

INLAND REVENUE TARGETS HIDDEN OVERSEAS ACCOUNTS

The taxman has set his sights on money hidden in overseas accounts earning interest or exchange rate gains taxable in New Zealand.

The Inland Revenue issued a “Revenue Alert” warning that it would make use of foreign credit and debit card information to identify undeclared income from foreign funds.

The crackdown affects any New Zealand taxpayer with money held overseas, including Kiwis returning from their OE and migrants.

Inland Revenue said the income from that money formed part of a New Zealand taxpayer’s “worldwide income”.

Inland Revenue are primarily interested in people who are deliberately keeping that income offshore and accessing it through foreign issued debit and credit cards.

New Zealand tax law requires a New Zealand tax resident to return and pay tax on their worldwide income, irrespective of whether this income is remitted back to NZ or not.



If you have queries or would like further clarification us to whether you might have some exposure here then please contact one of our staff members.

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