



## Student Deferral Request Form

The data you provide will be processed in accordance with the QMU Data Protection Policy available at <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/footer/foi-and-data-protection/data-protection/>.

Section A should be completed then submitted electronically to [thinkingofleaving@qmu.ac.uk](mailto:thinkingofleaving@qmu.ac.uk).  
**MAKE SURE YOU FIRST DOWNLOAD A COPY OF THE FORM BEFORE COMPLETING IT OFFLINE.**

Please note:

- Deferrals **cannot** be awarded retrospectively. Students who have been unable to attend and/or have missed assessments should apply for [extenuating circumstances](#) instead.
- Students **must** read the [Student Deferral Procedure](#), discuss their application with their Programme Leader, and make supporting documentary evidence available to them **before** submitting the form. These documents do not need to be submitted with this request form but the Programme Leader must be able to confirm that they have seen them.
- International students studying on a Tier 4 student visa must also seek advice from the International Student Support Coordinator (email [international@qmu.ac.uk](mailto:international@qmu.ac.uk)) before completing this form. Any period of deferral will affect your Tier 4 student visa status.
- There may be changes to your programme during an approved period of deferral.
- A deferral of studies will normally be granted for a **maximum of 12 months**.
- **QMU Online Programme Students** only- Complete this form if you intend to defer for 6-12 months. For short-term breaks of 2-5 months, please request a 'Study Break' via your Student Success Coordinator ([studentsuccess@online.qmu.ac.uk](mailto:studentsuccess@online.qmu.ac.uk))

### Section A – To be completed by the student

1. YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS	
Full Name	
QMU student number	
Current level of study	<input type="checkbox"/> L1 <input type="checkbox"/> L2 <input type="checkbox"/> L3 <input type="checkbox"/> L4 <input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate
Mode of attendance	<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time
Programme	
Date of last attendance	

### 2. REASON FOR DEFERRAL

Main reason for deferral	<input type="checkbox"/> Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> *Caring responsibilities
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Please provide details of your reasons for requesting a deferral in the box below.

**\*You're an unpaid carer if you support a partner, family member, or friend who needs help.**

They may need care if they are disabled, have a mental health condition, are ill (including terminally ill), have an addiction, or are older.

**You can be an unpaid carer even if** you don't live with them, aren't related to them, are caring short term or only sometimes, or they don't receive council support.

**3. PROPOSED DURATION OF DEFERRAL**

Please note that the maximum period of deferral allowed is 12 months only.

Start date	
End date	
Total duration	

**4. I confirm that I have discussed my request for deferral with my Programme Leader.**

<b>SIGNATURE*</b>	<b>DATE</b>

\*Please type your name above. The University will consider the receipt of this form electronically, from your QMU student email, as being equivalent to a signature. Any email correspondence about your request will be sent to your QMU student email account.

**Please submit the completed form by email from your QMU student email to [thinkingofleaving@qmu.ac.uk](mailto:thinkingofleaving@qmu.ac.uk)**

**REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST FIRST SAVE A COPY OF THIS FORM ON YOUR COMPUTER BEFORE FILLING IT IN. ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE FORM ELECTRONICALLY, PLEASE SAVE A COPY WITH YOUR NAME IN THE TITLE, AND EMAIL IT AS AN ATTACHMENT FROM YOUR QMU STUDENT ACCOUNT TO [thinkingofleaving@qmu.ac.uk](mailto:thinkingofleaving@qmu.ac.uk)**

**Section B - To be completed by the Programme Leader**

This form should be typed and submitted electronically to [thinkingofleaving@qmu.ac.uk](mailto:thinkingofleaving@qmu.ac.uk)

<b>1. PROGRAMME LEADER'S NAME</b>	
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<b>2. DO YOU APPROVE THE STUDENT'S REQUEST TO DEFER THEIR STUDIES?</b>	
Please confirm if you approve the student's request and if you have seen any documentary evidence which supports their request. If you do not approve the request please outline the reasons for this.	
Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Supporting documentary evidence seen	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes      Date
Provide brief rationale in the box below if request is <b>not</b> approved.	

<b>3. CONDITIONS OF DEFERRAL AND RETURN DATE</b>	
Specify any special conditions of the deferral e.g. forthcoming changes to the programme which may impact on the student when they resume studies. For Health Sciences students with mandatory placements please outline any impact on clinical hours and how this will be addressed on return to studies.	
Deferrals are normally granted for a maximum period of 12 months and cannot be awarded retrospectively. Students who have been unable to attend and/or have missed assessments should apply for <a href="#">extenuating circumstances</a> instead.	
If the student has deferred for medical reasons state if they will need to provide evidence of fitness to study before their return to the programme.	
Special conditions (if applicable)	
Agreed return date	
Medical evidence required on return	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>4. SIGNATURE*</b>	<b>DATE</b>

\*Please type your name above. We will consider the receipt of this form electronically, direct from you, as being equivalent to a signature.

**DEFERRAL REQUEST FORM**

The Thinking of Leaving Team will notify the student of the outcome of this request. A copy of the form will be sent to Academic Administration, Registry and any other relevant department e.g. Accommodation or the International Office, to ensure that the student's record is updated.

**For use by the Thinking of Leaving team**

Sent to Programme Leader	
Returned to TOL by Programme Leader	
Student notified of outcome	
School Office notified of outcome	
Other relevant departments notified	