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## Be wary of scammers

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) recently issued a warning to the public, especially jobseekers and small businesses, of scammers who are

out in full force ahead of the festive season.

"Please do not be foolish with your money and be misled and lied to by scammers," the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure said in a statement.

The department said it does not offer any jobs or tenders that are not officially advertised in the Department

of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) circular, on the official departmental website ([www.publicworks.gov.za](http://www.publicworks.gov.za)) or national newspapers.

The website, application, links and email addresses always end with ".gov.za" and never with ".org" as advertised in the latest fraudulent adverts. The public is warned to be on the

lookout for these scammers, who often request payments from people for government services that are never to be paid for.

"Please take note that the government will never request payments for services, jobs and tenders – the so-called RFQ. Any request or demand for money on any 'job advert' should set off the alarm bells already. We urge all jobseekers to always verify

all advertised vacancies by going to the official websites as highlighted above. Jobseekers are also advised to visit the DPWI offices to verify any vacancies advertised," the department said.

Any Request for Quotation (RFQ) or suspicious job offers must be verified with the department. The public is advised to visit the departmental website or call 012-406-1439.