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THE FRAUD AWARENESS GUIDE™

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Global Leaders in AI & Tech-Enabled Visa, Consular & Citizen Services

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Understanding **Visa & Consular Fraud**

Stay informed. Stay protected.

Applying for a visa is an important milestone, and protecting your personal information throughout the process is just as important. Fraudsters often target applicants by impersonating trusted organisations, creating fake websites, advertising guaranteed visa approvals or requesting payments through unofficial channels.

Knowing how these scams work can help you make informed decisions and protect yourself from unnecessary risks.

Common Visa & Consular Scams

Fake Websites

Fraudulent websites designed to look like official visa service providers to collect payments or personal information

Unauthorised Intermediaries

Individuals or agencies claiming they can guarantee visa approvals or influence visa decisions

Fake Appointment Booking Services

Scammers offering priority appointments or charging extra for appointment slots

Fraudulent Customer Support

Fake helpline numbers or social media accounts pretending to represent BLS International

Phishing Emails & Messages

Emails, SMS or WhatsApp messages requesting passport details, payment information or login credentials

Remember

Visa decisions are made solely by the respective Embassy or Consulate. No individual or agency can guarantee a positive outcome.

Think Before **You Trust**

Visa applicants should remain cautious of common situations where fraudsters may attempt to mislead them, demand payments, or obtain sensitive personal information for fraudulent purposes.

BLS International does not sell visa appointments.

Visa appointments are free and can be booked exclusively through **www.blsinternational.com.** For certain countries, an approved service fee may need to be paid in advance

Visa appointments are available online on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The availability and release of appointment slots are determined solely by the respective governments, embassies or consulates.

BLS International has no role or influence on the decision of your visa application.

The decision regarding visa applications is made solely by the competent authorities, and BLS International has no role or influence in this process.

Choosing any value-added service does not guarantee faster processing or increase the chances of a positive visa decision by the concerned embassy or consulate.

BLS International does not work in association with any third-party entities.

Be cautious of individuals or organisations that falsely claim to represent BLS International or misuse the BLS International name to mislead visa applicants.

www.blsinternational.com is the only official BLS International website for booking visa appointments. Do not trust or use websites that claim to offer appointment bookings on behalf of BLS International.



Think Before **You Trust**

Fraudsters may create fake websites with names, logos or designs similar to the official BLS International website. Always verify the BLS International logo at the top of the page before proceeding.

Payments should only be made online through www.blsinternational.com while booking an appointment or directly at a BLS International Visa Application Centre. BLS International does not request advance payments through email, SMS or telephone calls.

BLS International never asks you to share your personal information on social media, emails, SMS, or calls.

Do not share your personal information through social media, email, SMS or phone calls unless you have confirmed that the person or organisation requesting it is legitimate.

BLS International is neither involved in job placement nor immigration-related services.

Be cautious of fraudsters who approach job seekers or immigration applicants with fake job offers or immigration opportunities and demand payment in return.

Report any incidents of fraud at antifraud@blsinternational.com

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Scammer
Need a visa appointment?
I can get you a guaranteed slot.
Just pay me ₹___

Applicant
Guaranteed?
That sounds
tempting...



Guaranteed Appointment?
Think Twice.

Wait...
is this actually
BLS International?



Fake username,
slightly different
logo, suspicious
profile

The Name May Look Right,
The Account May Not Be.

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Think Before **You Trust**

They say they're from BLS and want me to pay upfront.

Could this be a scam?



BLS INTERNATIONAL STAFF NEVER ASKS FOR UPFRONT PAYMENTS

VERIFY BEFORE YOU PAY.

Applicant
I'd better check this first.



Scammer
Click here and make the payment to confirm.

BLS INTERNATIONAL NEVER SENDS A PAYMENT LINK

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Think Before **You Trust**

Good thing I checked the official source.

DON'T SHARE YOUR DETAILS UNTIL YOU VERIFY



I'll verify everything through the official channels.



