

#DontBeAMule

BE ALERT

Criminals are targeting university students

Criminals are targeting students (online and in-person) and offering them payment to receive money into their bank account and transfer it to another account or cryptocurrency exchange. Money mules are recruited, sometimes unknowingly, by criminals to transfer stolen money on behalf of others.

Participating in money muling is a serious criminal offence, if convicted you can face anywhere from 12 months to life in prison. Don't be tempted into money muling, even if you are offered a significant financial reward.



Stay safe from money mule recruitment scams

STOP

- Take a moment to reflect on whether the offer is too good to be true, be on guard.
- Be suspicious of job adverts that offer the chance to earn quick and easy money.

CHECK

- Don't sign up for any opportunity without undertaking proper research into the prospective employer. For example, do they have an online presence? Are the contact details legitimate? Is it based overseas?

REJECT

- Don't engage with any online posts offering large sums of money.
- Don't accept message requests from people you don't know, and if you receive a message with a link to click from a friend, speak to them in person before you respond.
- Don't share bank and personal details with anyone you don't know or trust - even among friends or family.
- If someone asks to 'borrow' your account, say no.
- If you suspect something is not right, reject the offer.

ACCEPT

- Stick to reputable job sites and registered businesses.

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Report money muling to police using the report button at www.cyber.gov.au



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