

THE INTERVIEW

U.S. CONSULATE & EMBASSY



THE VISA INTERVIEW:

The last and the most important process of your visa application, in which a consular officer will ask you questions about your travel plans and the purpose of your trip. Knowing what types of questions will be asked and what to expect throughout the process can set you up for success.



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

Nº1 THERE IS NOTHING SCARY ABOUT IT.

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Example: Ongoing studies, work, your assets, family/children, your own business etc.

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2. That you have a clear plan of your trip: Booked hotels, booked plane tickets to travel between the states/cities.

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ALL OF THIS IS USELESS IF YOU MAKE
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THE MOST COMMON MISTAKES:

1. ACTING WEIRD DURING THE INTERVIEW
2. BEING TOO NERVOUS
3. TRANSMIT SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS
4. NOT BEING ABLE TO ANSWER SIMPLE QUESTIONS IN ENGLISH



How to Make your Chances of Approval Higher

The image shows a 'VISA APPLICATION' form with a green circular stamp that reads 'APPROVED'. A silver pen is resting on the bottom right of the form. The form contains several sections with checkboxes and text fields.

VISA APPLICATION

Citizen? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Over 18 years old? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Licensed to drive? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you able to perform the essential functions of the position with or without accommodations?
☒ Yes ☐ No

If necessary for the job are you older than:
☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☒ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21
(Check one)

Am I legally eligible for employment in the U.S?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Include number of temporary jobs. Be sure all your experience or employment related to this job are listed on an extra sheet of paper if necessary. No more than 10 years history recommended.

Reason for leaving:	Start date:	End date:

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1. Stay calm
2. Try to put yourself in a consular's shoes and see your situation from his perspective
3. Be ready to provide necessary documents (but keep in mind that they might not even look at it)
4. Be friendly and smile (but not a nervous smile)
5. Transmit the open-mindedness, respect and curiosity for their culture

THE TASK

IMAGINE YOU HAVE AN INTERVIEW WITH A CONSULAR. SEND A VOICE MESSAGE TO THE GROUP CHAT ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TRAVEL?
2. FOR HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO STAY?
3. WHAT DO YOU DO FOR LIVING?
4. WHO IS PAYING FOR THE TRIP?
5. WHICH CITIES/STATES ARE YOU PLANNING TO VISIT?

ONCE YOU SEND IT TO THE CHAT, I'LL PRETEND TO BE A CONSULAR AND LET YOU KNOW IF YOUR VISA WAS DENIED OR APPROVED.

THE TASK (For those who had applied in the past)

If you have applied before for the US/UK tourist or business visa, please send a voice message to the group chat:

- A. If the visa application was rejected, in your opinion what was the main reason
- B. If it got approved, share your success story and secret ingredients