



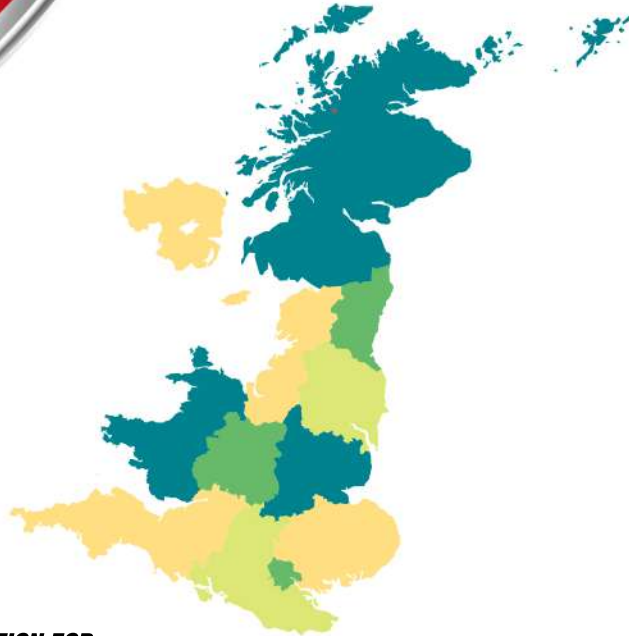
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## **PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

- We strongly advise that you visit the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) website for the most up-to-date visa rules before you make a visa application.
- To check whether you need a visa to study in the UK, please visit the UKVI website and complete the online questionnaire.
- If you are from outside the EEA/EU and you plan to stay in the UK to study you need to check your visa status & eligibility. To find out whether you are eligible for a student visa visit [visa\\_email\\_admin@ukvarsity.co.uk](mailto:visa_email_admin@ukvarsity.co.uk)

## **CREDIBILITY INTERVIEWS**

- The Home Office has introduced credibility interviews as part of the short term visitor visa application process.
- Some students may be interviewed when submitting their application. Please prepare for these interviews in advance, so that you're confident answering questions about your plans to study in the UK.
- To help you with this, we've prepared a list of possible questions you may be asked during the interview and we recommend you practice answering questions of this type.
- Ask admission team for these questions.

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UK STUDY & STAY**

- 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.?

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT UK VERSITY**

Information on the College can be found on our website [www.ukvarsity.co.uk/bac](http://www.ukvarsity.co.uk/bac) section

- Why did you choose to study at UK Varsity?
- How did you find us?
- Have you considered other institutions?
- Why have you chosen UK Varsity?
- Do you know anyone who has already studied here?
- Where is the college or institution located?
- What facilities are you expecting at the college or university?

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR COURSE**

Find detailed information on your course on our website

- What course are you studying?
- What is the duration of your course?
- What qualifications will you receive?
- How is your chosen course assessed?
- Why did you choose this course?
- How does it relate to your previous study?
- Can you explain the gaps in your study professional history?
- What is the relevance of the course to your future career path?

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For comprehensive UKvisa information please visit

- UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA)
- UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI)

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT LIVING AS A STUDENT IN THE UK**

Find out about life in Manchester in your pre-arrival guide and on our website.

- How are you funding your studies?
- If you have taken out a bank loan to finance your studies, how do you intend to repay it?
- Where do you intend to live while you are in the UK?
- Have you already arranged accommodation?
- If you have dependants travelling with you, what will they be doing while you are studying?
- Do you intend to work in the UK during your studies?

## **TOEFL RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED BY UKVI**

TOEFL was removed from the list of Secure English Language Tests (SELT) approved by UK Visa & Immigration.

Only IELTS & Trinity English are acceptable for Tier 4 visas.

## **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACCEPTED/ NOT ACCEPTED BY UKVI**

- UKVI has produced a list of financial institutions which will not be accepted for verifying students' maintenance funds, when students apply for short-term visitor visa (6 or 11 months) or Tier 4 General visa to come to the UK.
- An applicant will receive no points for maintenance if they submit documents showing that the funds are held in a financial institution on the list of non-acceptable banks.
- To assist applicants, UKVI have also provided lists of financial institutions in each country from which financial statements are accepted.

For more information please visit the UKVI and UK Versity websites.

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FUTURE**

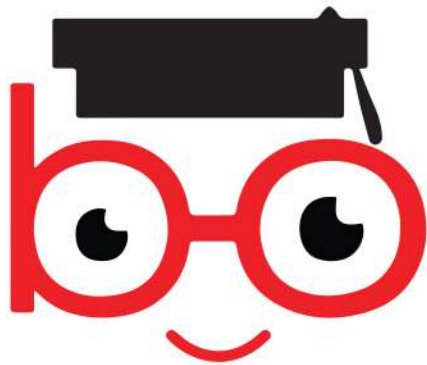
- What do you intend to do after finishing your course?
- If you intend to return home to seek employment, which companies, schools or organisations do you hope to apply to?
- Are you planning to stay in the UK on completion to study for a higher award?
- Are you thinking of transferring to another institution on completing this course? You can read the UKVI's list of frequently asked questions about credibility interviews for short-term study visa applicants.

## **NEW TIME LIMITS FOR STUDYING IN THE UK**

You are not allowed to exceed the maximum time limit spent in the UK on a student visitor visa (6 or 11 months) or Tier 4 visa. It is your responsibility to plan your studies in the UK according to these rules. If you're not sure whether your chosen course will take you over this limit, check the UKCISA website and check with admissions.

## **INSURANCE**

- We strongly recommend that you take out insurance for your own financial and personal security.
- Many companies offer insurance policies specially designed for overseas students studying in the UK, which cover
  - emergency medical expenses
  - repatriation
  - cancellation or curtailment charges
  - baggage
  - personal money, passport and documents
  - course fees
  - personal liability
  - legal expenses



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