

# **JOURNAL #6**

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# HOW TO DISTINGUISH FAKE WEBSITES??

## Check the landing page

Official websites often have proper organization like a menu bar that gives users different options of what they can do. They have a separate page for user login.

## Check the domain name

Official websites own their domain names and therefore have domain names that exactly reflect their brand without using any unnecessary symbols or characters.

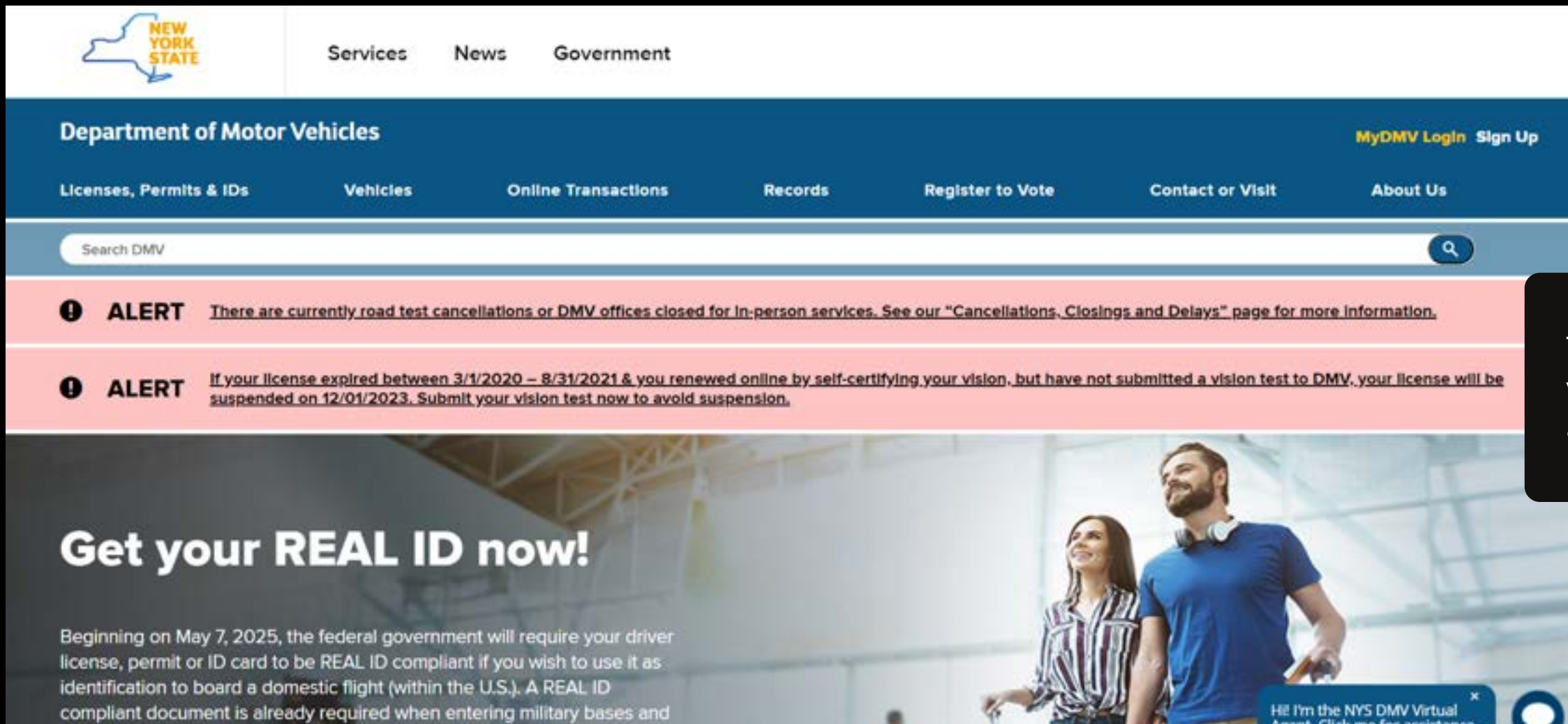
## Does it ask too for too much information?

Customer support pages of official websites normally require least amount of information from its user.

