

**Report suspicious,
unsolicited visa-related
contact**

Any individual or organization claiming to be able to facilitate visa issuance should be reported immediately to the Embassy's Consular Section at telephone numbers 225-7965 or 225-7966 and/or at e-mail to viageorge@state.gov.

Avoid any visa website or email that does not include the official U.S. government domain name ".gov" at the end of the website or email address.



**E-mail scams are
very common**

For more information about fraudulent websites and e-mail scams, please visit this website: <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/general/fraud.html>.

Sometimes people pretend to be "immigration experts" to deceive you and take your money. This is against the law.



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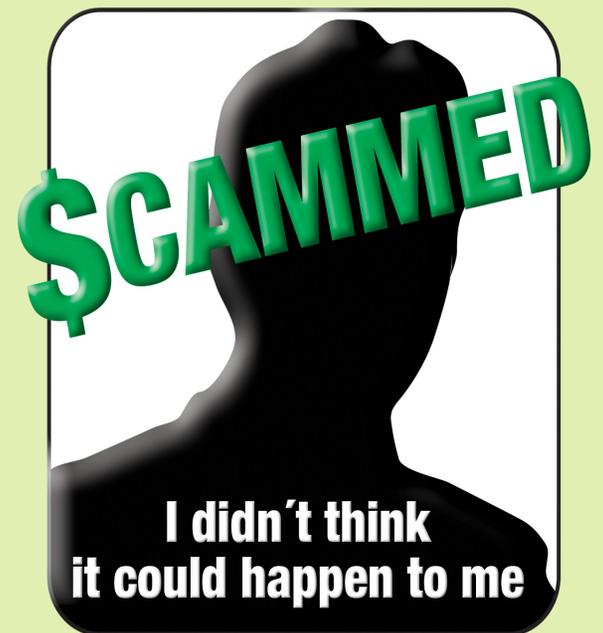
100 Duke & Young Streets
Kingston, Georgetown
Tel: 225-7965/66

E-mail: visageorge@state.gov

Facebook: Consular Section, US Embassy Georgetown



Visa Scam Warning



BEWARE!

THE WRONG HELP CAN HURT

Beware of anyone who claims to represent the U. S. Embassy in visa matters or to have an “inside contact” at the U.S. Embassy and who promises to help an applicant get a U.S. visa – for a fee far above the legally prescribed visa processing fee. **It's a scam!**

No one can guarantee the outcome of a visa application in advance. Eligibility for a visa can only be determined after a visa interview with a consular officer at the U.S. Embassy. The visa processing system is specifically designed to ensure that even the officers do not know which applicants they will interview until the moment the applicants are called to the interview window.

Anyone can claim to be a visa expert—but the reality is, the U.S. visa process is open and transparent, and the true U.S. visa “experts” are these websites:

<http://georgetown.usembassy.gov>

<http://travel.state.gov>

The information needed to understand visa procedures, regulations, and qualifications is available directly on these websites.

DON'T BECOME A VICTIM

- ✓ Empower yourself by visiting the official U.S Government websites for detailed visa application instructions. Do not rely on information from third-party “experts.”
- ✓ Be highly skeptical of all offers to assist you in procuring a U.S. visa. As the websites explain, virtually all applications for U.S. visas require a personal appearance before a consular officer. U.S. Embassy officials are prohibited from providing assistance to visa applicants outside of clearly prescribed law and regulation. Alleged contacts in the Embassy cannot help applicants obtain visas.
- ✓ Do not disclose personal information for visa purposes through email or over the phone to third parties. Provide such information only through official channels.
- ✓ Do not allow your personal information to be saved on computers at Internet cafes.
- ✓ Embassy representatives will **never** call to make arrangements to take documents from you at any location other than the U.S. Embassy. In addition, an official receipt is issued for visa application fees, which must be paid at a branch of the Bank of Baroda or to the Embassy's Cashier.
- ✓ Scam artists typically charge exorbitant fees for services they are not qualified to provide. Many charge large fees for visa information that is available for free on official U.S. government websites.
- ✓ Verify, Verify, Verify: If you receive a call about a visa matter and you are unsure of its authenticity, call 225-7965/6 between 8:00 am to 11:00 am or e-mail visageorge@state.gov.

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Remember, all the information and forms needed to apply for a visa is available for free online. You do NOT need to use a third party.

Visa scams are visa fraud. Anyone who is found to be complicit in a scheme to obtain a visa through fraud may become permanently ineligible for a U.S. visa. In many cases, perpetrators of visa scams may also be subject to prosecution under Guyanese law.