

CASE STUDY: EDUCATION FRAUD – FAKE DEGREE 2022

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OVERVIEW

A Candidate of Indian Nationality approached QuadraBay to complete the verification requirements set forth by a Engineering Governing and Licensing Body in the GCC. The Candidate's Education Documents were related to an Issuing Authority in Washington, America - which falls under the umbrella of the United States Department of Education.

Initially, the candidate submitted the Education Certificates to QuadraBay for verification in order to obtain a work license from the GCC Governing Body. After completing multiple levels of validation and verifying the documents provided, the verification result from the U.S. Department of Education, confirmed the documents as NEGATIVE (as the University documents submitted by the candidate was not recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education).

During the verification process, QuadraBays' specialized Team followed multiple confirmation procedures before releasing the final result to the Governing and Licensing Body in the GCC.

METHODOLOGY & CONCLUSION

As standard procedure, QuadraBay's team of experts always communicates with the Issuing Authority behind any Certificate of Education submitted by the candidate directly.



As a first step, the website for the Education Institute was found, however, it was not functional and did not show any details about the Institute itself. The address provided for the University on the documents submitted by the Candidate were also checked, but were proved inaccurate. Other means of communication were attempted, such as emailing the Institute directly.



In this instance, the email address listed and registered under the Institutes name, was out of use, and many attempts of communication were made - but unfortunately the messages remained undelivered and were returned - as the email address did not exist. This was then followed by calling the Institutes number provided by the candidate, however the number was no longer in service.



In order to satisfy QuadraBays stringent quality control measures, the Universities name was also checked against county business databases, and it was found that the University in question was registered under an individuals name - unassociated with the details of this case.



After the verification results from the United State Department of Education confirmed that that the University is not accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education, QuadraBays team of experts compiled all the evidence collected into a report, and closed the case as NEGATIVE. The final report was then released to the Engeneering Governing and Licensing Body in the GCC.