



MUST KNOW VISA INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

TIER 1 - INNOVATOR - START UP



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Must know interview questions for Tier 1 Entrepreneur - Innovator, and Start Up Applicants

The Tier 1 Entrepreneur visa has now been replaced and no new applications can be made (other than by those switching from the [Graduate Entrepreneur](#) programme).

Existing entrepreneurs will remain on this route and can still apply to extend their visas, bring their families to the United Kingdom, or apply for indefinite leave to remain.

If you are already an entrepreneur, and you need our expert help with these applications, or any other aspect of your visa status, then please contact us for an initial consultation.

The entrepreneur scheme has been replaced by two different types of business visa: [Innovator](#) and [Start-Up](#).

Although not all Innovator and Start-Up visa applicants are called for an interview, the Home Office will request an interview if further information is needed or if there are any concerns regarding the application.

The interview is basically designed to check that the applicant genuinely intends and is able to establish, join or take over a business in the UK.

At Cromwell Wilkes Lawyers, we have helped a number of entrepreneurs from all over the world with their Innovator and Start-Up applications, including preparing for interviews. Our years of experience show that the interview generally covers five question types:

1. Qualifications and experience

The interviewer will ask questions to assess whether you actually possess the qualifications and experience you listed in your business plan as part of your application. They need to make sure you have the knowledge and skills required to make your proposed business a success.

Typical questions:

Can you provide more details on your work for Company X?

When did you complete your Bachelor's degree?

2. The Proposed Business

The interviewer will check that you genuinely propose to operate a business in the UK as you have discussed in your business plan. These questions might be quite detailed and can include questions on the legalities of running a business in the UK.

Typical questions:

Do you have business insurance?

Can you provide more details on your outline agreement with Company X?

What is the minimum wage in the UK? (if hiring staff)

3. Business's Chance of Success

The interviewer will assess your understanding of your business's chance of success. This will typically include questions on the marketplace, competitors and financial projections.

Typical questions:

In your business plan, why do sales revenues increase substantially in Year 3?

How much profit will you make per sale?

How many competitors to your company are there in the UK?

4. Finance

The interviewer will try to understand whether you have the finances required to operate your proposed business, as well as support yourself in the UK – and where that money has come from.

Typical questions:

How much money did you save from your salary at Company Z?

You say your father has gifted you £50,000 – does your father need you to repay this money?

What will it cost for you to rent a property in the area where you intend to live?

5. Immigration History

These questions will usually focus on where you have lived/worked and whether you have visited the UK before.

Typical questions:

Why is there a different surname on your US visa?

Why did you stay in the UK in 2013 after your leave had expired?

How many times have you visited the UK and for what reasons?

As you can see you need to be prepared and well documented in each of these areas to be able to answer questions like these thoroughly and appropriately. The specific questions will vary from applicant to applicant and some areas may be covered in more detail than others. This is why we suggest that you work with a qualified Innovator and Start-Up Visa Immigration solicitor to document and prepare for any Home Office interview.

NEXT STEPS >>>

Now that you know some of the typical Visa Interview questions that may be asked during your application process please follow these steps.

1. Gather your documentation.
2. Have a finished and complete business plan.
3. Begin to write out the answers to these questions (if they apply) and any other questions that are relevant to the process.
4. Contact us for a FREE, No Obligation consultation.



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