

Flexible Working Code of Practice - Process Flowchart

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Step	Route	Process
1	All	Employee has informal conversation with line manager
2	Short- term	Short-term process followed when arrangement lasts 3 months or less
2a	Short- term approved	 Final outcome is provided by line manager in writing (e.g. email) Line manager raises 'change to working hours' request via <u>UniCore</u>, where applicable (change to work pattern, hours, or location) A second change request should be completed detailing the date in which any temporary arrangements will revert back to the original pattern Outcome including any emails or notes should be submitted to the HR Employment Services Team for reporting purposes
2b	Short- term rejected	 Request cannot be accommodated after full consideration Final outcome is provided by line manager in writing (e.g. email) Employees can opt to proceed with a formal statutory request at any time during the process Outcome, including any emails or notes should be submitted to the HR Employment Services Team for reporting purposes
3	Formal, statutory	Process followed when arrangement lasts over 3 months, or informal conversations have not reached an outcome locally
3a	Formal, statutory	 Employee makes request via application form and provides a completed copy to the HR Employment Services Team HR Employment Services Team will send the application form to the line manager/designated individual and assign journey with prompts on the formal flexible working process Line manager holds consultation meeting within 10 working days of receiving request Manager must discuss with Head of School/Department/Associate Director or other designated individual The University has a responsibility to provide a response to a formal request within a timescale of 2 months from receipt of the request to notification of any appeal decision
3b	Formal, statutory approved	 Line manager informs employee of outcome usually within 10 working days of consultation meeting (including any conditions such as trial periods) Line manager raises 'change to working hours' request in <u>UniCore</u> Line manager submits outcome, including application form, any letters or notes to the HR Employment Services Team for reporting purposes
3c	Formal, statutory rejected	 Line manager must consult relevant HR Business Partner before rejecting any requests Line manager must meet employee to discuss reasoning for the rejection and provides written confirmation within 10 working days of consultation meeting

		Line manager submits outcome, including application form, any letters or notes to the HR Employment Services Team for reporting purposes
4	Appeal process	 Employee appeals decision within 5 working days of receiving notice of rejection. Appeal put in writing to Head of School/Department/Associate Director or other designated individual, with a copy sent to HR Employment Relations. Appeal meeting arranged within 10 working days of receiving appeal notice Manager who heard appeal will inform employee of final outcome within 5 working days of the meeting