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## Public Works warns of job scams

THE Department of Public Works and Infrastructure has issued a warning to the public about possible job scams after a fraudulent advert for 85 data-capturing clerks emerged.

The department said that as the festive season drew closer, fraudsters were increasing their unscrupulous efforts to trick unsuspecting South Africans into parting with their hard-earned money.

“One of these methods, which is currently on the rise, is to fraudulently advertise jobs, falsely claiming they are at the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI).

“Unsuspecting job seekers are prompted to send their applications to a website bearing the name of the department, but it has a slight difference from the official site.

“Once the application is received by the fraudsters, applicants are requested to deposit money for a purported verification fee.”

After the money is deposited, the fraudsters disappear.

“DPWI will never ask for payment for any jobs advertised. DPWI only advertises jobs through the DPSA circular and on the official DPWI website – [www.publicworks.gov.za](http://www.publicworks.gov.za)”, it said.

The department urged job seekers to always verify advertised vacancies by going to the official website.

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