

# The End of the Financial Year

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Cyber criminals **rely on current events to make scams even more convincing**, and tax season is no exception.

*Tax season is scam season!*

# Common EOFY Scams

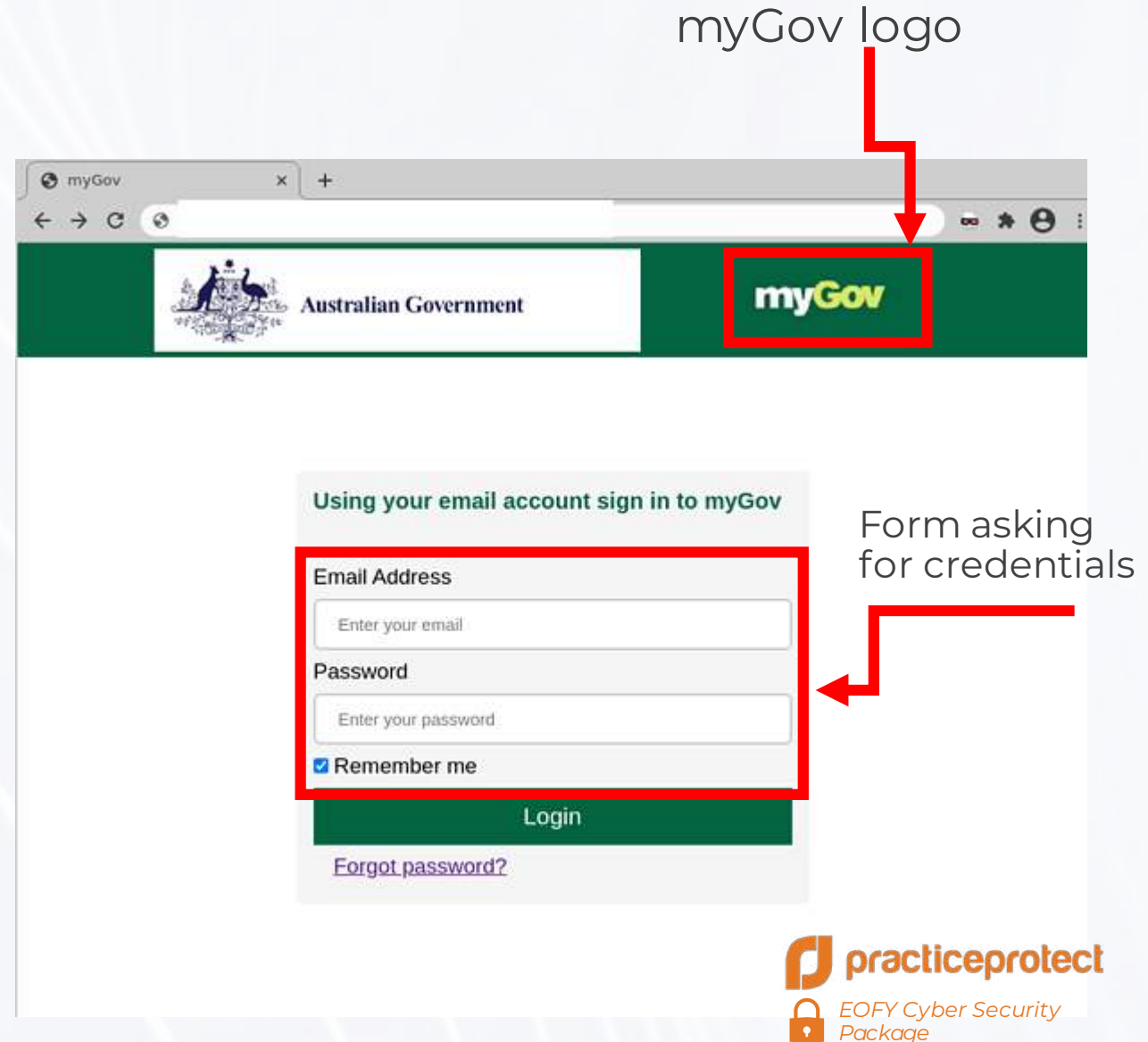
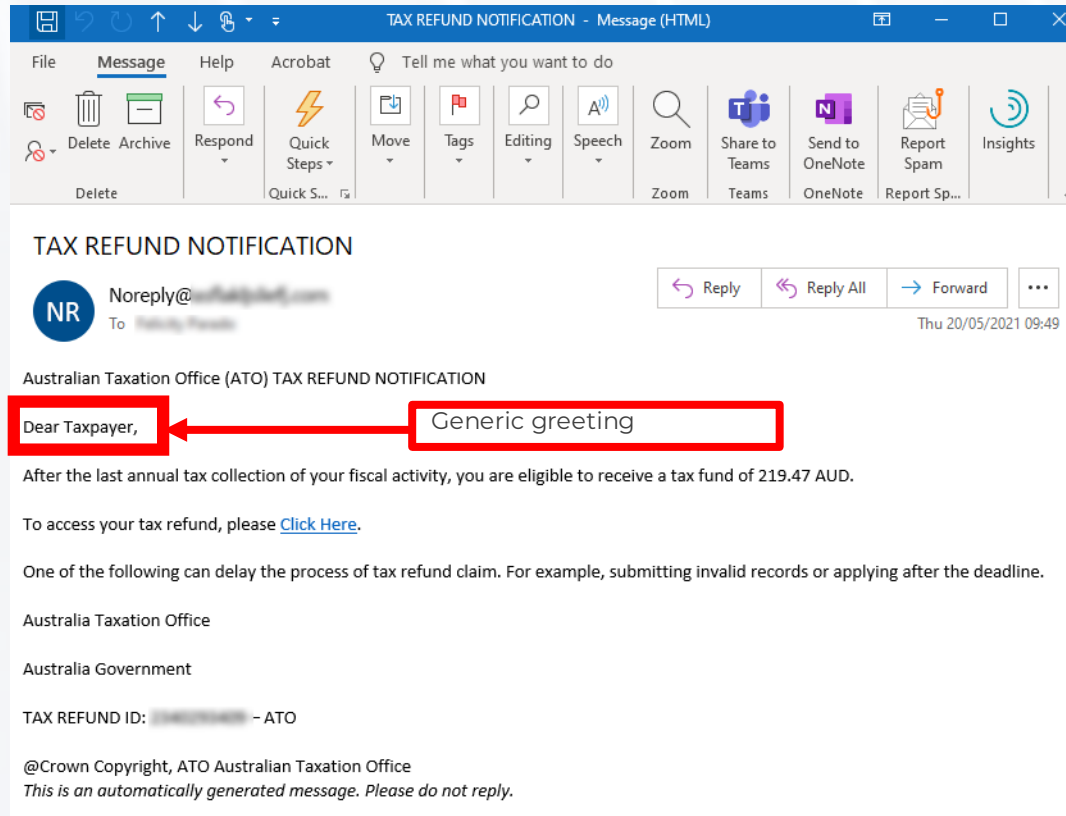


