

## **Advice against using visa agents**

Applicants are advised against using agents when applying for a visa or a residence permit.

Several applicants who have contacted agents after seeing notices or advertisements in newspapers or online have been tricked into paying large fees to agents. Many applicants who use agents also end up receiving false documents from the agents, and therefore their permit or visa is refused.

**Please note that the Embassy does not have any contracts with agents or companies apart from VFS Global/ Gerry International offices, where you hand in your application.** The Embassy does not handle your application faster or more favourably if you apply via an agent.