Source: <https://www.aura.com/learn/how-to-identify-fake-websites>

**THE FOLLOWING SLIDES WOULD SHOW EXAMPLES OF THE FOLLOWING**

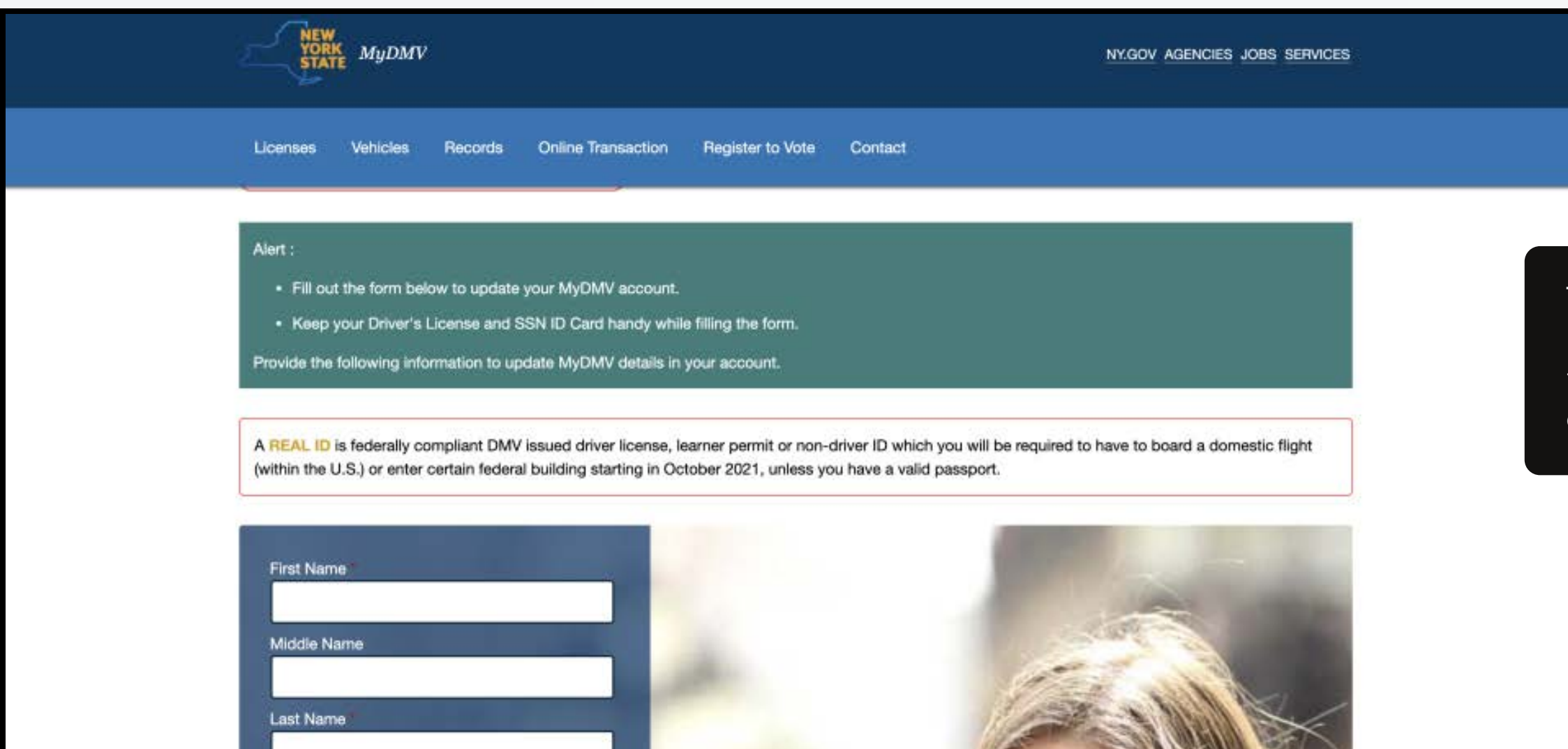




The MAIN landing page of the NYC DMV website does not have any text fields that asks for any user information.



