

**FSCA Press Release**

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**FSCA warns the public against a fraudulent e-mail purporting to be from the FSCA**

The Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) warns the public against a fraudulent and malicious entity or individual(s) impersonating the FSCA.

The individual(s) or entity in question are believed to be using the email address: [fiscaunclaimedfunds@gmail.com](mailto:fiscaunclaimedfunds@gmail.com). They target unsuspecting members of the public by sending them emails stating that there is an unclaimed benefit due to them and that they should respond otherwise the funds will be forfeited to the state.

The FSCA does not have any affiliation with the individual(s) or entity and the email address and will not contact individuals about unclaimed benefits if the individuals have not lodged an unclaimed benefit query with the FSCA.

Members of the public are urged to be cautiously vigilant and to report any suspicious communication purporting to come from the FSCA.

Members of the public should always ensure that an entity or individual is suitably authorised by the FSCA to provide the specific financial product or service being offered. Check this before any purchase or investment is made, by one of the following:

- 1) **Toll-free number:** 0800 110 443
- 2) Online search for authorised financial institution **by license category:** <https://www.fsca.co.za/Regulated%20Entities/Pages/List-Regulated-Entities-Persons.aspx>
- 3) Online search for a financial institution that is an **authorised FSP** in terms of the FAIS Act: [https://www.fsca.co.za/Fais/Search\\_FSP.htm](https://www.fsca.co.za/Fais/Search_FSP.htm)

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