

# JobShield AI - Forensic Report

Report ID: 1  
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## Risk Level: CRITICAL

### Summary

This email is almost certainly a recruitment scam. It misuses the TCS brand, claims the candidate has cleared an interview without any real interview, and demands an upfront 'refundable registration fee' via UPI with strong urgency and threat of cancellation. Legitimate employers, especially major firms like Tata Consultancy Services, do not ask for any payment from candidates at any stage of recruitment and do not condition offer letters on fee payments. Do not pay, do not share personal or financial information, and report/ignore this message.

### Red Flags Detected:

- Upfront Payment Requested
- Refundable Registration Fee
- Threat of Losing Offer if No Payment
- No Interview Required
- Generic Greeting
- Non-corporate Payment Method (UPI ID)
- Urgency Pressure Tactics
- Suspicious Company Naming (TCS Pvt Ltd)
- Offer Letter Conditional on Payment
- No Official Domain Email Shown
- Too Smooth Selection Process
- Salary Mentioned Without Details of Role or Location

### Company Verification:

Status: Verified

Details: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) is a well-known, legitimate IT services company. However, the email references 'TCS Pvt Ltd', which does not match the standard legal/brand naming, and uses a UPI payment ID for recruitment. TCS and similar large firms do not charge candidates fees or use UPI for job offer confirmation. This communication appears to be a scam misusing the TCS brand.