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Getting
ready
for your visa
interview

As part of your visa application process, you may have to attend a visa interview in person or by telephone.

This booklet contains a list of the sorts of questions visa officers might ask.

This is just intended as guidance to help you prepare, but you could be asked anything.

Here are a few things to bear in mind:

Do attend

Failure to attend the interview may result in your application being automatically refused. In the event you cannot attend, contact the Visa Office to reschedule.

Do answer

You should always answer all questions fully and honestly.

Do think


You should think in advance about your course, the documents you provided in your visa application, and your intention to study. The UKBA want to know that you have given serious thought before choosing your course.

Do speak in English!

One of the most important things they will be checking is your level of English, so always answer in English, not via an interpreter.

Do ask

Ask for clarification if you do not understand a question to make sure you are providing the information they want.



General information

1. What is the name of the school? This may not be the same as the school's Tier 4 licence name - check your CAS statement for such details.
2. Did you use an educational agent at any stage (even if you stopped using them)? Who is/was your agent and why did you choose them?
3. Why do you wish to study in the UK? Did you consider any other countries?
4. Why did you choose this university/college/school? Why did you choose this course and how does it relate to your previous study? Why not stay in your own country to study, if similar courses are available there?
5. What is your plan after completing the course? Do you intend to stay in the UK (for additional studies) or are you returning home?
6. If you are changing course or study pathway, why are you making such a change of direction in your studies?
7. How do you explain any gaps in your previous education/employment history?

Intended Course(s)

1. What is the course name and academic level? What qualification will you get after the course if you pass? This is all on your CAS and/or offer letter.
2. When does the course start and finish? How many terms/semesters is it?
3. What are the modules/subjects of the course? What will you study during the course? How are you going to be assessed on the course? You can find all this information on the centre website.
4. Did you do any research before choosing the school/course? What other schools/courses did you consider, and why did you decide on this one?
5. How is this course going to benefit you for your future career and/or academic plans?



Financial Circumstances

1. Who is going to pay your tuition fees and living costs? Where did they get the money? What is their salary?
2. You might need to provide documents to prove your financial ability to study in the UK, such as additional bank statements and proof of income from your financial sponsors. Do you have all of these? Make sure you bring additional documentations required by the Visa Office.
3. Do you know how much it costs to live in the UK and also what you might spend on day-to-day items such as food, travel and accommodation?
4. Do you know the total cost of the course and have an idea on any future courses?



Living in the UK



1. Where is the school? Which city is it in and which part of the UK does it belong to?
2. Have you arranged accommodation? If not, why not? How will you/did you find it?
3. How much does accommodation cost in the city/town where you will be studying?
4. How will you commute between your accommodation and the school (bus, train, underground etc)?



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