

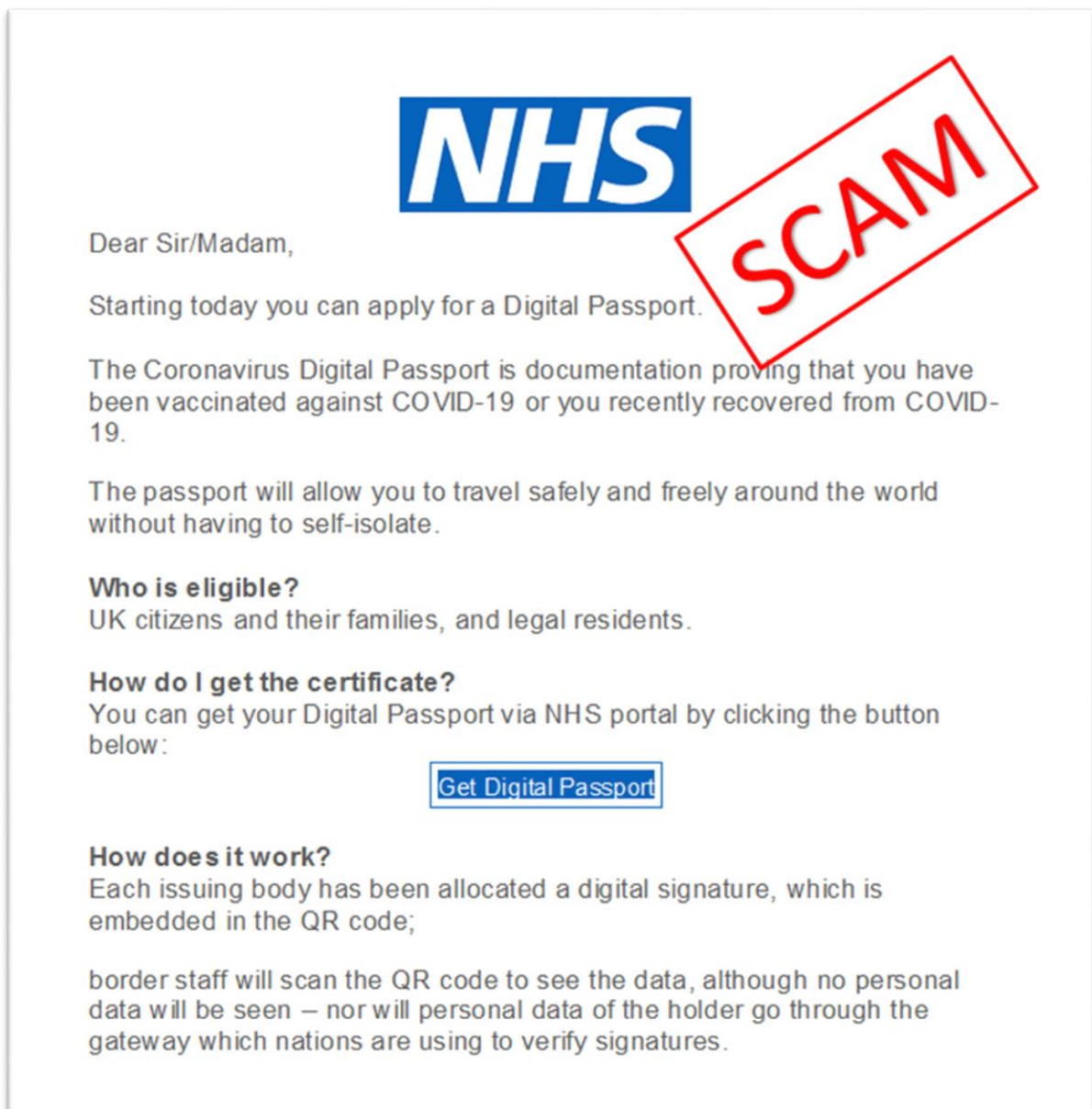
## Covid-19 vaccine status Email scam

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**Bromley Trading Standards** is alerting readers to scam emails impersonating the NHS, regarding applying for a Covid Vaccine Passport.

