



International Student Support

Credibility interviews for tier 4 visa applications

What is a credibility interview?

Credibility interviews are a mandatory part of the tier 4 visa application process. During a credibility interview, students are interviewed to ensure that only genuine students are given permission to come to the UK to study. The answers you provide will influence the outcome of your visa application.

Where will the credibility interview take place?

If you make your visa application outside the UK, the interview will take place at the visa application centre at the same time as you provide your biometrics. You will receive an email giving you details. If you make your visa application from within the UK, you will either receive a letter or an email with details of the interview and the place you need to attend, you may need to travel to another city.

Who will interview me?

The interviews are conducted by a member of UKVI staff, usually by video link / Skype. The interviews are always conducted in English. It is very important that you attend the interview at the appointed date / time. Failure to do so is likely to result in your visa application being refused.

What will I be asked about?

The International Student Support Service has put together some guidance to enable students to effectively prepare for the interview. You will need to carry out further research yourself and think about your personal situation. You will be required to provide specific and detailed answers. If you give incomplete or vague answers, the person doing the interview will not ask you further questions, so it is your responsibility to give as comprehensive an answer as you can to each question.

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Questions you might be asked	How you can prepare
Education history, study and post study plans	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why did you choose NTU? • Why did you choose to study in the UK? • Did you consider any other universities? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more about NTU on our website: www.ntu.ac.uk • Think about what it is that attracts you to studying at NTU, in comparison with other UK and worldwide universities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why did you choose your course? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research your course, which modules does it include, does it include a work placement, what are the future employment prospects, which campus is your course based at: www.ntu.ac.uk/international/study-and-courses/find-a-course.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you know about NTU / Nottingham / the campus you are studying at. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak to our representatives in your country if possible: www.ntu.ac.uk/international/meet-us-in-your-country • Read the International Students Welcome Guide: www.ntu.ac.uk/welcomeguide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the last course you studied and when? • How does your course choice fit with your previous study? • What are your future plans, work / study and how does your course relate to that? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think about your personal situation, your previous studies and your career aspirations. How does this new course at NTU fit into this? (Your plans can change in the future but you will need to show you have thought about it).
Financial circumstances	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much are your tuition fees? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your CAS will state how much your tuition fees are and how much you have paid already. You can find more information about tuition fees and fee payment arrangements at: www.ntu.ac.uk/pay.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who will be responsible for paying your tuition fees and living expenses? • How do they plan to finance them? Eg, through work / savings / other. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You need to provide suitable financial evidence as part of the visa application. You can find further information on our website: http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/student_services/document_uploads/119572.pdf • You will also need to be prepared to provide further information about your income / your parent's income and other financial obligations, eg other dependent children at home / university etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are you going to be living in Nottingham? • How much will your accommodation fees be? • Who will you live with? • Will your accommodation be on or off campus? • How will you travel to your campus and how much will this cost? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a guide to budgeting in the UK. This will give you an idea of the day to day costs of living in Nottingham: www.ntu.ac.uk/moneymatters. There is more detailed information in the welcome guide: www.ntu.ac.uk/welcomeguide. • You can find information about NTU accommodation and private sector accommodation at: www.ntu.ac.uk/accommodation.
Personal circumstances	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have family in the UK? • Are you bringing dependants to the UK with you 	<p>UKVI will be looking to determine that your main purpose of coming to the UK is for your studies. If your main purpose is something else, eg to join family members in the UK, or for dependants to work etc, you should look for a more appropriate visa category.</p>

