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# NOTICE

## Do not commit or be a victim of visa fraud!

### What is visa fraud?

The act of knowingly misleading with, facilitating, receiving or providing false information or documentation to obtain a visa or a visa appointment is considered visa fraud.

### What acts are considered visa fraud?

- ☑ When false or misleading information is provided to visit or migrate to Italy and further to which your personal information is obtained to steal your identity
- ☑ Providing false documents or false information to the Italian Government and managing to obtain an Italian visa unlawfully
- ☑ When fraudulent visa facilitators request applicants to make advance or upfront payments for visa services or visa appointments that do not materialise - most likely the fraudulent visa facilitator disappears post payment, etc.
- ☑ When undue influence or propaganda is used to attract visa applicants in the name of visa consultancy. Neither VFS Global nor the Embassy of Italy, Dhaka will entertain any person or persons to facilitate/apply for a visa application except the applicant himself/herself

### What should you be aware of?

- ☑ Do not make any advance payments unless it is at the official Visa Application Centre in Dhaka or through the official VFS Global website **[www.vfsglobal-it-bd.com](http://www.vfsglobal-it-bd.com)**
- ☑ No personnel or representative from VFS Global or the Embassy of Italy is authorised to request for money to guarantee or to speed up your application
- ☑ Visa facilitators or agents have no influence on the visa decision – this is the sole prerogative of the Embassy of Italy
- ☑ Present or past employees of VFS Global have no role or influence in the visa decision making process
- ☑ VFS Global is only involved in administrative and non-judgmental tasks related to visa application. To offer money as a bribe to speed-up or assure a visa is a crime. This will immediately be reported to the Police and the Embassy of Italy in Dhaka

### What should you do if you are a victim of or suspect visa fraud?

- ☑ In the event you have been requested for a bribe or have been cheated or you suspect a visa fraud, please immediately write in with relevant details to:
  - VFS Global Corporate Security at **[corporatesecurity@vfsglobal.com](mailto:corporatesecurity@vfsglobal.com)**
  - The Embassy of Italy in Dhaka at **[visti.dhaka@esteri.it](mailto:visti.dhaka@esteri.it)**
- ☑ Please ensure your full credentials (e.g. name, contact number and address) are clearly mentioned in the email so that we can contact/meet you for additional evidence (documentation, etc.) and information, if required

**Anonymous or incomplete emails will not be entertained.**