

Commissioner of Taxation
NOTICE OF A DATA MATCHING PROGRAM

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) will request and collect names and addresses and other details of visa holders of Visa Subclasses 406, 410, 411, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 426, 427, 428, 442, 457, 462, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 580 between the period 01/01/2012 and 30/6/2014 inclusive from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for the 2012, 2013 and 2014 income years.

These will be electronically matched and analysed with certain sections of ATO data holdings to identify potential fraud, and other non compliance with lodgment and payment obligations under taxation law. Records relating to approximately 1,000,000 individuals who were granted visas under the above subclasses will be matched. The ATO may also provide information to assist the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to maintain the integrity of the student and temporary working visa programs. The ATO is legally able to provide this information.

This program is called the Department of Immigration and Citizenship Temporary Working Visas Data Matching Program and it enables the ATO:

- to improve existing risk detection models and treatment systems
- to identify potentially new or widespread refund fraud methodologies and those entities controlling or exploiting those methodologies
- to investigate and take steps to mitigate threats of non-compliance and fraud; and
- to develop and implement administrative strategies to improve voluntary compliance and address the identified risks posed by temporary working visa holders and employer sponsors.

A document describing this program has been prepared in consultation with the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner. A copy of this document is available from:

Special Purpose Data Steward
Australian Taxation Office
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Reference: Department of Immigration and Citizenship Temporary Working Visas Data Matching Program

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The ATO complies with the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's *Guidelines on Data Matching in Commonwealth Administration* which includes standards for data matching to protect the privacy of individuals.