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# WHAT THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT (IRD) WON'T DO

**Protect yourself from cyber  
scams this tax season**

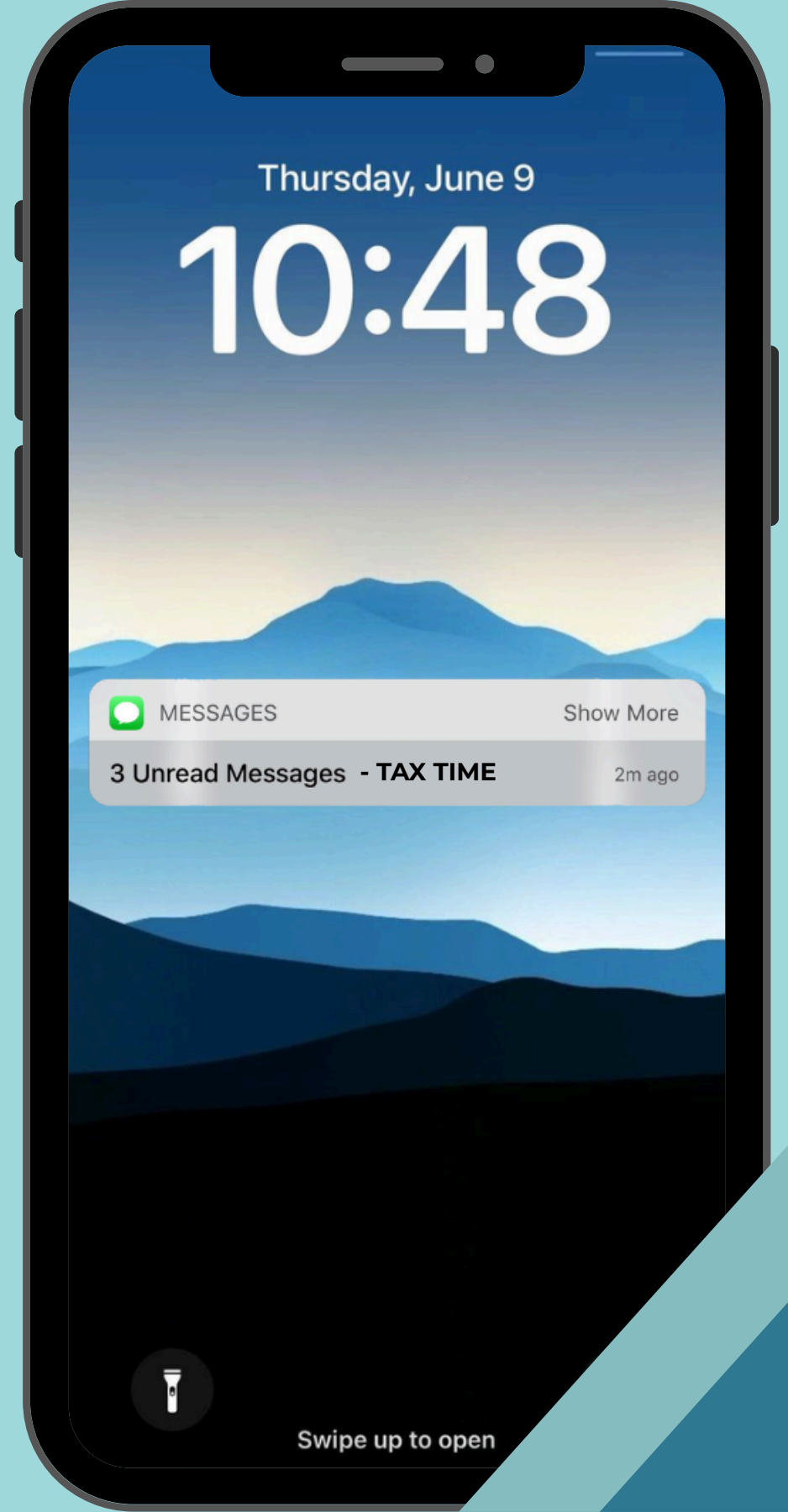


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# TEXT YOU ASKING FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION

If you get an SMS from the “IRD” asking for your IRD number, bank details, or login codes — **it's a scam**. The IRD does not send links or request personal details via text.

