

# Seek help from experts

**T**HE Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is reminding people they should start thinking about preparing and lodging this year's tax return.

Tax Commissioner Michael D'Ascenzo said the ATO had a range of products to make it as easy as possible for people to meet their tax obligations.

Mr D'Ascenzo said that from July 1 people could lodge their return using e-tax, the Tax Office's electronic lodgement service, which could be downloaded 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the website [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au)

He said people could still lodge using paper returns and those who did so last year would receive a copy of TaxPack 2006 in their letterboxes from next week.

"People with simple tax affairs may also be eligible to use the short tax return and lodge it by phone," he said.

Take some tips from professionals who can make lodging returns a less stressful task.

International Professional Services director John Illingworth said year-end tax planning should ideally start at the beginning of each financial year rather than being left to the last minute.

The Australian Taxation Reporter provides published tax information to ease the pain of tax time.

CPA Australia advises to start planning for tax returns now.

Taxpayers should keep all relevant receipts and records, including bank statements and dividend notices.



Take some tips on preparing your tax return