

Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority

QRIDA drought support



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Who are we?

QRIDA is a specialist provider of government financial assistance programs, including loans, grants and rebates. Some of the programs we administer include:



First Start Loans



Sustainability Loans



Farm Management Grants



Disaster Recovery



Rural Economic Development Grants



Drought Preparedness Grants



Farm Debt Services



Horticulture Irrigation Pricing Rebate Scheme



Farming in Reef Catchments Scheme

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Farm Management Grants

Farm Management Grants offer primary producers a **50 per cent rebate** on the cost of eligible professional advice **up to a maximum \$2,500** to produce a **Farm Business Resilience Plan** for their property.

These plans help producers to:

- recognise risks associated with production, including climate and weather (such as drought)
- identify business risks, including financial and market factors, and how to respond to those risks and
- understand personal risks such as workplace health and safety.



Farm Management Grants



Eligibility

To be eligible for assistance, you must:

- be a primary producer as defined in the guidelines
- have paid for the eligible professional advice
- have received the eligible professional advice from 11 November 2021
- have received the eligible professional advice from a suitably qualified adviser(s) who:
 - is not the applicant
 - does not have an actual or perceived conflict of interest with the applicant and
 - is not employed by an entity owned or partially owned by the applicant.



Drought Preparedness Grants



Drought Preparedness Grants offer up to **\$50,000 as a co-contribution grant** to assist primary producers undertake on-farm capital improvements that will **improve the drought preparedness of their property.**

The grant aims to assist producers with the cost of implementing on-farm capital improvements and carrying out drought preparedness **activities identified in their Farm Business Resilience Plan**, including:

- water infrastructure including pipes, water tanks, water troughs, new dam construction, drilling a new working bore, water conservation infrastructure and water pumps
- equipment that improves the ability of the business to manage drought and
- any freight or contractor costs to purchase and install equipment or infrastructure, including consumables.

A **QRIDA Sustainability Loan** may be used as the co-contribution to the Drought Preparedness Grant for implementation activities.

Drought Preparedness Grants

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants:

Must have

- demonstrate at least one person in the primary production business meets the definition of a primary producer;
- demonstrate an ability to provide the remaining contribution to the grant requested;
- demonstrate that any necessary regulatory approvals have been obtained; and
- present a Farm Business Resilience Plan (as outlined in Section 6 of the guidelines), satisfactory to QRIDA.

Must NOT have

- made an application to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries supported by an invoice issued in **the past six month period** for assistance under:
 - a freight subsidy under the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme
 - the Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate under the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme; and
- previously received a Drought Preparedness Grant for the same project activity.


Drought Assistance Loans

Drought Ready and Recovery Finance Loan	Emergency Drought Assistance Loans	Drought Carry-on Finance Loans
<p>The Drought Ready and Recovery Finance Loan Scheme aims offers loans of up to \$250,000 to help Queensland primary producers undertake drought ready and recovery activities.</p>	<p>The Emergency Drought Assistance Loan Scheme offers loans of up to \$50,000 to help Queensland primary producers that have been significantly affected by drought with carry-on finance assistance.</p>	<p>The Drought Carry-on Finance Loan Scheme offers loans of up to \$250,000 to help Queensland primary producers that have been significantly affected by drought with carry-on finance assistance.</p>

We're here to help

QRIDA has boots on the ground across Queensland ready to meet with primary producers on-farm to provide information about the assistance available and walk them through the application process.

Get in touch with your local Regional Area Manager in three easy steps.

1. Visit the **'Your Region'** page on QRIDA's website.
2. Enter your **postcode** and hit the  button.
3. Contact your Regional Area Manager via **phone or email**.



For further information

Our team in regional Queensland, helping yours

- QRIDA are available to meet with producers on farm to discuss their requirements
- Don't self assess regarding eligibility
- Contact us on 1800 623 946 or via email at contact_us@qrda.qld.gov.au

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Questions?

