

What is Non-Accredited School Fraud?

[Non accredited school fraud](#) is becoming a big problem in the country. It takes many different forms and, unfortunately, it tends to victimize people who have low or working-class incomes. This type of fraud involves falsely stating the validity of a degree given by a school. It's very easy to perpetrate because of the Internet. If you become a victim of this, you need to talk to an attorney about suing. If you're worried about it and just want more information, here are some things that may help you to avoid it.

1: Call the Phone Number

If a website for a school doesn't have a phone number on it, don't use it. Any legitimate school is going to have an office where they have phones and where they can take calls like any other legitimate college will be able to do. If they do have a phone number, call. See if there are actually people working at the school. Remember that the picture you see of the school building on an Internet site may have nothing to do with where the school is actually located, if it has a location at all.

2: Check the State

If the school claims to be accredited in a certain state, call the appropriate agency and ask if that happens to be the case. Accreditation is awarded by the state so that they know which schools are eligible to receive funding and which ones are not. This is a very big deal for the state and the records are very thorough. If you contact the accrediting agency of any given state and they have no record of the school, it's fraudulent.

3: Check their Claims, Use Common Sense

There should be some tip offs for people about schools that are not accredited. For instance, if a school is claiming to offer classes in dental hygiene that you only have to take online with no hands-on training, it's a bit suspicious. If the school claims that there is a 100 percent chance that they can place you in a job, that's suspicious, as well. If anything about the school gives you the sense that there's a big red flag waving in your face, heed that good sense.

If you really do need to take classes online to save time or money, contact a local community college or one of the state universities. Texas has many fine state universities that offer all kinds of online classes and when you get a diploma, it will be real.