

Don't miss a trick, Be scam aware

People looking for work should be aware of scammers that operate in this area...

- Job offer that seems too good to be true?
- Agencies offering fast track security and police (DBS) checks?
- Being asked for bank details before confirmation of a genuine job offer?
- Requirement to pay for expensive training courses in advance?
- Emails offering tax refunds asking to submit your bank details?
- Telephone interviews where the company asks you to call them.

These can all be warning signs that someone is trying to scam you. Take steps to avoid the scammers:

- Check the website is genuine and read reviews to get an idea of how trustworthy the company is.
- Don't pay advanced fees for security and police checks (fast track DBS check don't exist) CV writing or placements abroad.
- Don't give your bank details over until you have a genuine job offer and paperwork to read through and agree to.
- HMRC (the tax office) will not email to offer a tax refund, they will send a letter. Never fill in forms online with your bank details. Contact HMRC directly www.gov.uk to see if you are eligible for a refund.
- Be wary of telephone interviews where you have to call a number for the interview and to be suspicious of job offers over the phone where no further contact has happened. A genuine or reputable employer will call you.

Visit www.saferjobs.com for more information.

To report a scam contact Citizens Advice consumer service 03454 04 05 06, Welsh 03454 04 05 05

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