Australia Student Visa Interview Preparation

Pre Mock Interview Questionnaire

Student name

University or provider

Course and intake

WSA contact / return date

Save a copy, answer in your own words and return it to your WSA contact by the agreed date. If the form is difficult to fill on your phone, reply with your answers in question order.

Use these questions to practise. For the official written Genuine Student responses, Home Affairs sets a 150 word limit per answer.

Australian Department of Home Affairs: Genuine Student requirement

Your circumstances and study choice

1. What are you doing now? Summarise your education, employment and any gaps since your last course or job.

2. What family, community, employment or financial ties do you have in your home country?

3. Why do you want to study this course in Australia with this provider? What realistic alternatives did you consider, including at home?

4. What do you know about your course, including the campus, duration, main subjects and any placement or attendance requirements?

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Funding and living in Australia

5. What are your tuition fees in Australian dollars? How much has been paid and how much remains?

6. Who will fund your studies and living costs? Explain their relationship to you, the source of funds and the evidence available.

7. Where do you plan to live? What will accommodation, transport and other essentials cost, and how will you cover them?

8. If asked about your visa conditions or health cover, what have you checked and where did you verify it?

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Course benefits and application details

9. How does the course build on your previous study or work? If you are changing fields, explain why.

10. What are your career plans after the course? Explain how the qualification will help you pursue a specific role or opportunity.

11. Have you held an Australian student visa before, applied from Australia while on another visa, or had a visa refusal? Where relevant, explain the circumstances accurately.

12. Is there anything else that needs explaining? Check your dates, figures and course details against your application and documents.