

Work by foreign students

1. Giving permission:

It is not necessary to obtain permission to employ third country citizens in a legal relation of employment in the territory of Hungary:

- **for the work of a person having student legal status as a full-time student** in a vocational school, secondary school, elementary level arts school or **higher education institution during the term of such legal relation,**

2. Professional practice

Pursuant to section (1) a), Art. 44 of Act No. CCIV of 2011 on national higher education, students may do work under a **student employment contract in the framework of the training programme, or in the course of professional practice or practical training** organised as part of the training programme **in the institution, in the business organisation founded by the institution or in an external place of practice.**

As a general rule, pursuant to section (3) a), Art. 44 of the Act on national higher education, **students may be entitled to remuneration.** However, it is only mandatory to pay such **remuneration in case of a contiguous period of six weeks of practice,** the amount of which shall be equivalent to minimum **15 per cent of the lowest wages (minimum wages) per week.** In lack of an agreement providing otherwise, such remuneration **shall be paid by the professional place of practice.**

The detailed conditions of work by students under a student employment contract in professional practice as well as the content of student employment contracts are set out in government decree No. 230/2012 on some issues of professional practice periods in tertiary level vocational trainings and higher education programmes. Students obliged to do professional practice may do work in training programmes or, in case of professional practice or practical training organised as part of training programmes, under student employment contracts entered into with the relevant place of professional practice .

3. Work

Third country citizens having residence permits with the purpose of pursuing studies **may do income generating activities for maximum twenty-four hours per week during term time while outside term time for maximum ninety days or for sixty-six workdays in full-time employment** (section (3), Art. 20 of Act No. II of 2007 on the entry into and residence in the country of third country citizens).