

# Disaster recovery assistance

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# About QRIDA



The Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) has been supporting Queensland's primary producers for more than 30 years.



Statutory authority of the Queensland Government and specialist provider of government financial assistance and advisory support to rural and regional Queensland. We are part of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development.



Network of Regional Area Managers based across rural and regional Queensland who are available to meet on-farm to help producers with queries and assist with their applications.



# Programs administered by QRIDA



**First Start  
Loans**



**Sustainability  
Loans**



**Disaster Recovery  
Grants and Loans**



**Drought  
Preparedness  
Grants**



**Farm Debt  
Services**



**Various Other  
Schemes**



# Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants

## Directly affected primary production businesses

**The maximum grant amount for directly impacted businesses is \$75,000:**

- **An initial amount of up to \$10,000** is available to support an initial claim. Evidence of the direct damage such as photographs, quotations, tax invoices and official receipts is required.
  - Then as recovery works are completed producers can make further applications to reach the **maximum grant of \$75,000**.
  - Alternatively, producers can roll all their eligible recovery costs into the **one application** and apply for amounts up to the **maximum grant of \$75,000** for reimbursement based on evidence of payment of those eligible costs.
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- Closure date for Grant is 6 January 2027



# Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants

## Eligible activities

- ✓ Hiring equipment and materials to undertake clean-up inc. fuel of own machinery usage
- ✓ Additional labour costs (above and beyond normal wage expenditure i.e. day-to-day staffing)
- ✓ Disposing of damaged goods and injured or dead livestock, including associated costs
- ✓ Repairs to buildings (other than housing)
- ✓ Fencing not covered by any other assistance
- ✓ Reconditioning/ repairing essential plant and equipment
- ✓ Salvaging crops, grain and feeds, replanting
- ✓ Purchase or hire/ lease costs for equipment essential to the immediate resumption of the business
- ✓ Payment for tradespeople to conduct safety inspections
- ✓ Essential repairs to premises and internal fittings that is not covered by insurance
- ✓ Replacing deceased livestock



# Disaster Assistance Loans

## Primary producers that were directly affected

**Disaster Assistance Loans of up to \$250,000** are provided to assist primary producers and small businesses to re-establish the normal operations of their business by covering costs such as:

- repairing or replacing damaged plant and equipment
- repairing or replacing farm buildings
- purchasing livestock to replace those lost in the disaster event
- meeting carry-on requirements including:
- re-planting, restoring or re-establishing areas affected by the disaster event
- sustenance
- essential property operations
- paying rent and rates



# Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans

## Primary producers and small business

Disaster Assistance (essential Working Capital) Loans of up to \$100,000 are provided to assist with essential working capital for expenses such as:

- paying salaries or wages
- paying creditors
- paying rent or rates
- buying goods, including for example, fuel essential to carry-on the business
- buying fodder or water for livestock or produce
- transporting livestock or produce.

The loans activated for this disaster event have a concessional interest rate of 2.14% fixed for up to 10 years.

Closure date for loans is 31 December 2027



# The activated local government areas for primary producers impacted by this event for grants includes:

- Carpentaria Shire Council
- Cloncurry Shire Council
- Croydon Shire Council
- Etheridge Shire Council
- Flinders Shire Council
- Isaac Regional Council
- Mackay Regional Council
- McKinlay Shire Council
- Richmond Shire Council
- Winton Shire Council



# Tips to help you apply for disaster recovery grants



- Visit QRIDA's website to read the full guidelines, eligibility criteria, and the documents you will need to apply.

QRIDA has a suite of documents that can help you apply for the grants. See the '**Apply now**' section for:

- Application tips
- Guideline Interpretation Guide
- Applicant Journey Map

Grant applications close 6 January 2027



# Ask us for help to apply for QRIDA disaster assistance



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# We're here to help



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