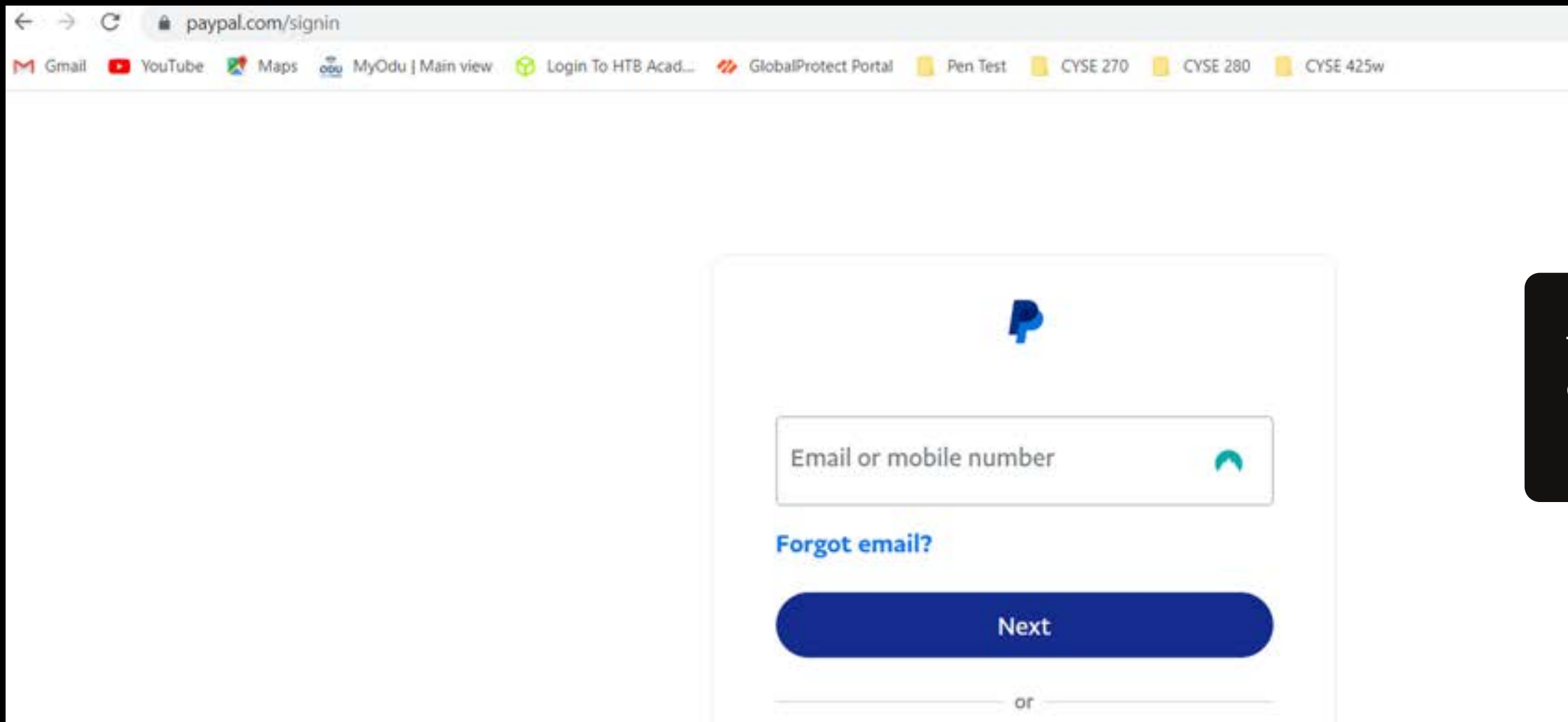
<https://dmv.ny.gov/>



The fake NYC DMV website immediately has a text field that asks for the users first name, middle name and last name on the landing page.