- False tax refund payments
- Fake Invoices
- Voice Mail Scams
- COVID-19 Scams

*([Accountingtoday.com](https://www.accountingtoday.com), April 2021).*



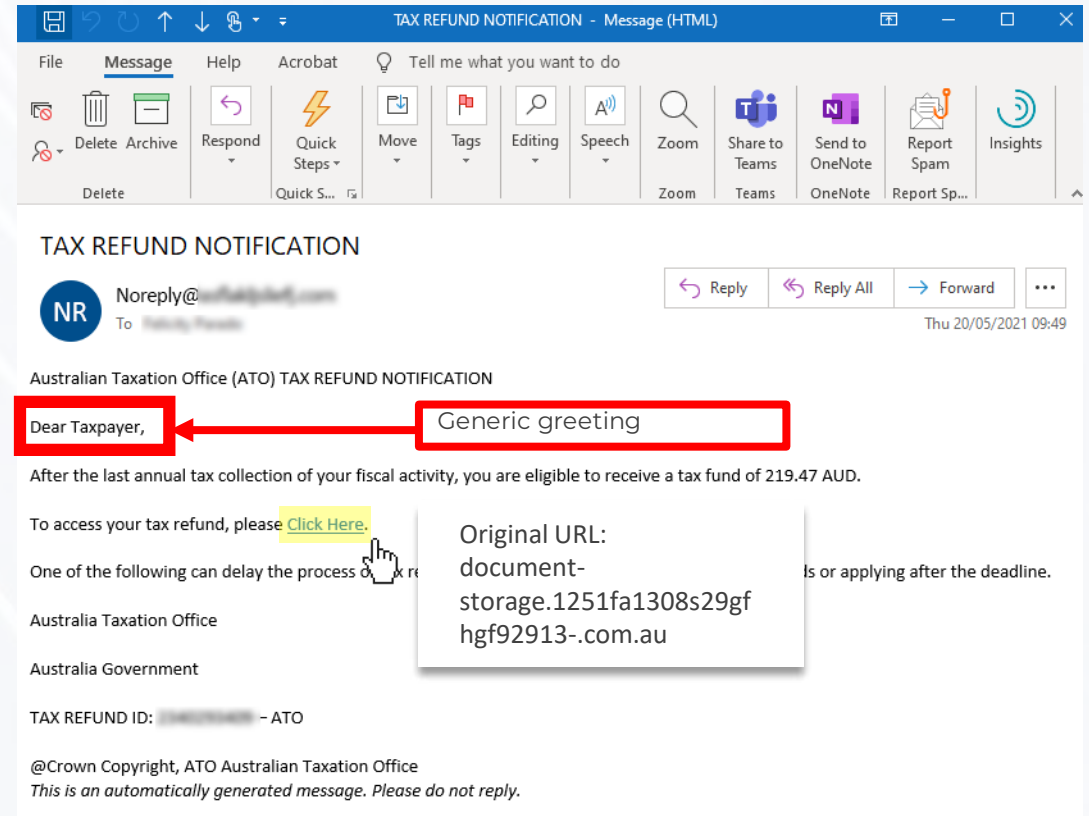
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## Safety Checklist Reminders:

- The ATO will NEVER contact you via email
- Who is it from? Check the sender's email and domain
- Where are you being directed to? Hover over the link (do not click it!) to check
- Generic greeting / no first name used in email
- Inclusion of branding elements like myGov's logo and colour palette to make the phishing page appear authentic
- False urgency

