

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 subject to rules and regulations under Tier 4, Student union sabbatical officer route.

If you are applying for leave to remain as a student union sabbatical officer you must show that you have money for your living costs for each month of your course up to a maximum of 2 months. As the UKVI requires £1,265 per month for maintenance you will be required to demonstrate that you have at least £2,530 for 28 consecutive days ending no more than 31 days prior to the date of your visa application.

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 requirements before you can submit an application.

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

