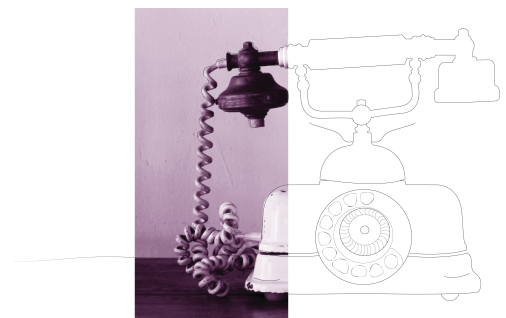


THE LATEST TAX REBATE PHISHING SCAM

HM Revenue & Customs report that almost 80,000 taxpayers reported tax rebate phishing emails last year. Don't be a victim and fall for the email scams.

The email scams will often link to a clone of HMRC's website to fool unsuspecting taxpayers into handing over confidential information such as credit card or banking details.

In 2012, HMRC closed down 522 illegal sites, designed to trick taxpayers, emails had originated from countries including the USA, Russia, Japan and eastern Europe. HMRC's Head of Digital Security has confirmed that HMRC does not email customers who are due a tax rebate, HMRC will only ever get in contact via phone or in writing, either directly, or through your professional advisors.



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