

7 Tips to Avoid Immigration Fraud

March is Canada Immigration Fraud Prevention Month

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA, March 30, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- During Immigration Fraud Prevention Month, Canadian Immigration Lawyer Evelyn Ackah and IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) are providing information and tips about how to recognize and protect oneself from immigration-related fraud.

Canadian immigration lawyer Evelyn Ackah said,

"Immigration fraud is a serious problem in Canada, that preys on desperate individuals. Many people have seen their immigration hopes put on hold for the past 2 years, and are now fearful of long the immigration backlog Canada is experiencing. It is important that applicants choose their representatives carefully, and not out of desperation so that their application has the best chance possible of being approved. Immigration fraud has serious consequences for the victims."

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7 Tips to Avoid Immigration Fraud from Canadian immigration lawyer Evelyn Ackah

Immigration applicants are not required to hire a lawyer, consultant or representative for an immigration application, but an experienced professional immigration lawyer or consultant can provide important information and advice to guide the immigration journey, and save the applicant time money and stress. Only authorized immigration representatives can charge a fee to help with the application.

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Ackah Business Immigration Law shares immigration fraud

information on the website, and IRCC provides tips to avoid immigration scams and fraud on their sites.

1. If Paying For Immigration Services, Make Sure The Representative is Authorized
Immigration applicants are not required to hire a representative for an immigration application, but if the applicant chooses to use a representative, choose carefully. Only authorized representatives can charge a fee to help applicants apply.

2. Newcomers Are Susceptible to Fraud

Newcomers to Canada might not be familiar with how companies or the government normally does business. IRCC's website explains how to spot common scams aimed at newcomers and what to do if targeted.

3. Immigration Lawyers Are Highly Trained and Regulated

Canadian immigration lawyers or notaries must be a member of a Canadian provincial or territorial law society, or the Chambre des notaires du Québec.

4. Make Sure The Immigration Consultant is Authorized

IRCC warned, "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. If you choose to use a paid representative for your immigration application, make sure they are authorized." The College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants is the official regulator of immigration and citizenship consultants across Canada.

5. Don't Be Guilty of Misrepresentation and Document Fraud

It is an offence to provide false documents or information to IRCC officials. If one does so, the application will be refused and the applicant can face serious consequences.

6. IRCC Is The Official Source for Canadian Immigration Programs and Services

Be careful when searching for immigration information online. The IRCC website is the only official source of information about immigration programs and services. The IRCC website has tips on how to identify if an immigration website is a scam.

7. Spot Internet, Email and Telephone Immigration Scams

It's easy for criminals to create fake websites or email addresses that look professional or like they belong to the government. The IRCC website has information on how to recognize and avoid falling victim to an internet, email or telephone scam.

Evelyn Ackah said,

"Anyone - international students, professionals, families and even businesses - can fall victim to immigration fraud." It's important to:

- ask the immigration representative what their qualifications and licenses are
- ask for references or referrals from family and friends
- find out what the representative's success rate is, and what types of law they practice
- ask who will be managing the case, and how often they will provide updates on the case
- ask for fees and payment arrangements upfront

- get all agreements in writing

About Ackah Business Immigration Law

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About IRCC

[Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada facilitates](#) the arrival of immigrants, provides protection to refugees and offers programming to help newcomers settle in Canada. It also: grants citizenship and issues travel documents (such as passports) to Canadians.

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