



**I read that there will be voluntary tax returns in the future. Do you recommend that we accept what the taxman is saying is your refund?**

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Does anyone trust the taxman? Do you really think the ATO will be Father Christmas when granting refunds?

Of course not.

Voluntary tax returns won't be far away as it is one of the key recommendations of the Henry Tax Review.

It is proposed that taxpayers will receive a one page summary from the ATO which will show your income together with a standard deduction for work expenses.

If you are happy with the ATO's calculation they you simply tick a box and get your refund. Sounds good in theory for those with basic tax returns and don't want the hassle of filling out a return.

But those taxpayers who spend more than the average for work related expenses (such as car, study, home office, internet, phone, subscriptions and conferences) then you will miss out.

Returns with business income, rental property or capital gains will still require help from an accountant.