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- Non-course completion (students who fail to complete their UK course but fail to leave the UK)

Student visa sponsors, which includes Brunel University, are assessed annually on these metrics and may lose their sponsor licence should the relevant thresholds be exceeded. The University also monitors these statistics internally. Therefore, the decision to interview applicants from certain countries is driven by this data, in line with common practice across the UK Higher Education sector.

- 2.2. Interview selection is primarily based on the <u>nationality</u> of the applicant. This may typically include nationals of the countries below, however, this is not an exhaustive list.
 - India
 - Pakistan
 - Bangladesh
 - Iran
 - Afghanistan
 - Uzbekistan
 - Nigeria
 - Ghana
- 2.3. Brunel University reserves the right to change the nationality criteria for interview selection at any time. It may also require an applicant from any country to undertake an interview if any concerns about their credibility are raised via

answers

3.2. Upon completion of the online interview, it will be available for assessment by a member of Brunel University Compliance/ Admissions Staff.

4. Interview Assessment and Decision Making

- 4.1. The purpose of the interview is to determine, to the best of the U ability, that an applicant has a genuine intention to study at Brunel University and will meet the requirements to be successful in a Student visa application (including a UKVI visa interview) If, via this assessment, the University does not deem this to be the case, it reserves the right to reject the application and withhold the issuing of a CAS
- 4.2. Although there will always be an element of subjectivity in any interview process, Brunel University is committed to assessing the interviews in a fair, robust and transparent manner, in order to make the decisions outlined below.
- 4.3. Upon assessment of each interview, there will be three possible outcomes:
 - the applicant has been assessed as having a genuine intention and ability to study at
 Brunel and, to the best of knowledge, can meet the requirements for a successful
 Student visa application.
 - as to their suitability for visa sponsorship will be given the opportunity to resit the interview, either in whole or for specific subject areas where it was decided unsatisfactory answers were given. Applicants will only be given one opportunity to resit an interview. Fail result in rejection, as outlined below.
 - the applicant is deemed to either not have a genuine intention to study at Brunel University and/or there are significant concerns that the student will not be able to make a successful visa application.

5. Interview Outcomes and Application Decisions

5.1. Following the review and assessment of the video interviews (including a retaken interview where necessary), the decisions made on these will lead to the following outcomes for the application to Brunel University, in line with <u>Admissions Policy</u>.

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made unsuccessful.

6. Grounds for Interview Rejection

- 6.1. There is an element of subjectivity in any interview process, but the decision to reject an applicant based on the interview will only be made upon careful assessment and confirmation that the applicant is not suitable for Student visa sponsorship.
- 6.2. The interview will be marked for rejection if, through any of the answers given, the applicant fails to demonstrate a genuine intention to study at Brunel University and/or there are significant concerns that the student will not be able to make a successful Student visa application.
- 6.3. The interviews are <u>not</u> used as a method to assess the English proficiency of the applicant, which is expected based on the English qualification accepted for entry to the University. However, a failure of an applicant to be able to answer the questions to a sufficient standard of English will likely lead to a rejection due to credibility concerns.
- 6.4. Interviews will be automatically rejected should an applicant be found to have attempted to

there will be no further right of appeal.