



# **Tier 4 visa application process**

## **Guide to credibility interviews**

Most applicants will be invited for a credibility interview by UK Visa and Immigration (UKVI) as part of the Tier 4 application process. During the interview you will be asked questions about your immigration history, finances and the studies you are planning to undertake in the UK to assess that you are a genuine student.

As part of our application process, we'll help you prepare for your UKVI credibility interview by undertaking a similar interview with you. This will be based on the type of questions you'll be asked by UKVI. Please see example questions below to help you prepare.

If you need to undertake a credibility interview as part of your application with us, it will be listed as a condition in your offer letter along with further instructions on how to book your appointment.

## **Example questions**

### **Your studies**

- Why do you want to study in the UK?
- What are the benefits of studying in the UK compared to your home country or USA/Canada/Australia etc?
- Why did you choose this course and how does it relate to your previous study?
- How do you explain the gaps in your study/professional history?
- What is the relevance of the course to your future career path?
- What qualification will you receive?
- How long does your course last?
- How is your chosen course assessed?
- Do you know what level your course is at?
- Did you consider any other course?
- Does this course offer any professional recognition?
- What is your current occupation?
- Do you have relatives who have studied at a similar level or studied overseas?
- Do you think your course is appropriate for someone your age?

### **After your studies**

- After your course, are you planning to stay in the UK to study for a higher award?
- After your course, are you thinking of transferring to another institution?
- Do you understand the responsibilities of students entering the UK under Tier 4 of the points based system (PBS)?

### **Choice of university**

- Why did you choose this university/college?
- Where is the college/university?
- How did you find out about it?
- Which other colleges/universities have you considered?
- Do you know anyone who has already studied there?
- Do you know roughly how large the college/university is?
- What facilities are you expecting at the college/university?
- Will you need help finding accommodation?
- Do you need a meet and greet service?

## **Your finances**

- Who is financing your studies?
- What is the profession of your financial sponsor and what relationship are they to you?
- Do you have evidence of the financial status of your financial sponsor, e.g. bank statements for the last six months, bonds, investments etc?
- Are you able to verify the genuineness of these documents?
- Can you prove the money is available for study?
- Would you be able to pay your tuition fees in full up front?
- Have you checked the refund policy?
- Do you know what your accommodation will cost in the UK?
- Do you know how much your living expenses will be?
- Do you know whether you are entitled to work part-time in the UK?
- Do you know how many hours you are allowed to work?
- Do you know the likely hourly rate of pay?
- How reliant are you on being able to work?

## **Your immigration history**

- What UK visas have you had before?
- Have you ever breached any of the conditions of your UK visas? (Be honest!)
- Have you had any visas for any other countries?
- Have you studied in the UK before? Why are you studying here again?
- Why is there such a long gap between your last course and this new one?

If you have any questions or would like more guidance on credibility interviews, please contact [int-admissions@staffs.ac.uk](mailto:int-admissions@staffs.ac.uk).