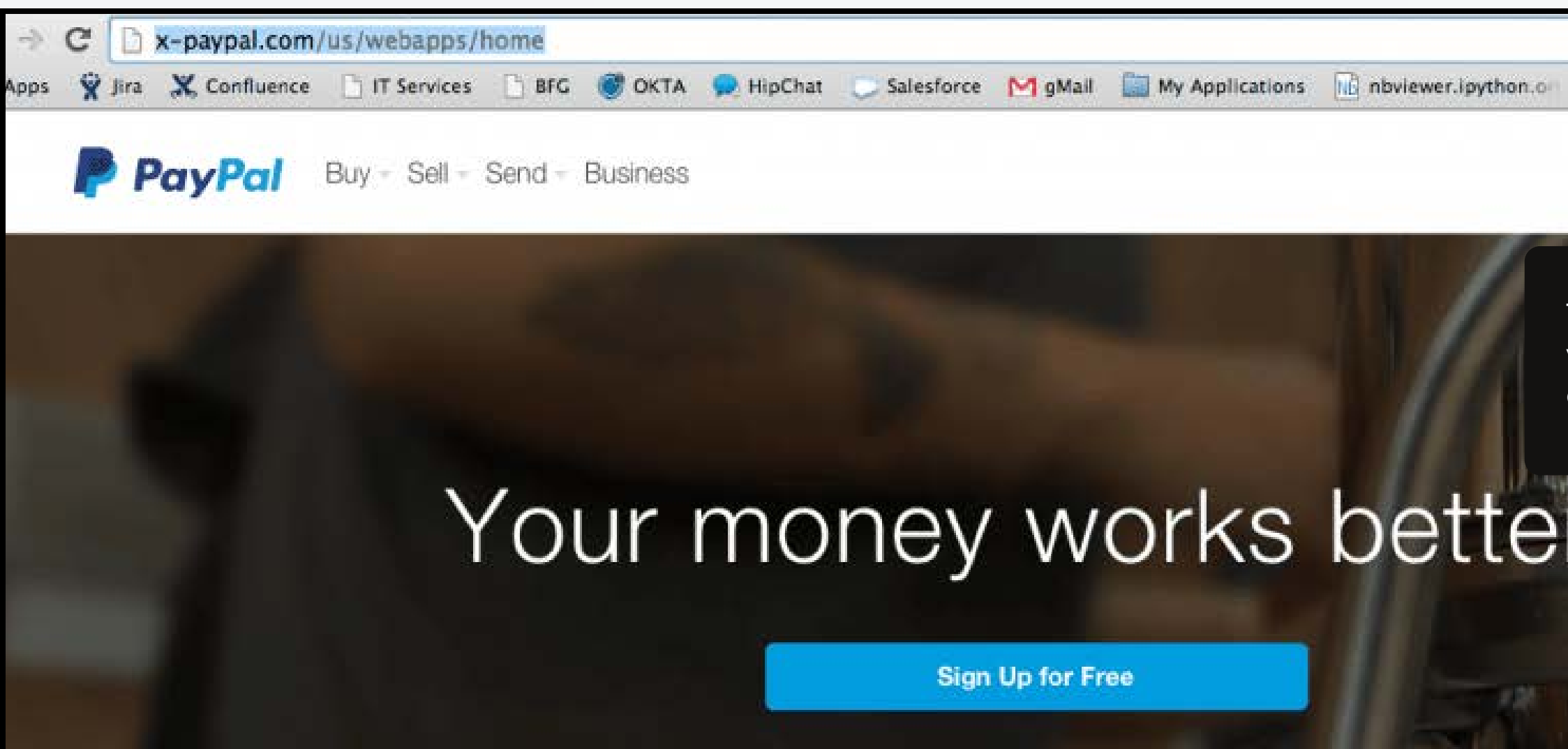
<https://www.tomsguide.com/news/this-dmv-scam-tried-to-steal-my-information-heres-what-i-did>



The real PayPal website has a regular domain name "paypal.com"



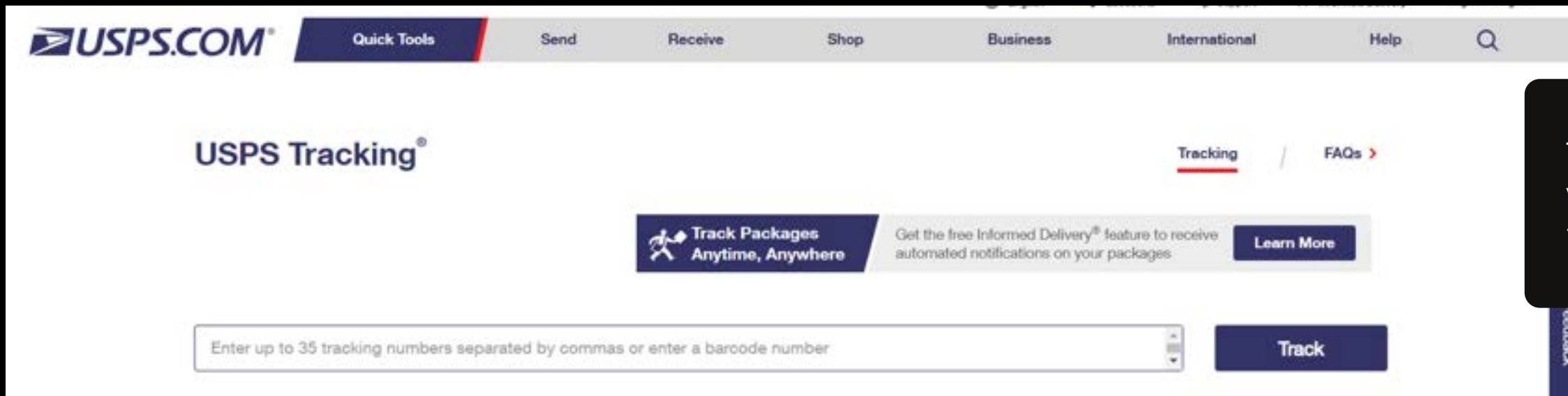
<https://www.paypal.com/signin>



The fake PayPal website although it looks very real and professional, uses a weird domain name "x-paypal.com"



