


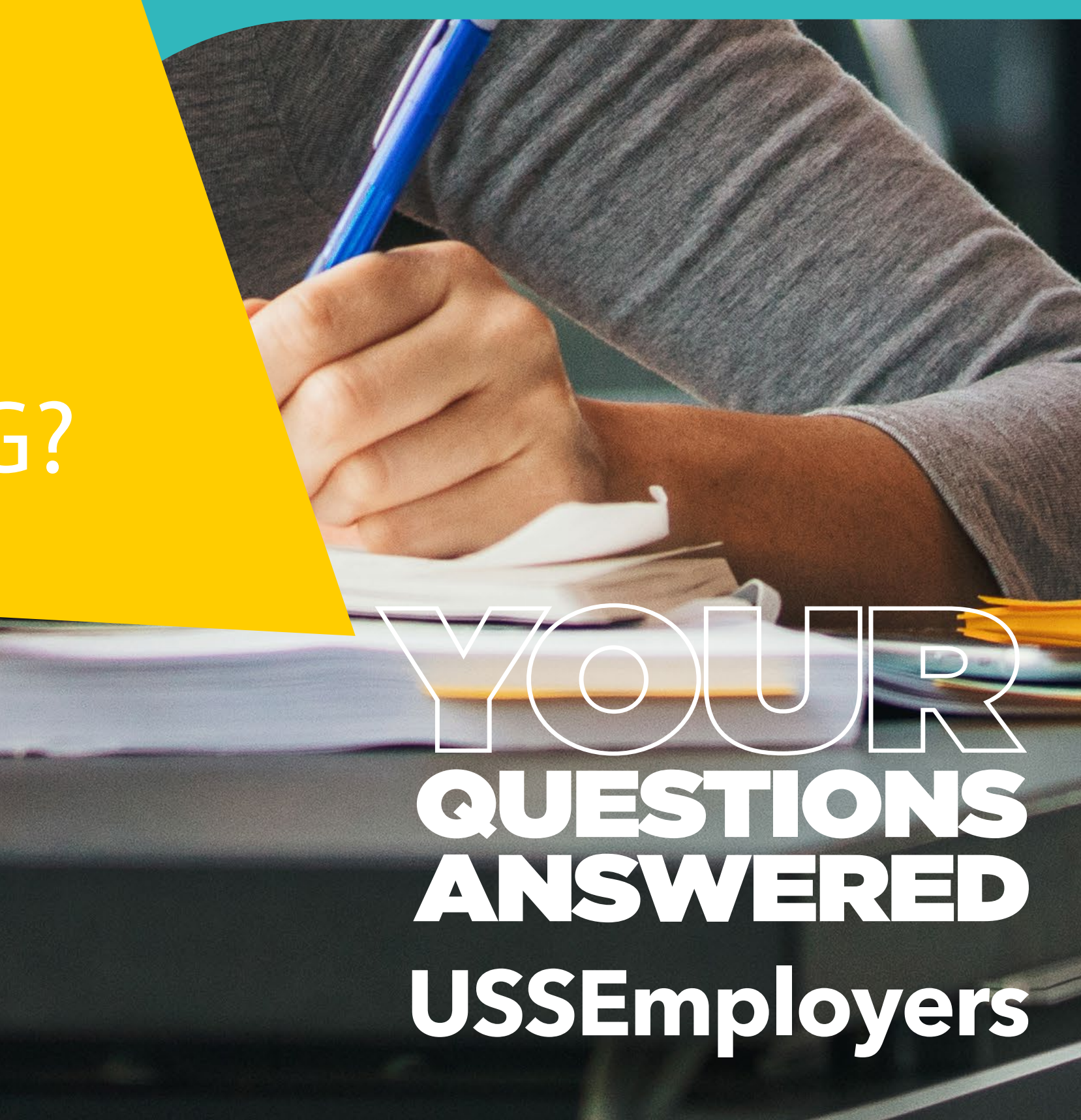
BE IN THE KNOW ABOUT UNIVERSITY STRIKES

Staff at your university might be getting ready to strike and we know you'll have questions. You might ask, for example...



The University and College Union (UCU) have asked their members to go on strike on three dates – Thursday 24th November, Friday 25th November, and Wednesday 30th November.

Some (but by no means all) of UCU's members will strike and all other staff are expected to work normally on these days.



WHEN WILL
THE STRIKES
HAPPEN AND
FOR HOW LONG?

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WHAT ABOUT
EXAMS OR
ASSESSMENTS?

Don't worry. If you have missed out on teaching because of the strikes, universities have tried and tested academic procedures to make sure you are not disadvantaged in exams and assessments.

If in doubt, ask student services, your lecturer or course leader.

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WHAT IF TEACHING IS CANCELLED?

Universities will do all they can to provide teaching or other ways to learn.

Because individual union members don't always tell universities when they are going on strike, it is hard for them to know when teaching might be cancelled.

Universities will work hard to let you know as soon as possible and to offer alternative teaching or resources, so you don't miss out.

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You should talk to student services, your lecturer or course leader and let them know. During a strike, teaching may be cancelled and rearranged for another time.

Universities know some of you have other commitments like looking after children or a job, so they will do all they can to accommodate these.

WHAT IF I
CAN'T ATTEND
RESCHEDULED
CLASSES?

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I HAVE A DISABILITY
AND THE STRIKES
HAVE AFFECTED
MY STUDIES

Universities realise that the disruption caused by strike action may make it even more difficult for you and they will do all they can to help.

Speak with student services, your lecturer, course leader or disability support team straight away. They can then work with you to put alternative teaching arrangements or support in place.

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WILL THE
STRIKE ACTION
AFFECT MY
VISA STATUS?

No. There should be no problem with your student visa as universities will continue to monitor your attendance as normal. If any classes or contact points are missed because of the strike it is recorded as authorised absence. If you are worried speak to your university and they will confirm the arrangements.

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CAN I CLAIM ANY COMPENSATION?

This depends on the effect of the strike on you and is considered on a case-by-case basis. You would need to request compensation from your university.

Any compensation would be based on your university's policies and they will consider any extra help and support put in place. If you are unhappy with the outcome you can make a formal complaint to the relevant independent body, which can award compensation.

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WHAT ARE UNIVERSITIES DOING TO HELP?

Universities really care about your experience and want you to get the best possible learning and teaching during the strike. They will be doing their best to put on replacement teaching or provide resources so that you don't miss out.



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WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MYSELF?

1. Watch out for the regular communications from your university about the strike and what they are doing to help.
2. Ask your lecturer if they are going to be on strike so you can plan ahead.
3. Prepare for strike action by asking your lecturer for advice and guidance on what to study and for any notes in advance.

Your university is here for you and wants you to get the best out of your time there. If you have a worry or a problem, get in touch.

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HAVE MORE
QUESTIONS?

You can
find out
more in our
strike action
factsheet.

Or speak to student
services, or your
lecturer if you are
worried about how
the strikes might
impact you.

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