

Credibility Interviews

You may have to attend a credibility interview with the Home Office staff as part of your Student visa application. The purpose of the interview is to assess if the student is genuine and if they are able to show that they have a clear understanding of what and where they will be studying.

These interviews are conducted in English and during the interview an assessment is made of the English language ability and therefore you would be expected to answer the questions without the assistance of an interpreter.

The interview will be conducted via Skype and the questions revolve around your intended course, the reason for choosing to study at the university, your previous study, your finances and your future plans after completing your course in the UK.

Following are some examples of questions which you may be asked during the interview:

Your intention to study

- What is your name and date of birth?
- What is your nationality?
- Why did you choose the University of Huddersfield?
- Did you look at any other universities? If not, why?
- Which course will you study? Why did you choose this course?
- What other courses (if any) did you consider studying?
- Did you apply to study at any other university in the UK?
- How long your course is; what modules you will be studying?
- Why do you choose to study to the UK?
- When will your course start?
- What are your plans after you have completed your course?

Your academic history

- If you are going back to education after a long break from studying you should be prepared to explain why you have chosen to return to study and what have you been doing during this gap.
- How does this course fit in with any previous courses you have completed?

About your finances

- You may be asked who will fund your study and if the money you have shown for your application is genuinely available to you
- If you have a loan, you may be asked how you plan to pay this back
- You may be asked if you plan on working while in the UK
- You may be asked about where you are planning to live in the UK and how much it will cost
- You may also be asked about your future salary once you have completed your course in the UK

Your personal circumstances

- Do you have any family or relatives in the UK?
- Have you visited the UK before?

If you are invited to attend an interview, you should try to practice these questions with family and/or friends and make sure your answers are well researched and not vague. During the interview, you should answer all questions in an honest and clear way.