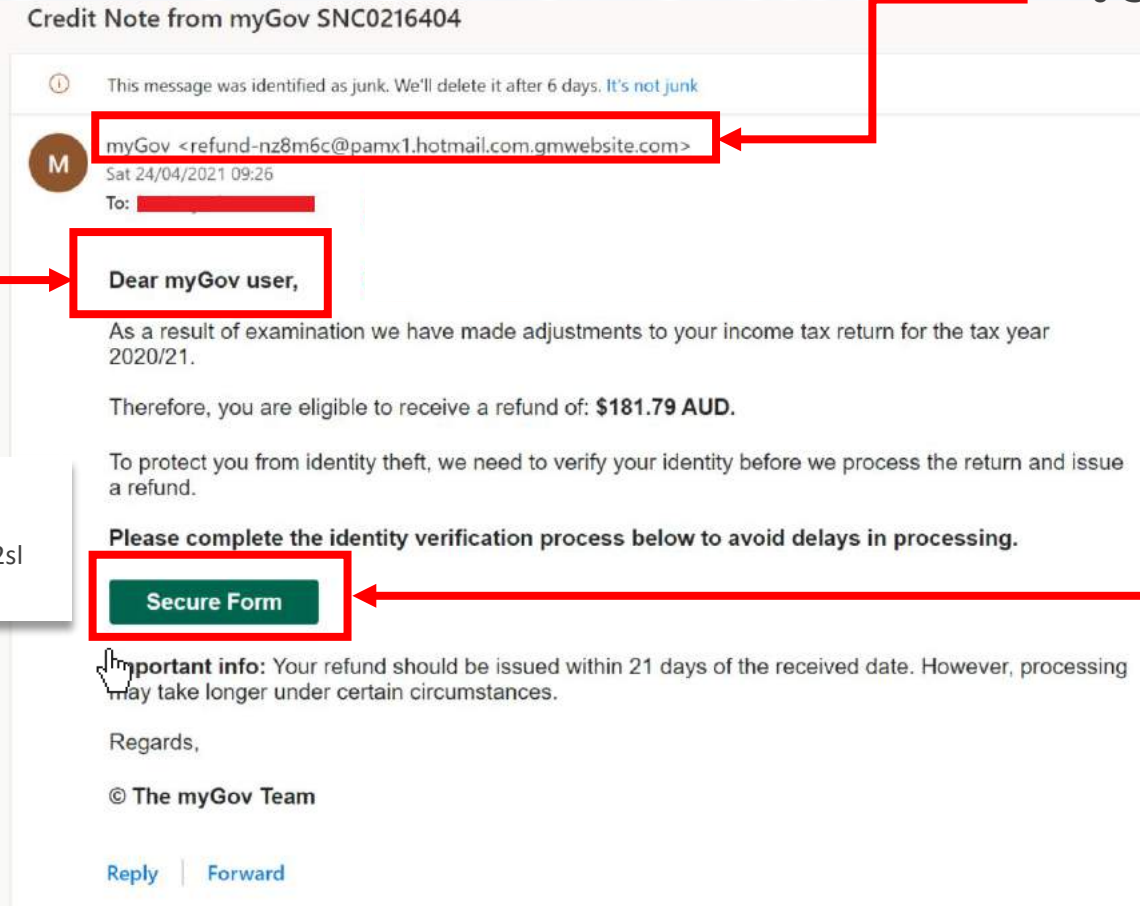


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Email address isn't from mygov.com.au

Generic greeting

Original URL:  
