

Fraudulent Job Offers in Sweden

Several Indians have been offered jobs in Sweden in return for a payment, which have turned out to be fraud. Please read and follow the embassy's instructions below on how to identify fraudulent job offers.

Have you received a job offer that sounds a little bit too good to be true?

Job offer scams are set up by private individuals, who make fake job offers to professionals aspiring for an international career. By pretending to function as recruitment agents for Swedish companies, such individuals deceive professionals into believing that they have been offered a job in Sweden. For their services, the fake recruitment agents often charge a considerable amount of money.

Information about the process to receive a work permit:

The official website for information about the application process is the website of the Swedish Migration Agency. Here you can find full instructions on how to apply for a work permit, including information about fees. The decision to grant or refuse an application is taken by the Swedish Migration Agency in Sweden.

To avoid becoming a victim of a fraudulent job offer, beware of the following warning signals:

- You receive an offer of a job for which you have not applied.
- You are asked to pay to get a Swedish work permit: If you have been asked to pay a large amount of money to receive a work permit, you have reason to be cautious. Swedish companies do not charge you any fee for receiving a job offer. When applying for a work permit, the Swedish Migration Agency charges an application fee. For information about all application fees, visit the website of the Swedish Migration Agency.
- You are asked for your bank account details in order to get a job or visa: Information about the documents required for a complete work permit application can be found on the Swedish Migration Agency's website.

A recruitment agency says that they can get me a Swedish work permit. Is this true?

A recruitment agent can help to establish a contact with a company in Sweden. A recruitment agency cannot offer you a work permit. To receive a work permit, you must personally receive a specific job offer from a company in Sweden. Once you have received a job offer, you yourself together with the company in Sweden can apply for a work permit. For full instructions on how to apply, visit the website of the Swedish Migration Agency.

How do I know if a Swedish company is genuine?

- The holder of registered phone numbers in Sweden can be looked up online, e.g. at www.eniro.se. Note that also false companies can have registered numbers.
- In order to validate the existence of the company in question, you can look up the company in the "Skatteverket" where all Swedish companies are registered. Keep in mind that the offer might refer to a genuine company, but still be fraud.
- Call the Swedish company offering you a job, and ask them questions about the company and the position. For the purpose of calling, request a landline number and compare the area code with the location of the company.
- Most genuine companies do not use hotmail, yahoo, gmail, or similar types of email accounts, but has their own email domains. Keep in mind that the offer might refer to a genuine website, but a false email ID.

I have received a job offer from a company saying that I will get a Swedish work permit, but they have asked me to pay money. Is this legitimate?

Such a claim gives reason to raise your suspicions. All information about application fees can be found at the Swedish Migration Agency's website.

What should I do if I have been cheated by a job scam?

If you have fallen victim to a job scam, immediately report the incident to the Indian police. Such frauds constitute a criminal offence. Please also inform the Embassy of Sweden about the incident at visa.new-delhi@gov.se

LINKS:

Embassy of Sweden:

<https://www.swedenabroad.se/en/about-sweden-non-swedish-citizens/india/going-to-sweden/working-in-sweden/>

Swedish Migration Agency:

<https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Working-in-Sweden.html>

The Swedish Tax Agency:

<https://skatteverket.se/foretagochorganisationer/sjalvservice/allaetjanster/tjanster/hamtaforetagsinformation.106.3810a01c150939e893fb00d.html>