

# IS THIS A GENUINE JOB OFFER?

OR IS IT AN ELABORATE SCAM?



## ARE YOU AWARE OF JOB SCAMS ON JOB SEARCH PLATFORMS?

Looking for jobs is never easy - especially for students and graduates. There are many scammers on job search websites that will post fraudulent job ads or email you directly. Follow our advice to stay safe while job hunting!

## TYPES OF SCAMS - DATA AND MONEY LAUNDERING



**Phishing** - This scams often look like coming from a trusted and well-known company and are dedicated to stealing information from job seekers. Personal details mean big money for scammers. You might be encouraged to open an email attachment to retrieve a form which includes malware to map your computer and discover your login details to accounts.

**Money Mulling** - Currently very common to students where they get funds from third party, and then transfer it back electronically to earn a commission for doing so. Mostly the purpose is to avoid tax. Moreover, this fund often comes from various criminal activities. This is money laundering and it's illegal.



## TYPES OF SCAMS - MONEY FRAUD

**Advance Fee Fraud** - If you are asked for money up front for things like CV writing, admin charges, carrying out background security checks such as Data and Barring Service clearance, then it's a fraud. A real company will never ask you to pay upfront to get a job.

**Premium Rate Phone Scams** - Be cautious of phone interviews as they may be expensive and keep you on hold for a long time, which could result in a high bill. Genuine businesses will contact you instead of asking you to call them.

## WHAT IS SPOOFING?

Spoofing is a cyber crime that involves using a **faked email address to impersonate a real business**. In most cases you can recognize a spoofed email address by carefully examining the username and domain name (which is the bit after "@"), for ex.

- recruiter@real\_company.com vs. recruiter@rea1\_company.com
- recruiter\_john@brand.com vs. recruiter\_jon@brand.com
- .net instead of .co.uk at the end of an address



## STATS

- **1/3** of students feel vulnerable when finding their first job
- **41.9%** of the students admit they wouldn't recognise the signs of a job scams
- **71.5%** of job-hunters think scammers target those looking for their first job.
- Nearly **50%** of job scams are successful
- Out of the successful scams, **30%** of them targeted students or recent graduates

## HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF



- **Watch out for spelling** in the advert itself, but also double check email address and domain.
- Research the company and the recruiter - **check their website** and see if the job is posted on their vacancies page. You can google company name followed by the word "scam" and see what comes up.
- You can **contact** the company directly and enquire about the position.
- **Be realistic** - if it sounds too good to be true then it probably is.



For help and advice visit [JobsAware.co.uk](https://www.jobsaware.co.uk)

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