

Scam Alert

Warning there is a new email impersonation scam claiming to be from the ATO.

The email claims that recipients are required to complete a crypto asset disclosure form, with some versions claiming failure to complete will result in financial charges and administrative penalties.

The link sends individuals to a fake ATO website which uses references to compliance requirements, penalties and deadlines to create a sense of urgency. It may also refer to tax rulings and determinations to appear legitimate.
The fake website is designed to collect personal information and cryptocurrency wallet information.

Variations of this scam have been reported, so it is important to always stop and check before clicking links or downloading files.
As a reminder, the ATO will never send unsolicited messages directing taxpayers to provide personal information, credentials or cryptocurrency wallet details through links in emails or SMS.

What to do if this email is received:
Do not respond.
Do not click any links.
Do not provide personal information, login credentials or cryptocurrency wallet details.
Report the email by forwarding it to ReportScams@ato.gov.au.
Delete the email from the mailbox.

If a taxpayer has interacted with the website or provided personal information, they should phone the ATO immediately on **1800 008 540**.