

Factor	Risk profile	Indications
Work factors	High	Work with hazards that have potential to cause permanent injury or fatalities, including: Construction site with work at height, dusts, moving machinery, electrical systems. Operation of machinery with mechanical hazards such as high-speed rotating parts, crushing or entanglement risks. Laboratory work with toxic/hazardous materials. Community work with known high-risk groups of clients or locations (drug abusers, homeless, violent patients). Work with animal bedding or large or dangerous animals. Activities requiring specific licenses or qualifications (e.g. diving, flying aircraft, crewing an aerial device). Work involving significant hazards in small companies that do not have professional health and safety advice.
	Medium	Working in proximity to high risk factors (but not directly with them).
	Low	Office work or other low hazard environments and activities.

Travel and transportation factors	High	Significant travel to reach placement, prolonged or on local transport facilities known to be high risk (poor driving or vehicle safety standards). Demanding travel during placement. Student required to drive others in unfamiliar vehicles.
	Medium	Night travel. Long daily commuting requirement. Student required to drive familiar vehicle in reasonable conditions.
	Low	No significant travel, comfortable daily commute. No driving associated with placement.
Location and/or regional factors	High	Significant risk of civil disorder, crime or similar danger (e.g. placement in war zones, countries where the Foreign and Commonwealth Office advises against travel). Unavoidable lone or remote working in proximity to significant risk (e.g. medical student elective in a refugee camp).
	Medium	Higher than normal risk of civil disorder, crime or comparable danger. Delays likely in communicating with tutors and others. Placements abroad in areas identified as low risk by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
	Low	Placements in the UK with no significant local risks.

General/ environmental factors	High	Regional/local health risks require mandatory and specific health protection measures e.g. inoculations. Very hot or strenuous working conditions (e.g. manual working outdoors in the sun). Very cold working conditions (e.g. catering placement in a food cold storage/cook chill or freeze facility).
	Medium	Regional/local conditions require some precautionary measures, e.g. optional inoculations against diseases, medical travel kit is a sensible precaution.
	Low	No significant environmental risks.
Individual student factors	High	The student has personal factors (e.g. health, disability, linguistic or cultural) which may increase the risk of illness or accident during work-related activity even following adjustments. The student has personal factors (e.g. health, disability, pregnancy, linguistic or cultural) which may require specific adjustments or support if living away from home, or makes them susceptible to episodes of illness. The student's knowledge, understanding, and skills are low for the type of work.
	Medium	The student has personal factors (e.g. health, disability, pregnancy, linguistic or cultural) which may require specific adjustments or support during work, or in social interactions at work.
	Low	The student has no long-term medical conditions or disability likely to cause episodes of illness or require specific support whilst on placement. Student has relevant knowledge, understanding and skills for the type of work.

Insurance limitations	High/ Medium	Locations where the placement provider's insurance does not cover the student for personal or third party liability associated with the work by the student. Locations where insurance requirements are not clear and/or are communicate din an unclear manner
	Low	Locations, activities and/or circumstances that are automatically included in the HEI's insurance cover. UK locations (where the placement provider must have employers' liability insurance cover).