<http://secure-doc12a081250j3085612slse=?format.com>



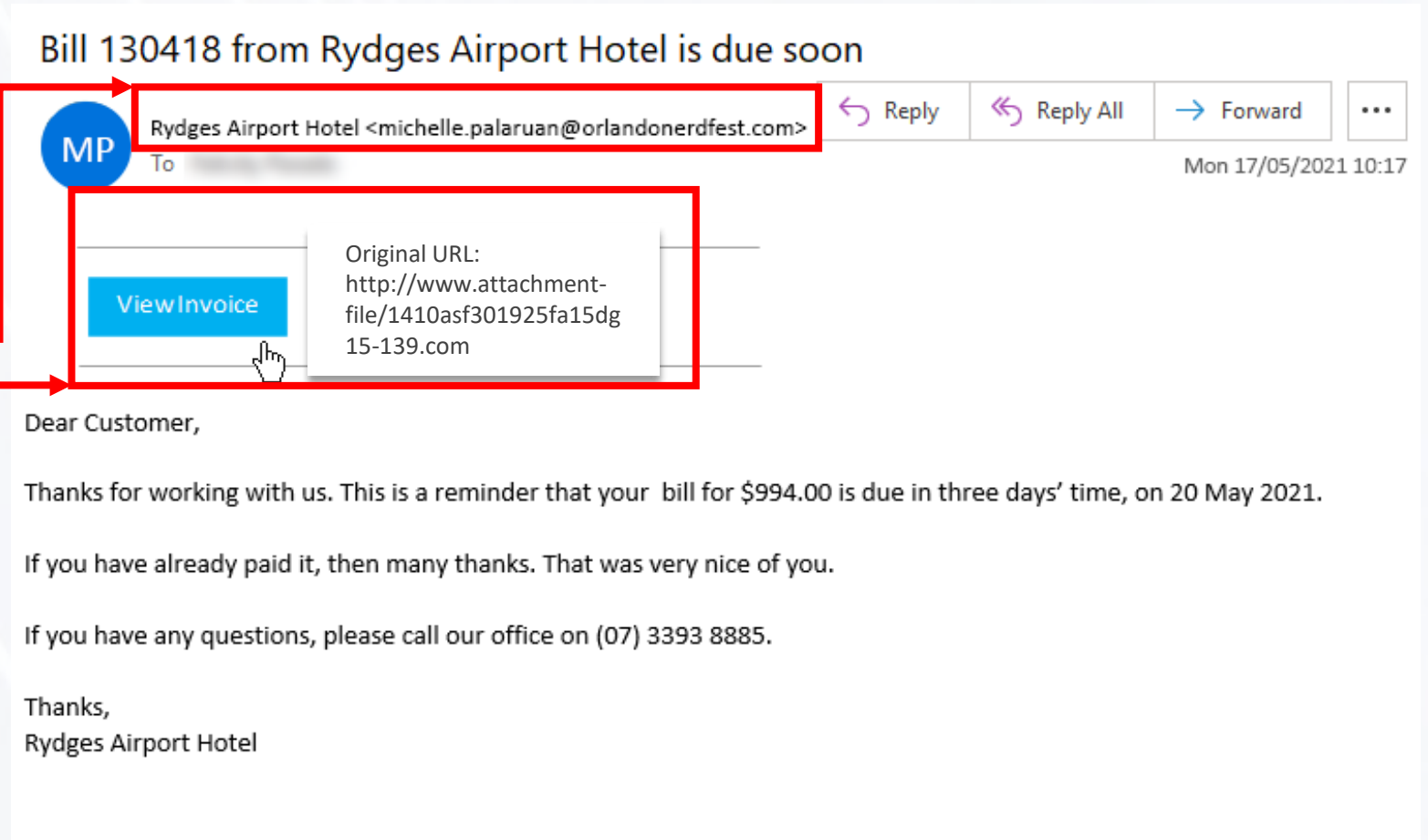
Asks you to 'complete the identity verification process' and leads to a suspicious URL



