



Must read this shocking report! Before you use MyGov online tax

Is it wise to use MyGov?

[Overview](#)

Prime goal of ATO's MyGov online portal is simply to give you a platform for lodging taxes. **But,**
not a platform to MAXIMIZE your TAX REFUND.

MyGov is hungrier to collect the Taxes. Not to return your hard-earned money. **Just Think!**

This report gives you the essence of why you must strictly not use MyGov.

We also reveal the 10 most common MyGov tax mistakes.

MyGov Online Tax - Must read shocking tax report before you use it.



MyGov Tax - Should you use? - Is it a wise move ?



Warning: Don't Do use MyGov Tax| Before Reading This Shocking Report| Call POLICE OFFICERS Tax Hotline 1800 316 360.

MyGovTax-Summary

You are on your own, dealing with the ATO if you go direct to their online tax system.

It doesn't help you much with Police Officers tax deductions either.

You have to use the government's myGov tax portal and enter all your details there

The ATO's job is to collect taxes, not to help Police Officers boost their refund. We want to make Tax as stress-free as possible using our tax services – without our clients having to worry about concerns of poor MyGov tax refunds.

The solution is simple – Leave the ATO to Police tax specialists. The ATO says Australians lodge 74% of tax returns with a tax agent rather than using MyGovTax.

This short report covers the following:

1. MyGovTax Mistakes
2. MyGov Tax Return vs Registered Tax Agent: Comparing the Pros and Cons
3. The most 12 common MyGov Tax mistakes
4. ATO Data matching watchdog
5. Your Privacy & Potential ATO Audits
6. ATO myGov scam site tricking victims
7. Final remarks about ATO myGov

This means only 26% of all Australian taxpayers trust the MyGov tax system with their tax preparation and lodgment. The deadline to lodge your tax return is 31 October each year. If you complete your tax yourself before the 7th August it's possible that no all your employer information, bank interest and government agencies will be pre-filled by this date. Which could mean that you end up lodging an incomplete and inaccurate tax return that costs your money and headaches with the ATO.

1. MyGov Tax Mistakes

70% of myGov users are making many mistakes potentially costing them many hundreds of dollars in poor refunds.

The Australian Taxation Office has supposedly introduced a simple tool for individuals to lodge their own tax return electronically for free – myGov.

The ATO proudly boasts that over 2,000,000 tax returns get lodged via this system, r. MyGov can be very handy, its supposedly a well-developed system for individuals and includes pre-filled information from several government departments, employers, banks, and investment companies.

Unfortunately, many individuals do not have the necessary knowledge to prepare their tax return themselves correctly, and **a recent survey showed 70% of myGov** users were making mistakes. The most common errors made include putting income into incorrect labels, missing deductions they were entitled to, incorrectly claiming private expenses as deductions, or failing to claim eligible tax offsets they were entitled to. The most common consequence of these mistakes is that taxpayers do not pay the correct amount of tax and have to have their tax return amended and corrected.

To avoid this situation, individuals should carefully read and follow the ATO myGov instructions when preparing their own tax return, use Tax Help Volunteers service (if they are eligible) or use the services of an experienced Registered Tax Agent.

2. MyGov Tax Return vs Registered Tax Agent: Comparing the Pros and Cons.

Is myGov the best plan for your tax return this year? Let's have a look.

First off, lets explain what MyGov is? Well, the ATO has an online tool called my Tax, which is a tax return that resides inside the myGov government web portal. It is one of many ways you can choose to get your taxes done.

To do your tax return at myGov, you need to set up a myGov account and enter all your personal details on the Government online system. Then you choose the ATO option and enter

more details there. Finally, you can start a tax return and enter your annual tax details, including income and deductions plus answer a lot of other questions.



On the other hand, using a Register Tax Agent is the most popular by taxpayers in Australia, Register Tax Agents can help you with specific tax deductions for your occupation that the MyGov system wont prompt you with.

