

How to Spot a Fake India e-Visa Website

Red flags that signal a fake or third-party e-Visa website, and what to do if you've already paid one.

RED FLAGS TO CHECK BEFORE YOU PAY

- The domain isn't indianvisaonline.gov.in — any other domain is not the government portal
- The page doesn't clearly disclose it's a third-party or agent service
- Pricing is vague, bundled, or significantly higher than the official fee with no breakdown
- The site promises guaranteed approval or unusually fast turnaround
- You found it through a paid search ad rather than the official domain directly
- The design imitates an official government look without being on the [.gov.in](https://indianvisaonline.gov.in) domain
- No verifiable business address, registration, or support beyond a contact form
- Reviews online describe surprise charges, non-delivery, or no response after payment

A legitimate visa-assistance company can disclose its third-party status honestly and still charge a service fee — that alone doesn't make a site fake. The danger is sites that hide the disclosure or simply take payment and disappear.

IF YOU'RE NOT SURE

- Stop before entering payment details and open a new tab to type indianvisaonline.gov.in directly
- Compare the fee shown against the current official fee schedule on the government portal
- Search the exact site name plus "review" or "complaint" before paying
- When in doubt, apply directly on the official portal

IF YOU'VE ALREADY PAID A FAKE OR UNAUTHORIZED SITE

- Contact your card issuer or payment provider promptly to dispute the charge
- Keep screenshots of the site, payment confirmation, and correspondence as evidence
- Still apply through indianvisaonline.gov.in directly to get a genuine e-Visa
- Report the site to your bank's fraud team and your country's consumer-protection or cybercrime service

