CREDIBILITY INTERVIEWS - SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Below is a list of sample questions (in no set order) that have been used in the past by the UKVI to assess a student's genuine intent to study. Please note that the UKVI questions are in some cases asking an International Student to be more aware of their selected course content and University that a British student might know in advance. This requires the international applicant to be very well-informed about the course.

The questions can be phrased differently and constructed as follow on questions, so international students should be made aware of the possible questions and be advised to research and be prepared for the type of question - rather than trying to prepare set answers in advance.

The key is to be able to demonstrate to the interviewer that the student is genuine and is familiar with the details of the course for which he/she is applying – and the institution itself.

Sample questions as follows:

- Why did you choose this course?
- Why did you choose this university/college?
- What is the relevance of the course to your future career path?
- 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?
- How did you find out about it?
- Which other colleges/universities have you considered?
- Where is the college/university?
- Do you know anyone who has already studied there?
- Do you know roughly how large the college/university is?
- How do you explain the gaps in your study/professional history?
- 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?
- Are you planning to stay in the UK on completion to study for a higher award?
- Are you thinking of transferring to another institution on completion?
- What facilities are you expecting at the college/university?
- Will you need help finding accommodation?
- Do you need a meet and greet service?
- Do you understand the responsibilities of students entering the UK under Student Visa?