Once such email received by a Bromley resident had the email subject “We are happy to introduce Digital Coronavirus Passports (HSPS)”



**NHS**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Starting today you can apply for a Digital Passport.

The Coronavirus Digital Passport is documentation proving that you have been vaccinated against COVID-19 or you recently recovered from COVID-19.

The passport will allow you to travel safely and freely around the world without having to self-isolate.

**Who is eligible?**  
UK citizens and their families, and legal residents.

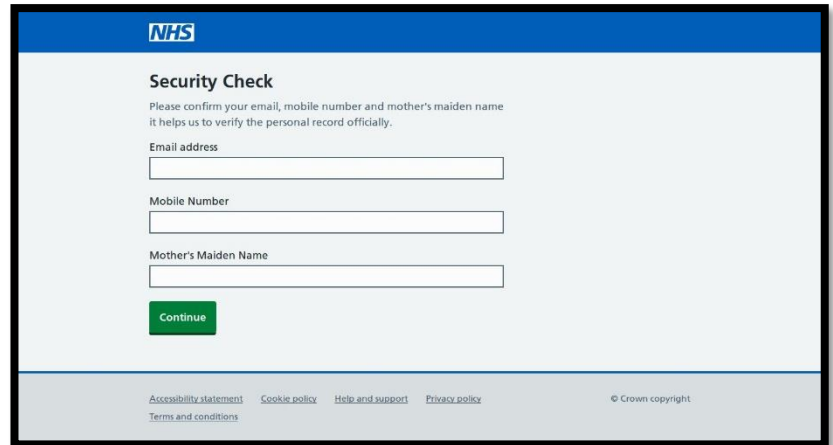
**How do I get the certificate?**  
You can get your Digital Passport via NHS portal by clicking the button below:

[Get Digital Passport](#)

**How does it work?**  
Each issuing body has been allocated a digital signature, which is embedded in the QR code;

border staff will scan the QR code to see the data, although no personal data will be seen – nor will personal data of the holder go through the gateway which nations are using to verify signatures.

Clicking on the 'Get Digital Passport' link (in the middle of the email) takes you to a convincing but fake 'NHS' website, that asks for personal information and payment details, for a processing fee.

A screenshot of a fake NHS website. At the top left is the NHS logo. The main heading is 'Security Check'. Below it, a message reads: 'Please confirm your email, mobile number and mother's maiden name it helps us to verify the personal record officially.' There are three input fields: 'Email address', 'Mobile Number', and 'Mother's Maiden Name'. Below these fields is a green 'Continue' button. At the bottom of the page, there are links for 'Accessibility statements', 'Cookie policy', 'Help and support', 'Privacy policy', and 'Terms and conditions', along with a copyright notice '© Crown copyright'.

## IMPORTANT

Your vaccination status is obtained **FREE** through the NHS App, NHS website or by phoning the NHS on 119.

More information can be found on the official **gov.uk** website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/demonstrating-your-covid-19-vaccination-status-when-travelling-abroad>

## Remember

**Never** click on links or attachments contained within unexpected emails or text messages.

**Forward** suspicious emails to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

**If you think you have been involved in a scam**, provided your personal or financial information or allowed someone access to your computer:

- **Contact** your bank as soon as possible, especially if you have lost money or given your bank details
- **Tell** someone you trust so they can help you to get the help you need
- **Call Citizens Advice** if you need advice and guidance **0808 223 1133**
- **Report** to **Action Fraud** on 0300 123 2040 or [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)
- **Change** your passwords and consider having your devices checked by a professional if you think the scammer may have had access to your computer, mobile phone, tablet etc.

**Please share with family, friends, neighbours, colleagues & Clients**  
**Read it. Share it. Prevent it**