

Information on Credibility Interviews

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Credibility interviews are used as part of the assessment of the visa application and take place between the applicant and an Entry Clearance Officer (ECO). UKVI intend to interview most applicants, especially those from 'high-risk' countries so all applicant should make preparations for it. They will be conducted in English, without the assistance of an interpreter. Notification of the interview will be sent by email so it is important that you regularly check your emails to ensure you do not miss an invitation. If invited for an interview you must attend, otherwise your visa application will be refused.

The questions asked will be used to confirm that you are a genuine student and will cover areas relating to your intention to study and finances. Below are a number of example questions:

Relating to intention to study

- Why do you want to study in the UK?
- Why did you choose this University?
- Which other courses/Universities/Colleges did you consider?
- Where is this University?
- Where will you stay during your studies?
- Why did you choose the course?
- What qualification will you receive at the end of your course?
- How is the course relevant to your future career path?
- What are you planning to do after your studies?

Relating to finances

- What is your current occupation?
- Who is financing your studies?
- Do you have easy access to the money shown in your application?
- What is your relationship to your financial sponsor?
- Do you know how much your living expenses will be throughout the course?
- Do you know how much you are allowed to work?
- Are you relying on being able to work to help finance your studies?

The questions above are examples of the types of questions that you can expect and are not an exhaustive list. They should be used as a guide to ensure that you know what you need to about your course and the University. They are not designed to catch applicants out and genuine students should not experience any difficulties. The Home Office will also use the interview as a way of checking that your English Language is at the level stated on your CAS.

If your application is refused on the basis of the interview, you can request that the decision be reviewed by an Entry Clearance Manager. You have 28 days from the date of the decision to make an appeal and appeals must be made in writing. Details of how to do this will be included in the refusal notice letter.

Further information can be found at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-application-for-uk-visa-as-tier-4-student
and
www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Making-a-Tier-4-General-application-outside-the-UK#RL?rl_playlist=playlist3900&rl_id=5