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PROVE IT

An interactive simulator that teaches one habit: when a message about your tax or super looks suspicious, don't judge the message — **check it yourself in the ATO app or ATO Online services.**

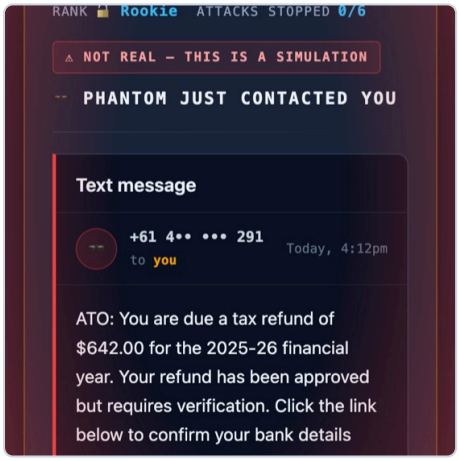
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THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION

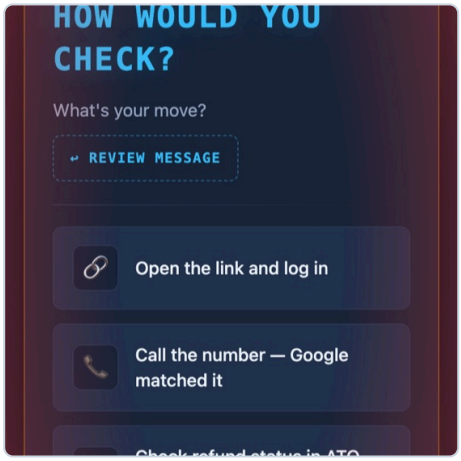
> *"How do the ATO app and Online services help Australians manage their tax and super, and help protect them from fraud?"*
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> They are the **same tools doing both jobs**. The screen that tracks your refund is the screen that disproves a fake refund text. The balance you check to plan a payment is the balance that shows a demanded debt was never real. The app that finds your lost super is the app that alerts you to a transfer you didn't request. **Prove It makes a player use six of those features, then shows each one working in both directions.**

THE MECHANIC — "HOW WOULD YOU CHECK?"

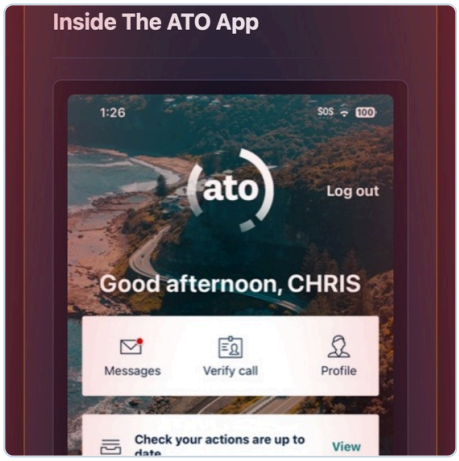
Most scam education asks *"is this fake?"*, which stops working the moment a scam looks convincing. Prove It never asks that. Every scenario asks **how you would check** — and the wrong answers are the plausible ones. Checking caller ID, asking for an employee ID number, or asking a friend all feel careful, and all fail for the same reason: **the attacker controls the thing you are checking.**



1. THE MESSAGE ARRIVES



2. HOW WOULD YOU CHECK?



3. THE ATO APP ANSWERS IT

Screens from the live simulator. Every reveal names the ATO feature, what it manages, and what it protects against.

WHAT EACH SCENARIO TEACHES

	TYPE	SITUATION	ATO FEATURE TAUGHT	MANAGES / PROTECTS
1	Defend	Fake refund SMS	**Tax return status**	Track a return through to refund / confirm a refund claim is real
2	Defend	Fake debt voicemail	**Account balance & payment plans**	See what you owe, set up a plan / prove a demanded debt doesn't exist
3	Defend	Unauthorised super transfer	**Super balance & account lock**	Track and consolidate super / lock the record on an alert you didn't cause
4	Defend	Caller claiming to be the ATO	**Verify call**	Manage BAS and obligations / confirm in ~30s that a call is genuine
5	Manage	First job, unsure about PAYG	**Tax withheld calculator**	Check tax coming out of each pay / know your own numbers so nobody can invent them
6	Manage	First job, doesn't understand super	**ATOtv & super balance**	Learn super from the ATO itself / a real balance exposes a fake transfer alert

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IN A CLASSROOM

YEAR LEVEL	Year 10–12
TIME	~10 minutes to play, or a 20-minute lesson with discussion
SETUP	None. No login, no app install, no student data collected. Works on mobile and school networks.
ACCESS	`akxzim7.github.io/Prove-it-LockdownProtocol`

LEARNING OUTCOMES

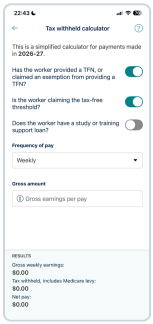
- Identify common ATO impersonation scams across SMS, email, phone and app notifications.
- Verify suspicious contact independently through the ATO app or my.gov.au instead of trusting the message.
- Use ATO Online services and the ATO app to learn about superannuation, track contributions, and manage tax withholding.
- Locate refund status, account balances and security messages in official ATO channels.
- Describe what to do if an account is compromised, including locking an ATO record and who to phone.

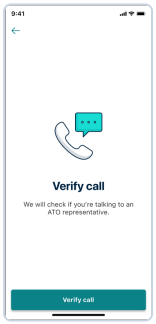
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

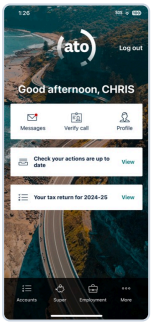
- Three wrong answers in the simulator look like careful checking. What do they have in common?
- Why is "is this a scam?" a weaker question than "how would I check?"
- The ATO does phone people. So why isn't "hang up on everyone" a safe rule?
- Which single ATO app feature would you tell a friend starting their first job to open first, and why?
- Super is decades away for most students. Why does checking it at 20 matter more than at 50?

WHY THIS IS DEPLOYABLE

One static HTML file on free hosting. **No backend, no database, no login, no cookies, no analytics, no external requests, and no personal information collected or transmitted** — so it runs on a locked-down school network and can be handed to a class without any privacy process. It can be embedded, linked from a scam-awareness page, or run as a five-minute starter in a commerce or maths lesson. The scenario content is data in one array: the ATO could change a figure, a phone number or a whole scenario without touching the interface.







Every reveal is anchored to a real ATO screen rather than a recreation. Official ATO app screenshots are used unaltered and captioned with their source; no ATO interface is imitated anywhere in the project, and the simulator's own visual identity is deliberately distinct from ATO branding.

ACCURACY

Every figure was checked against a current ATO source before it was used: the 12% super guarantee rate for 2026–27, Payday Super's seven-business-day rule from 1 July 2026, the $6.25 billion super guarantee gap for 2022–23, Verify call's launch in April 2026, and the separate roles of 1800 008 540 for scam reports and 1800 467 033 for identity theft.

SOURCES

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