

Credibility and time limits

When you apply for a student visa to come to the UK, you may be required to be interviewed as part of the visa application process. Please note the following advice:

If you are from one of the low-risk countries, you will likely not be interviewed and be able to apply for your visa via the UK IDV App. You can find the list of low-risk countries here [Immigration Rules - Immigration Rules: Appendix Student - Guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/immigration-rules-immigration-rules-appendix-student-guidance)

- The aim of a credibility interview is to find out whether you are a genuine student. This means that you will be asked questions about your past immigration history, your previous study, your future plans and your finances. See below for further advice on these questions.
- You will be told about your interview by email. The interview will normally be done at the same time as you attend for biometrics. After you apply for your visa, check your email regularly, including your spam/junk emails, for the invitation.
- You must attend the interview as requested. If you do not attend without a reasonable explanation, your visa can be refused for this reason
- The interview will be done by video-conference in English and you must answer in English, without the help of an interpreter. One of the aims of the interview is to find out whether your English is good enough to study the course you have chosen. The person carrying out the interview will write down your answers and send them to the Visa Officer dealing with your visa application. The Visa Officer will use the report of the interview when deciding whether you meet the requirements for a Student Route visa.
- If the Visa Officer wants more information from you or wants to check your answers, you may be asked to attend a face-to-face interview at the Visa Application Centre.

1 Your Immigration history

- You will be asked questions about any previous visits you have made to the UK and to other countries. They will ask you why you went there, how long you stayed, whether you left before your visa ended.
- They may also ask what connections you have in other countries, such as family members or friends. You should give full answers to all these questions and be prepared to explain why, if you did stay anywhere beyond the end of your visa.

2 Your previous study, study and career plans

- They will ask you about your educational history up to date, and ask you how your course in the UK fits in with your plans for your career in the future.
- You need to be ready to answer questions about the content of the course, so use the university prospectus and web site to research about your course.
- You will be asked why you have to study with us rather than at another university or college, so you should use our web site to get information about us and about the city of Swansea.
- If you are returning to study after a long break, you will be asked to explain why.

3 Financing your studies and your life in the UK

- There will be questions about how you are going to fund your studies and your living costs. They may ask you where the money has come from. You need to give a clear answer to this question. Be clear about the amounts you have to show in the bank to meet the visa requirements. You must not assume that you can work part-time in the UK to support your studies.
- They may ask why you are going to the UK when it would be cheaper to study in your country or in another country. Be ready with an answer to this question