# Fake Invoice Scams

## Safety Checklist Reminders:

- Who is it from? Check the sender's email and domain
- Are you expecting an invoice from this company?
- Where are you being directed to? Hover over the link (do not click it!) to check



# Voice Mail

## Scams *(Remember, the ATO will NEVER leave you voice mails or threaten you with arrest!)*

- These scams are effective on people who might not have English as their first language (incorrect grammar, etc)

"Your account does not leave the tax avoidance.

Paperworks sent to registered address have also returned back unsigned and undelivered.

- Scammers also bank on the 'scare tactic' making people do what they demand

For this, the petition needs to get filed, including your warrant for arrest. Now before the case is sent for execution and to receive legal notification.

- For people who don't normally deal with the ATO or aren't familiar with communications from the ATO, this could seem legitimate at first listen.

For more information, call 03 9028 5794 and press 1.  
I repeat, press 1.

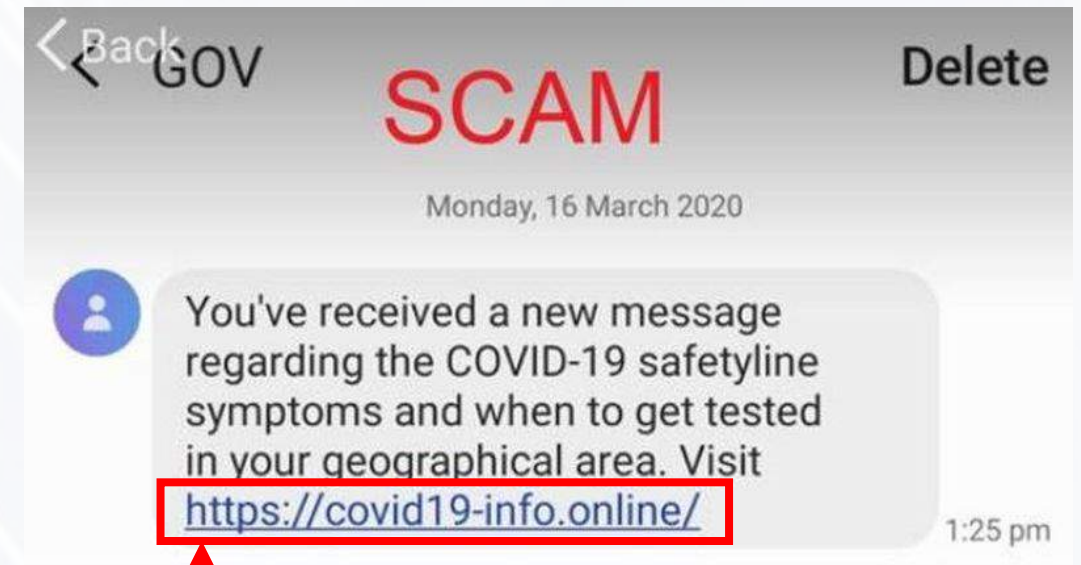
Sense of urgency

**This issue is very time-sensitive.\***

*\*Transcript from an actual voice mail one of our team members received*

# COVID-19 Scams

- There has been an increase in COVID-19 scams as cyber criminals attempt to leverage current events for their own purposes.
- As always, do not click links or give any personal information that these scam emails are asking for.



Link leads to a phishing site asking for personally identifying information