

## Assistance Available

Transport Subsidy	Drought Assistance Fund	Animal Welfare Transport Assistance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This subsidy covers 50% of the transport costs associated with transporting stock to and from agistment, stock to sale or slaughter, transport of water and transport of fodder for stock.</li> <li>• Will be back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018</li> <li>• Can claim up to \$30,000 per eligible farm business over 18months from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019</li> <li>• You must be able to demonstrate that you are the owner of a farm business in NSW, business is impacted by the drought, business is registered with ATO and have an ABN. Business must earn more than 50% of their gross income from the farm under normal seasonal circumstances.</li> <li>• Payments will be made upon receipt of eligible tax invoices.</li> <li>• You need to submit most recent Local Land Service rate notice and Shire rate notice</li> <li>• The subsidy applies up to a maximum of 1500kms and up to \$5/km</li> <li>• If you are an owner driver you can claim per kilometre. Rates are based upon the size of the vehicle (Gross Vehicle Mass)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>For further information contact your local Rural Financial Counsellor on 1800 940 404 or visit the RAA website</b>  <a href="https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/drought-transport-subsidies">https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/drought-transport-subsidies</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an interest free loan of up to \$50,000. The loan term is for 7 years with the first 2 years are repayment free. There are no ongoing fees or charges. You have the choice of monthly, half yearly or annually repayments.</li> <li>• You need to submit an application form and the following documents:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Copy of latest Shire rates notices</li> <li>○ Copy of latest Local Land Service rates notice</li> <li>○ Most recent Individual Tax Returns</li> <li>○ Most recent Partnership Tax Returns</li> <li>○ Financial Reports</li> <li>○ Monthly cash flow budget for the next 12 months</li> </ul> </li> <li>• This loan can be used for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transport of livestock, fodder and/or water</li> <li>○ Water infrastructure such as new/upgrading of stock and domestic water, desilting dams, bores, tanks and troughs</li> <li>○ Fodder infrastructure such as haysheds and silos</li> <li>○ Banking of genetic material</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>For further information contact your local Rural Financial Counsellor on 1800 940 404 or visit the RAA website</b>  <a href="https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/drought-assistance-fund">https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/drought-assistance-fund</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a subsidy for the transport of livestock that have little or no feed/water available, that your enterprise is in significant financial need, animals are at significant risk in terms of animal welfare and the animals are leaving the property permanently.</li> <li>• The rebate is up to 50% for the transportation costs and you can claim up to \$20,000 per financial year per farm enterprise</li> <li>• You can apply for this subsidy if you are in receipt of the Farm Household Allowance or an eligible client of the Rural Financial Counselling Service.</li> <li>• The animals must be a fat score of 2 or below.</li> <li>• Claims for this rebate must be submitted no later than 6 months after the stock movement.</li> <li>• You must complete an application and provide invoices for proof of movement.</li> <li>• You need to supply copies of LGA and LLS rate notices</li> <li>• If you are an owner carrier you must supply a copy of vehicle registration papers and log book entries</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>For further information contact your local Rural Financial Counsellor or visit the RAA website</b>  <a href="https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/rebate-on-road-transport">https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/rebate-on-road-transport</a></p>

