

What you need to know at tax time



Tax time is from July to October each year and is when you may need to do something about your tax. You pay tax on most income you earn.

Tax time can be different for each person. What you need to do depends on your situation, your income and the payments or services you get.



Most people need to lodge a tax return. Some people need to tell the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) they do not need to lodge a tax return.



Check if you need to do a tax return or tell the ATO you do not need to do one. You can use the **How to work out if you need to lodge a tax return** tool on the ATO website.



Get your information ready and wait until late July to lodge your tax return if you can. This helps make sure most of your information is ready to use.



If you get a Centrelink payment, your payment details may be shown on your Centrelink payment summary. Some taxable payments you need to tell the ATO about are not on your payment summary. You will need to check what you got and include them in your tax return.



Many people do not need to type all their details in themselves because information may be filled in for them.



If you get Family Tax Benefit or Child Care Subsidy, you may need to confirm your family income. If you told the ATO you do not need to do a tax return, you need to tell Centrelink your family income for the year. This is so we can check if we paid you the right amount.



If you pay or get child support, there are things you need to do at tax time. If you told the ATO you do not need to do a tax return, you still need to tell Child Support your income for the year. This is so we can check if your child support assessment is right for you.



Be careful of scams at tax time. Don't give your myGov sign in details to anyone. Check your details carefully before you submit anything.



If you need help, use a tax agent or get help from the ATO. For more information go to **servicessaustralia.gov.au/taxtime**