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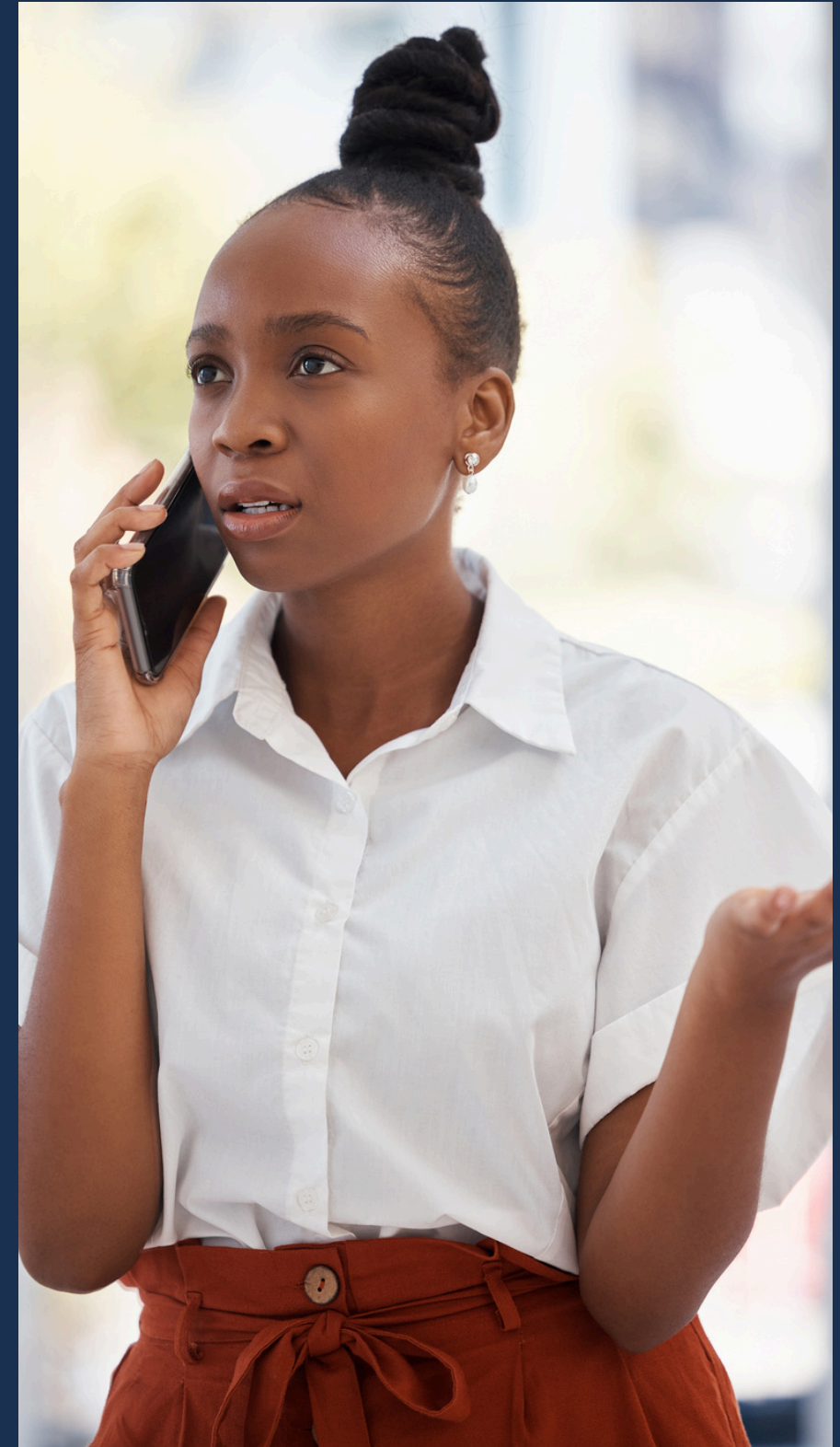
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## THREATEN YOU OVER THE PHONE

The IRD will never demand immediate payment or threaten arrest via phone call. If someone does - hang up and report it. It's a criminal.

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## ASK FOR PAYMENT VIA GIFT CARDS OR CRYPTO

No government agency, including the IRD, will ask for tax debts to be paid in Bitcoin, iTunes cards, or gift cards.

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## EMAIL FROM A LOOKALIKE DOMAIN

Legitimate IRD emails come through your online myIR account, so make sure your details are up to date, and MFA is in place.

Click [here](#) to learn how to spot a Phishing Email





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**RUSH YOU TO ACT  
IMMEDIATELY**

Scammers create urgency to make you panic. The IRD communicates through official channels, such as myIR Secure Online Services, giving you time to review, verify, and respond.

## TAX RETURN - ERROR DETECED

From: Taxation Office <ird@hzeak.in>



2025 Tax Return.pdf

Click on the attachment to view the error flagged on your Tax Return Report.

Please access the link to amend your details  
[www.taxreturn.hzeak.in](http://www.taxreturn.hzeak.in)

You have **24 hours to submit!**

Regards,

**Tax Senior Administrator**



\*Example of a Tax Return Phishing Email