



The image shows the homepage of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the ATO logo and the text "Australian Government Australian Taxation Office". Below the header, there is a search bar with the placeholder "Enter search term" and a magnifying glass icon. The main navigation menu includes links for "Home", "Individuals" (which is underlined in blue), "Business", "Not-for-profit", "Super", "Tax professionals", and "About ATO". On the right side of the header, there are links for "What's New", "ATO Community", "Tax Topics A-Z", "Legal Database", and "Login". Below the header, there is a dark blue sidebar with a list of links: "Lodge online with myTax", "Update my details", "Progress of my return", and "Linking myGov to ATO online services". To the right of the sidebar, there is a "Login as" section with a dropdown menu set to "Individual" and a yellow "Login" button. Below the login button are links for "Register" and "System maintenance and issues | Access manager".

#### Lodging your tax return

- > Do you need to lodge a tax return?
- > Lodging your first tax return
- > Lodge online
- > Lodge with a registered tax agent
- > Lodge a paper tax return
- > Tax return extensions

#### Work-related expenses

- > Vehicle and travel expenses
- > Clothing, laundry and dry-cleaning expenses
- > Home office expenses
- > Self-education expenses
- > Occupation and industry specific guides

#### Online Services

- > Individuals and sole traders
- > Online security
- > System maintenance
- > Technical support



# Australians' Tax Deadline is November 1, \$1100 Fines Apply for Missing Deadline

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November 1 is the last day Australians can enter their 2020-21 tax return without risking a fine from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), with the potential \$222 ?failure to lodge? penalty growing the later the submission occurs.

ATO assistant commissioner Tim Loh said late lodgement fines are usually reserved for those who owe money, and not the 80 percent of people who receive a tax refund.

?There?s a four in five chance you?ll be getting a refund anyway, so the odds are better than backing a Melbourne Cup winner,? he said. ?The longer you wait, the chances are you?re missing out on a refund. And if you?re receiving childcare support, CCS or the family tax benefit, you?re required to do it so you get those benefits.?

Mr Loh warns those relying on work-related car use, accommodation, and travel to boost their tax return cold

be in for a nasty surprise, with the ATO reportedly cracking down on these claims.

CPA Australia senior manager of tax policy Elinor Kasapidis said those who need more time to complete their tax return should engage a tax agent before November 1.

?Don?t rush through your tax return as this may lead to mistakes,? she said.

?Remember, you can cut your own hair, but you?ll get a better result if you see a professional. It?s the same with completing your tax return.

?If you see a tax agent, you can be confident you?re paying the right amount of tax and getting the maximum refund you?re entitled to.?

The penalties for failing to lodge one's own return or become a client of a registered tax agent by the due date can also accumulate over time.

"You become immediately liable for a \$222 penalty if you do not lodge by November 2 in this instance. That \$222 penalty increases by a further \$222 for every 28 days you continue to be late," said Mark Chapman, Director of Tax Communications at H&R Block.

"It can potentially go all the way up to five times \$220 or \$1110. That's the maximum penalty you can get if you continue to not lodge your tax," said Mr Chapman.

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