

The UK Visas & Immigration (UKVI) have provisions in place for any Tier 4 students who are elected as full time Sabbatical Officers.

Tier 4 students have the ability to make applications for further leave to cover their time as a Sabbatical for up to 2 years in post. Time spent as a Sabbatical Officer may be exempted from the 5 year cap set for Tier 4 students studying at degree level.

You may need to make a new immigration application in this instance and please note that any application is still subject to maintenance requirements and once leave has been granted, Tier 4 Sabbatical Officers are still subject to the same rules and regulations as any other Tier 4 student.

If your sabbatical officer post is at least nine months long, you need to show that you have £11,385 if you are. If your post is for a shorter period, you must provide evidence of £1,265 per month. The maintenance must be demonstrated for 28 consecutive days.

The international student advice service at LMU can support you and offer guidance and advice throughout the process of applying for any extension of your leave for this purpose.

The process:

If you are a Tier 4 visa student and become a sabbatical officer during your course and your current visa is valid for the duration of your term, you may not need to make another immigration application. The University can notify the UKVI of your change in circumstance. Upon completion of your term you may need to make a further immigration application to extend your visa to cover the completion of your course.

If you have finished your studies and you have Tier 4 leave, you can start your sabbatical officer post on your current leave but you will need to apply to extend it in order to complete the post. You should plan ahead for this because you must meet many of the same requirements as students who apply under Tier 4

For all immigration applications you will need to request a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from the Visa Compliance Team and complete your application with the assistance and support of our International Student Advisers.

Please Note: For all leave to remain immigration applications, the application must be submitted before your current visa expires. For further advice on your current immigration situation or any future immigration applications that you may need to submit, please contact the International Student Advisers directly:
adviceinternational@londonmet.ac.uk

