

Job student? 4 things to keep an eye on!

Social contributions

Your hours package contains 600 hours.

During those 600 hours, both you and your employer pay reduced social contributions. You can choose your hours freely throughout the year.

You can combine your 600 hours with association work, as long as you respect the legal limits. More info on verenigingswerk.be. On studentatwork.be you can check how many hours you have left. You can also do this via the app Student@work.

What if you work more than 600 hours?

For every additional hour you work, you pay normal social contributions.

2 Child benefits

- Under the age of 18: you are always entitled to child benefit, regardless of how many hours you work.
- 18 years and over: your place of residence determines how many hours you can work without losing your child benefit.

You live in Flanders

You are allowed to work 600 hours per year at reduced social contributions. In addition to these 600 hours, you receive another 80 hours per month. However, you pay the normal social contributions for those extra hours.

You live in the Brussels-Capital Region

You are allowed to work 240 hours per quarter. This rule does not apply in July, August and September if you continue your studies after the summer holidays. All working hours are taken into account, including those you work under a regular employment contract. Hours worked as part of an internship to obtain a degree or as part of an alternate training programme/entrepreneurial training programme do not count. You are allowed to work 600 hours per year at reduced social security contributions.

You live in Wallonia

You are allowed to work 600 hours per year at reduced social contributions. In addition to these 600 hours, you will receive 240 hours per quarter. However, you pay the normal social contributions for the additional hours. The compulsory internship hours to obtain your degree are not taken into account. Only the days actually worked count (and not, for example, paid public holidays).

You live in East Belgium

There is no maximum limit to the number of hours you can work per year with a student contract. You only pay reduced social security contributions for the first 600 hours. If you are not working on a student contract but on a normal contract or if you are self-employed, you may not work more than 175 hours per quarter.

You can find more information on the websites of the regional child benefit funds:

Wallonie Brussels
www.aviq.be www.iriscare.brussels
East Belgium Flanders
www.ostbelgienfamilie.be www.groeipakket.be



You may earn up to



per year without having to pay any taxes. Always file your tax return!

What if you earn more?

You can, but then you will have to pay your own taxes. Keep a close eye on your income.

* Gross amount after deduction of social contributions, valid for income year 2024. The amounts only apply if you have no other means of subsistence than the wages from your student job and if you do not declare any actual professional expenses.



You can earn up to

€ 12.422,50*

to remain fiscally dependent on your parents.

What if you earn more?

Then you will no longer be fiscally dependent on your parents and your parents will have to pay more taxes.

Keep a close eye on your income.

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What is student@work?

On this website you will find all the information you need as a job student. You can see how many hours you are still allowed to work, download a certificate for your employer and more.

Download the student@work app to access your data anytime, anywhere.

Log in with itsme or with your eID.

Still have questions?

Can't log in? Are you unsure about certain regulations? Is your situation complicated?

Get in touch with us! Use the contact form on our website, send us a chat message or call us on 02 509 59 59.