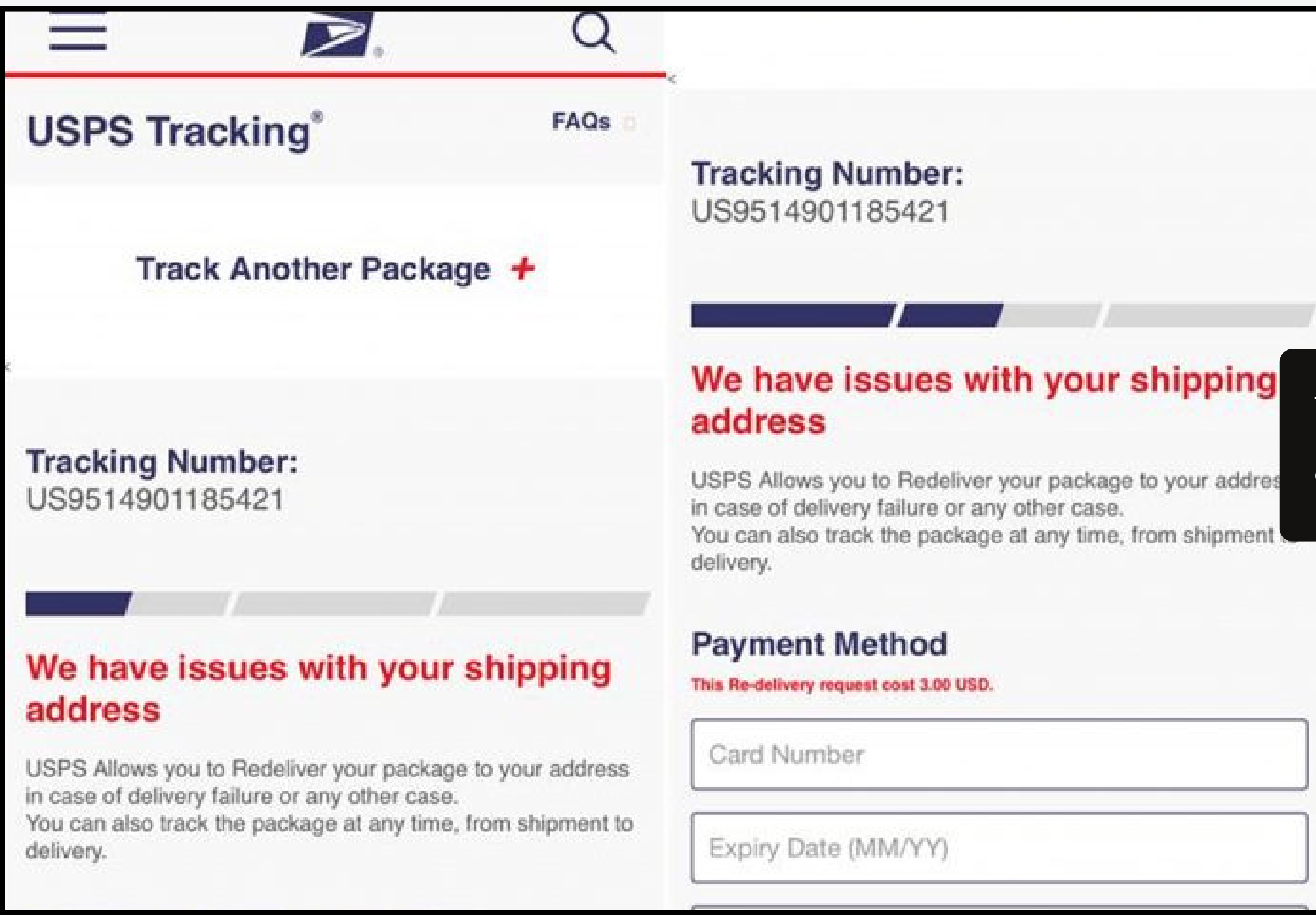
<https://www.hackread.com/fake-paypal-lookalike-phishing-websites-taken-offline/>



The real USPS tracking support page would only require the user to input their tracking number.



[https://tools.usps.com/go/TrackConfirmAction\\_input](https://tools.usps.com/go/TrackConfirmAction_input)



The fake USPS tracking support pages ask user for unnecessary information like credit card information.



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