



Supporting Queensland Industry

Grants of up to \$25,000 now available

Primary producers and small business owners who have suffered direct damage from recent flooding can apply for Special Disaster Flood Assistance grants of up to \$5,000. A further grant of up to \$20,000 is available depending on the extent of the damage.

What assistance is available?

Grants of up to \$25,000 are available to assist eligible primary producers and small businesses as follows:

- Initial claim: up to \$5,000 to assist you with immediate early recovery (subject to future QRAA audit)
- Subsequent claim: up to \$20,000 to recover costs that you have paid in order to repair direct flood damage.

How can the assistance help you?

The Special Disaster Flood Assistance enables you to recover from the flood by assisting you with eligible costs, including but not limited to:

- clean-up, including purchasing, hiring or leasing plant equipment or materials
- leasing temporary premises
- removal of debris or restoration costs
- employing a professional to conduct safety inspections or to check the health of livestock
- repairing buildings or fittings in buildings other than houses
- purchasing fodder, saving crops or feed for stock
- essential repairs.

The scheme is not intended to compensate for loss of business income. The maximum amount available to an eligible business entity under the scheme is a cumulative total of \$25,000.

Financial Hardship...

If you are unable to pay for clean up and restoration costs you may be eligible to apply for assistance under financial hardship.

To be eligible for financial hardship, you must have a current health care card from Centrelink or provide a certificate from a qualified person.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for the grant, you must:

- be a primary producer or own a small business
- have been engaged in your primary production enterprise or small business, in the declared area, when the disaster occurred and intend to re-establish your primary production enterprise or small business
- have suffered direct damage from monsoonal flooding and are located within an eligible local government area
- be responsible for meeting the costs you are claiming.

To assist with the application process, primary producers and small business owners are advised to take photographs of the damage to their property and retain copies of invoices, receipts, cost estimates and quotes.

Eligible areas

To be eligible for the assistance you must be in an eligible local government area. Please contact us or visit www.qraa.qld.gov.au for further information.

How to apply...

To apply for this assistance, please complete and submit the Special Disaster Flood Assistance (November/December 2010) Application Form to QRAA. Applications must be received by QRAA no later than 30 September 2011.

Application forms are available by contacting us on Freecall 1800 623 946 or can be downloaded from our website at www.qraa.qld.gov.au.

Personalised regional service...

QRAA has Client Liaison Officers who can assist you with your application. If you would like to speak with a QRAA representative, please call us on Freecall 1800 623 946.

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Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Assistance

Low interest loans up to \$250,000 now available

Primary producers and small business owners who have suffered direct damage from recent flooding can apply for low interest loans up to \$250,000 under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Assistance provided by QRAA.

What assistance is available?

Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Assistance provides you with the following benefits:

- A loan of up to \$250,000
- Interest rate of 4%
- No fees and charges for the life of the loan
- Total term of up to 7 years (with the capacity to extend to 10 years after 4 years)

How can the assistance help you?

The assistance enables you to recover from the natural disaster. Whilst this assistance is not intended to cover loss of income, finance can assist you with the following:

Primary producers...

Assistance is available for restocking and/or carry on requirements, including:

- Re-planting, restoration and re-establishment of affected areas
- Sustenance
- Carrying out essential property operations
- Paying for rent and rates
- Repairing and/or replacing farm buildings.

Small businesses...

Assistance is available to recover and re-establish your business, including:

- Repairing and/or replacing damaged plant and equipment
- Repairing and/or replacing buildings
- Providing up to one month's supply of lost stock
- Maintaining the liquidity of your business.

Eligible areas

To be eligible for the assistance you must be in an eligible local government area. Please contact us or visit www.qraa.qld.gov.au for further information.

Existing QRAA loans

As an additional measure to flood affected primary producers and small business owners, QRAA will consider the deferral of repayments on your existing QRAA loans for an agreed period.

Customers holding loans who have not utilised the two year interest only period can request this to assist with current recovery.

How to apply...

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