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Spot the scam: the WhatsApp job offer

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- [ ] **Treat a move to WhatsApp as a red flag.** Real recruiters won't shift a job conversation to WhatsApp, Signal or Telegram.
- [ ] **Never pay to start or keep a job.** Don't top up an account, buy crypto or pay a recruitment or training fee to unlock earnings.
- [ ] **Check the company yourself.** Find its official website independently and contact it with details you looked up, not ones from the message.
- [ ] **Say no to moving money.** Don't move money through your bank account, or buy things or receive parcels, for someone you met through a job offer.
- [ ] **Keep ID documents back.** Don't send your passport, driver's licence or Medicare card unless you're certain the employer is genuine.
- [ ] **Call your bank straight away if you've paid.** Ask it to stop any transactions, then change your banking and email passwords.
- [ ] **Call IDCARE on 1800 595 160 if you've shared ID.** It's free and can help you limit the damage.
- [ ] **Report it.** Report the scam to Scamwatch and the account or ad to the app where you found it.

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