

News items

This resource has been designed to accompany the following tasks:

Using the news: Level 4 Learning experience 1: What is tax for?

Using the news: Level 5 Learning experience 1: How does tax relate to me?

Article title	Key focus	Link
Rebuild paying own way – leaders	Canterbury is contributing to rebuild through GST and other taxes.	Rebuild paying own way - leaders – The Press
Decades on dole costing thousands	Long-term benefits bring high costs for taxpayers.	Decades on dole costing thousands – NZ Herald
Bitter pill should be swallowed	Benefits and costs of investing in student loans.	Bitter pill should be swallowed – Stuff.co.nz – Business
How super-rich Kiwis dodge tax	Rich people avoid paying tax by structuring their business affairs.	How super-rich Kiwis dodge tax – NZ Herald – National
The taxman cometh to First Home reality show	Contestants in Television New Zealand's DIY reality show may face tax bills of many thousands of dollars.	The taxman cometh to First Home reality show – NZ Herald – Entertainment
Online shoppers could soon be hit with GST	GST on online purchases fairer for NZ businesses.	Online shoppers could soon be hit with GST – NZ Herald – Business
What about tax evaders?	Lower sentences for tax evaders than benefit fraudsters.	What about tax evaders – Waikato Times
Alex Swney has only himself to blame	Alex Swney was sentenced to a five-year, seven-month prison term for stealing public money.	Alex Swney has only himself to blame – NZ Herald – Business
Auckland reverend jailed for tax evasion	An Auckland Reverend who deliberately ignored offers of help from Inland Revenue jailed after evading more than \$1 million of tax.	Auckland reverend jailed for tax evasion – stuff.co.nz – Business
Restaurant owners ripping off taxpayers get home detention	Husband and wife sentenced to eight months' home detention for not declaring more than \$1 million in cash sales at their Auckland restaurant.	Restaurant owners ripping off taxpayers get home detention – Yahoo! News

IRD finds \$3.73 of tax fraud for every dollar it spends looking for it	Inland Revenue identified \$10.4 million of tax fraud in the year to June, more than double the \$4.5 million of tax fraud it identified in the previous 12 months.	IRD finds \$3.73 of tax fraud for every dollar it spends looking for it – Interest.co.nz – Personal Finance
IRD collects \$40 million after Kiwis dob in tax evaders	IRD has received about 23,000 anonymous tips since January 2009 from people suspecting others of evading taxes.	IRD collects \$40 million after Kiwis dob in tax evaders – stuff.co.nz – Business
Consultants face tax charges	Four Northlanders earned six-figure sums carrying out IT consultancy work for various companies, including Government ministries, but failed to file GST and income-tax returns of nearly \$700,000.	Consultants face tax charges – The Northern Advocate
Under-the-table payments are illegal	Like a lot of farmers, Freddy is no stranger to slipping the occasional cash job to a casual worker for an odd job. But Freddy knows better – cash jobs are illegal.	Under-the-table payments are illegal - Coast & Country News
IRD chases down tradies' cashies	Inland Revenue is targeting Auckland tradies in an advertising campaign to get back unpaid income tax.	IRD chases down tradies' cashies – NZ Herald – Business