

CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA, JOHANNESBURG

ADVISORY REGARDING FRAUDULENT WEBSITES FOR E-VISAS TO INDIA

It has come to the notice of the Consulate that some unauthorised websites are posing as Government of India authorised portal for e-visas to India and duping unsuspecting applicants. Weblinks as below, all sponsored ads on Google, have been found to be the top search items for 'e-visas to India':

- www.indiaonlinevisas.org.in/
- www.evisatoindia.org.in/
- www.indianvisaservices.org.in/
- www.evisaindia.org/
- <https://www.indianvisagov.in>

The above websites claim to be the official website for Indian visas/e-visas and appear similar in look and feel to the authorized website for e-visas to India- <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/>. These fake websites even provide hotlines or online support/chat services across different geographies in order to give a touch of legitimacy to their fraudulent credentials.

2. It may be noted that services for e-visas to India are offered only through the website- <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/>. Any other similar sounding and identical or similar looking website is fake. Government of India websites operate on the domain .gov.in or .nic.in only.

3. Applicants for e-visas to India are requested to apply online only at <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/>.