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Farm Household Allowance	Drought Loans	Farm Innovation Fund
<p>The Farm Household Allowance is offered by Centrelink.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is to help the household by putting food on the table and other household expenses.</li> <li>• You can be in receipt of the Farm Household Allowance for a maximum of 4years and can cease when you need to.</li> <li>• To be eligible you need to be a farmer and in financial hardship.</li> <li>• It was announced on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018 that the scheme will provide 2 lump sum payments worth up to \$12,000 per household. These payments will be made from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2018 and from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.</li> <li>• Your assets need to be less than \$2.55mil which will increase to \$5mil on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 and off farm assets less than \$387,500 couple combined</li> <li>• The amount you receive each fortnight depends on details in your application.</li> <li>• Up to \$80k off farm income can be offset against interest paid.</li> <li>• Applications can be lodged if assets are above \$2.55mil prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2018 under an asset hardship clause. Complete additional available form.</li> <li>• One of the conditions of being on FHA is being involved in a Financial Improvement Agreement, that involves activities designed to improve the financial position of your enterprise.</li> <li>• This Allowance is an ongoing program.</li> </ul> <p><b>For further information contact your local Rural Financial Counsellor on 1800 940 404 or visit DHS via below link</b>  <a href="https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/forms/su694">https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/forms/su694</a></p>	<p>Drought Loans of up to 1million are available from Regional Investment Corporation. This scheme commenced with RIC on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are available at a concessional rate of 3.58%.</li> <li>• The first 5yrs are interest only repayments then principal and interest for the remainder of the 10 year term. After 10 years the balance must be repaid or refinanced with a commercial lender.</li> <li>• The 1million loan can be used to refinance existing debt (up to 50% of bank debt) or borrow additional funds for operating expenses or capital expenses.</li> <li>• You must include with your application a 12 month cash flow budget.</li> </ul> <p><b>For further information contact your local Rural Financial Counsellor on 1800 940 404 or Regional Investment Corporation on 1800 875 675 or online via website <a href="http://www.ric.gov.au">www.ric.gov.au</a></b></p>	<p>This loan is for farm infrastructure improvements that will benefit your farm. The main categories for the works to be carried out are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drought preparedness</li> <li>○ Environment</li> <li>○ Farm infrastructure</li> <li>○ Natural resources</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum amount available is \$500,00 with no individual loan exceeding \$250,000. The loan has a term of up to 20 years. The interest rate will be a fixed rate that will be available from the date of your application. You have the choice of repaying monthly, half yearly or annually.</li> <li>• You need to submit the following documents with your application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Last 3yrs balance sheets and Financial Statements</li> <li>○ Last 3yrs Individual Tax Returns and Partnership</li> <li>○ Current listing of asset and liabilities, financial statements</li> <li>○ Monthly cash flow budget for next 12 months</li> <li>○ Farm Business and Risk Assessment Plan</li> <li>○ Copy of latest Shire rates notice and Local Land Service rates notice</li> <li>○ Mortgagee consent from your bank</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>For further information contact your local Rural Financial Counsellor on 1800 940 404 or visit the RAA website</b>  <a href="https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/farm-innovation-fund">https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/farm-innovation-fund</a></p>

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What is available?	Who is eligible?	Do I need to apply?
Waivers on government fees and charges		
Local Land Services Rates <a href="#">FAQs</a>	The NSW Government will waive LLS rates for all landholders for 2019.	No. This waiver will apply automatically.
Registration Fees for Agricultural vehicles <a href="#">FAQs</a>	The waiver of registration fees applies to new registrations and renewals of Class 1 agricultural vehicles that are oversize and/or overmass.	Yes Find more information via <a href="#">Service NSW</a> .
Fixed charges for water licences <a href="#">FAQs</a>	The fixed charge component of water licences issued by <a href="#">Water NSW</a> will be waived for licence holders in rural and regional NSW.	No. This waiver will apply automatically.
Farm Innovation Fund interest <a href="#">FAQs</a>	All existing Farm Innovation Fund customers, and all applicants who submitted an application on or before 30 July 2018.	No. The refund will be applied and processed automatically.

**Please note: Class One agricultural vehicles include:**

- [Bucket loader](#)
- [Bulldozer](#)
- [Combine harvesters](#)
- [Cotton picker/harvesters](#)
- [Crop sprayers - self-propelled](#)
- [Excavator - tracked](#)
- [Excavator - wheeled](#)
- [Fertiliser spreaders](#)
- [Grader](#)
- [Harvesters - full track](#)
- [Harvesters - rubber-tyred](#)
- [Infield transporter - articulated](#)
- [Infield transporter - tracked](#)
- [Tractors](#)
- [Tractors - tracked](#)

Further information can be found via <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/droughthub/emergency-drought-relief-package>

**Please note the contact number for the Local Land Service is 1300 795 299 if you have any enquiries.**