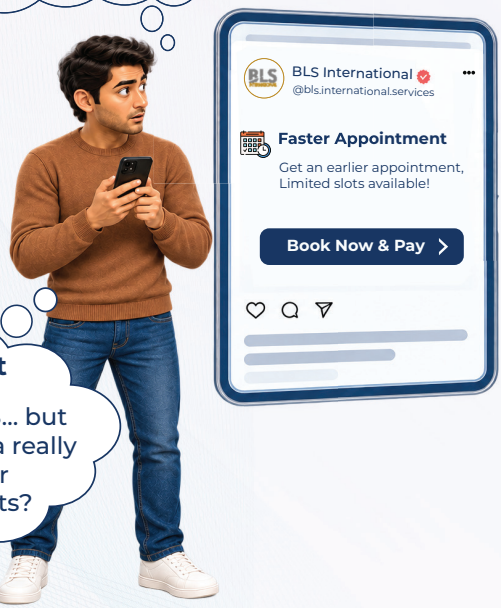
Use only BLS International's official website and authorised channels

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Think Before **You Trust**

Scammer

Want an earlier appointment? We have a special way to get you a faster slot. Book here and pay the service fee.



Applicant

It looks like BLS... but can social media really offer earlier appointments?

NO SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA.

VERIFY BEFORE YOU BOOK OR PAY.

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Spot the **Warning Signs**

Scams often follow the same pattern. Recognising the warning signs can help you avoid becoming a victim.

Be cautious if someone...

- Promises a guaranteed visa
- Faster approval
- Requests payment through a personal bank account, UPI ID or unofficial payment link
- Asks you for OTP, passwords or banking details
- Contacts you through an unofficial WhatsApp number or social media account
- Pressures you to make an immediate payment
- Shares links that look suspicious
- Claims to have special access to embassy decisions or appointment slots



A simple rule to remember

If something feels rushed, unexpected or too good to be true, take a moment to verify before you proceed

How to **Protect Yourself**

- Protect passwords
- Never share OTP
- Verify URLs / website
- Avoid public Wi-Fi
- Don't download unknown files
- Verify payment gateway
- Always use officials' channels

A few simple precautions can make all the difference.

Before You Apply

- Use only the official BLS International website (www.blsinternational.com) to begin your application
- Verify website addresses before entering personal information
- Read all instructions carefully before making any payment for your visa application

During Your Application

- Make payments only through authorised payment channels
- Never share your OTP, passwords or banking credentials
- Keep your passport and application details secure, don't share with intermediaries

After You Apply

- Track your application using official channels
- Ignore unsolicited calls or messages offering faster processing or guaranteed approvals
- Report suspicious communication immediately on our Anti Fraud Email ID

antifraud@blsinternational.com

Please include

- Screenshots
- Phone Numbers
- Suspicious Links
- ayment Details
- Any other relevant evidence, wherever Available

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About **Us**

BLS International Services Ltd. is a trusted global tech-enabled services partner for governments and citizens, having an impeccable reputation for setting benchmarks in the domain of visa, passports, consular, citizen, e-governance, attestation, biometric, e-visa, and retail services since 2005.

The company is recognized as “India’s Most Valuable Companies” by Business Today Magazine, “Best under a Billion’ Company” by Forbes Asia, and ranked among “Fortune India’s Next 500 companies”. The company works with over 46 client governments, including Diplomatic Missions, Embassies, and consulates, and leverages technology and processes that ensure data security. The Company now has an extensive network of more than 50,000+ centres globally, with a robust strength of over 60,000+ employees and associates that provide consular, biometrics, and citizen services.

BLS International is certified with CMMI Maturity Level 5 for DEV, SVC & Security (V3.0), ISO 9001:2015 for Quality Management Systems, ISO 27001:2013 for Information Security Management Systems, ISO 14001:2015 for Environmental Management Systems, and more.

BLS International is the only listed company in this domain with operations in over 100 countries. For more information, please visit **www.blsinternational.com.**

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Stay Alert Stay Safe

Protect Your Information

Every application deserves a safe and secure experience. Staying alert, using official channels and verifying information before taking action are the simplest ways to protect yourself from fraud.

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