frequently asked questions.

WORKING MORE THAN 20 HOURS PER WORK WEEK DURING WINTER VACATION 2016

According to federal regulations, international students “may work on campus full-time when school is not in session, or during the annual vacation” 8 C.F.R. 214(f)(9)(i).

Students may be able to start working more than 20 hours/week at **12:01 AM (midnight) immediately after** the first day of Fall 2016 Commencement.

Students will have to stop working more than 20 hours/week at **11:59 PM (midnight) immediately before** the first day of classes of Spring 2017.

Please note that Commencement dates and First Day of Classes may vary depending on the campus and professional college. See the table below for specific dates for each entity.

Campus or Professional College	First Commencement Day Fall 2016	First Day of Classes Spring 2017
Texas A&M University (College Station), Texas A&M University at Galveston, School of Public Health, College of Nursing	December 16, 2016	January 17, 2017
Texas A&M School of Law	December 16, 2016	January 9, 2017
Texas A&M College of Dentistry	December 17, 2016	January 9, 2017
Texas A&M College of Medicine	December 16, 2016	January 17, 2017
Texas A&M College of Pharmacy	December 16, 2016	January 3, 2017 (P1, P2, P3) January 9, 2017 (P4)

Please be aware that the repercussions for an international student who is in violation of employment rules are serious. A student who works more than 20 hours/week when not legally eligible to do so loses his/her non-immigrant status and is considered to have unlawful presence in the United States. Students will need to meet with an ISS advisor to determine the steps to regain their lawful status.

For more information and examples illustrating On-Campus Employment rules for F-1 and J-1 students, please see our “Frequently Asked Questions and Additional Information” links under:

<http://iss.tamu.edu/Current-Students/F-1-Status/F1-Student> (for students in F-1 status)

<http://iss.tamu.edu/Current-Students/J-1-Status/J-1-Students> (for students in J-1 status)

If you need additional information about this, please contact ISS at 979-845-1824, or email iss@tamu.edu.

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