



Australian Government

Australian Taxation Office

Don't get caught out
paying fake debts

Scam Warning

The Australia Taxation Office (ATO) is reminding customers to be alert to scammers impersonating the ATO, other government agencies or businesses.

These scammers demand immediate payment of fake debts or fines and will often threaten customers with imprisonment, deportation or cancelled government grants.

The ATO will not act in an abusive or offensive manner.

The ATO will never ask you to make a payment into a bank account not held by the Reserve Bank, nor will we accept payments via cryptocurrency, money transfer or gift cards. Visit ato.gov.au/howtopay for more details.

If you are ever unsure about a request for information or the validity of an ATO interaction call the ATO on **1800 008 540** or visit ato.gov.au/scams.