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ATO Warns new email scam contains virus

The Commissioner today [Fri 25.2.2011] warned taxpayers to be aware of a fake email claiming to offer refunds from the ATO. Mr D'Ascenzo said the email contains a virus which is an attachment to the message. The email contains a message in a zip file named "Restore your account" and asks for personal and credit or debit card details in order for the ATO to pay a tax refund. "Any email requesting personal and credit or debit card details before a refund can be released is a hoax," said Mr D'Ascenzo.

The Commissioner also reported that there are other scams which involve people being asked to provide financial or personal details via the phone, email or face-to-face. Mr D'Ascenzo urged taxpayers to be diligent and alert to this and other scam behaviour. Individuals can report suspicious behaviour to the ATO confidentially by phoning 1800 060 062.

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