



**Consulate General of India
Perth**

NOTICE REGARDING FRAUDULENT CALLS

Some Indian nationals/Persons of Indian Origin have received fraudulent calls from unauthorized persons enquiring about their Australian visa / immigration status and seeking to elicit other personal information.

In such calls, callers have claimed to be officials of the High Commission of India, Canberra or its Consulates in Perth, Sydney, and Melbourne, or their Service Provider viz., M/s VFS Global or Australian Immigration Department. There have also been cases wherein callers have spoofed the phone numbers allotted to these organizations to make it appear legitimate.

Consulate General of India, Perth would like to advise all Indian nationals to ignore such fake calls, as the intention is to dupe foreigners. These calls are not made by any authorized officials from the above-mentioned offices. It may be noted that Consulate General of India, Perth does not seek personal information of any kind on phone, in this fashion. Furthermore, the Indian High Commission or its Consulates usually do not deal with the immigrant Indians regarding their Australian visa / immigration status. It is also easy to establish a fraudulent call by calling back on the supposed number. Chances are that neither the caller nor the number would be in existence.

If any Indian national receives such a call, he/she is requested to immediately report regarding such incident to local police authorities and a copy of report be forwarded to cons.perth@mea.gov.in

The Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection has issued following guidelines on this matter:

<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/migration-fraud-and-scams>
