

Feature article (336 words)

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The [Paying It Forward](#) resource has been co-designed with primary school teachers, is aligned with the Australian and state curriculums, and includes 120 fun and engaging standalone activities for K-6 students in digital and printable formats.

The resource focuses on developing civic values and the financial literacy of primary school students in ways that are relevant to them. It is designed to help students establish a strong foundation in financial skills and increase their understanding of the role tax and superannuation plays in our society.

Commenting on the release of the resources, ATO Assistant Commissioner Kath Anderson said: "We are releasing *Paying It Forward* now because the role that tax plays in our society has never been more relevant. We also expect that some teachers might be looking for high-quality, engaging resources they can use in the classroom or in an at-home environment with their students."

The ATO has also invited teachers who use the resources with their students to provide their feedback.

"We would love feedback from any teachers who use *Paying It Forward* so we can continue to improve the resource to best suit their needs," said Ms Anderson.

Paying It Forward complements the ATO's secondary school educational resource – called *Tax, Super + You* – and has been released as independent research^[1] commissioned by the ATO shows 95% of parent and community respondents believe tax and superannuation should be included in the curriculum.

The ATO has also partnered with ASIC's Moneysmart program to develop an accredited online professional learning course so primary school teachers can make the most of the *Paying It Forward* resource.

For more information on *Paying It Forward* or the professional learning course go to ato.gov.au/payingitforward or email the ATO at schoolseducationprogram@ato.gov.au

^[1] Rutley, Bishop and Gurney, 2018.

Newsletter and website copy

Two shorter versions of the feature article have been provided below which can be edited and shared via a range of channels including in an e-newsletter, published magazine or online news.

Short form newsletter (brief) copy – 112 words

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Longer newsletter copy – 232 words

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Suggested social media posts

Option one:

Primary school teachers looking for new resources might want to check out the new Paying It Forward resource from @ato_gov_au. 120 standalone activities aligned to financial literacy and civics and citizenship now available at <https://www.taxsuperandyou.gov.au/paying-it-forward> #aused #education #edchat

Option two:

K-6 teachers looking for new financial literacy or civics and citizenship lesson ideas should check out new resources released by @ato_gov_au. Paying It Forward is aligned to the Australian & state curriculums & available now at <https://www.taxsuperandyou.gov.au/paying-it-forward> #aused #education #edchat

Option three:

Over 120 standalone activities co-designed by @ato_gov_au, and teachers to help K-6 students build financial literacy skills and increase their understanding of the role of tax in society now available at <https://www.taxsuperandyou.gov.au/paying-it-forward> #aused #education #edchat