Register Tax Agent		ATO myGov / myTax	
<p>The Good</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prefill can save time, same as ATO 2. No appointments 3. Online system with friendly support from trained Tax professionals. 4. Specific Job-based deduction list to boost your refund 5. Compare deductions from last year, so you won't forget 6. Includes professional help responding to ATO issues 7. Lower fees than most agents, plus it's tax-deductible 8. Tax Agents check the return for errors and extra deductions to boost your refund further, if possible 	<p>The Bad</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. None, really – If you are a tax accountant yourself, but make sure they understand your occupation 	<p>The Good</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ATO prefill can save time 2. No appointments 3. Online system 4. No fees 	<p>The Bad</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You are on your own, dealing with the ATO 2. Doesn't help you much with deductions 3. You have to use the government's myGov tax portal and enter all your details there 4. The ATO's job is to collect taxes, not boost your refund 5. Prefill may not be complete until 7th August each year.

3.The most 12 common MyGov Tax mistakes

The 12 most common MyGov mistakes Police Officers make doing their own tax online that potentially will get your tax return 'red flagged' by the ATO:

1. You haven't declared all of your Nursing income.
2. You have claimed all 'receipt-less' Police Officers tax deductions to the max.
3. You are claiming substantially more than your Nursing peers.
4. You have an existing ATO or other government debt.
5. You haven't updated your personal details.
6. Your Hospital hasn't submitted your PAYG to the ATO.
7. You have old overdue Nursing tax returns.
8. You've haven't declared a capital gain.
9. You haven't included your spouse, or their name is wrong.
10. You forgot to include bank interest.
11. Not calculating you Medicare liability if yes/No box not ticked correctly
- 12.Missing out on rebates that you don't know about.

4.ATO Data matching watchdog

The ATO's data matching which is designed to catch Police Officers who are wrong doers might catch up with you sometime in the future!

Matching external data with our own helps us to ensure that people and businesses comply with their tax and super tax obligations. It also helps us to detect fraud against the Commonwealth.



Data matching allows us to:

1. pre-fill tax returns, making it easier for everyone to lodge their tax
2. reassure the community that we protect honest people and businesses from unfair competition
3. ensure people and businesses
 - lodge tax returns and activity statements when required to do so
 - correctly declare their income and claim offsets and other benefits
 - comply with their obligations.

It allows the ATO to detect people and businesses operating outside the tax system, detect fraud against the Commonwealth, and recover debt.

The ATO collects your data from your Police payroll section, from your banks, health insurance funds, Superannuation accounts, and the property information your SRO (land titles sales for CGT purposes).

The ATO then compares all of this data against the information a Police Officers has provided in their tax return. If you have undeclared income, the ATO will find out easily.

5.Your Privacy & Potential ATO Audits

Your privacy is meant to be protected by the *Privacy Act 1988* and the strict secrecy provisions of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*, the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* and other tax laws. These laws prohibit ATO staff from accessing, recording or disclosing any persons' tax information except in the performance of their duties.



The Australian Tax Office (**ATO**) does conduct random **audits** of taxpayers from data captured in the MyGov tax system. You are on your own without professional help from a tax agent.

6.ATO myGov scam site tricking victims

Also, Police Officers should be aware that Scammers have long used the promise of a tax refund via MyGov to trick you into sharing your personal information or to download malware.

Scammers have cloned the myGov website and are luring in victims with a phishing email claiming to come from Medicare asking them to update their banking details.

A warning over the scam was issued by authorities on Wednesday via [Stay Smart Online website](#).



It begins with a phishing email designed to look as if it's from Medicare, asking the recipient "please kindly update your Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments".

If you click on the link in the email you are taken to a replica of the real myGov website.

The URL for the clone site is mygovau.net. The real site is my.gov.au.

The myGov website links numerous government services such as Medicare, Centrelink, and the Australia Taxation Office, through the one portal

The Scam email, which has the subject line 'Important information regarding your MyGov account', includes the myGov logo and claims to be from the myGov team. Instead, the email is a phishing scam designed to steal your personal and financial information."

7. Final remarks about ATO myGov

That's some of the shocking news Police Officers need to watch out for when preparing their own tax. We take the stress out of Police Officers' tax preparation and give you peace of mind that you won't fall victim to the ATO radar system. Standby for more Tax alerts from us in the near future.



Record keeping is key, if you are audited by the ATO, it's really important to have good records of what you've claimed as a deduction, why it's justified and appropriate documentation like receipts.

The ATO requires you keep all receipts for five years after you lodge your return. In the old days, that meant a shoebox filled with little slips of paper that were a pain to sort through. However, the ATO is OK with you storing copies of documents electronically. Perhaps you could consider downloading our phone app with its unique receipt's wallet.