



The Emergency Drought Relief Package 2019-20 includes \$70 million for Drought Transport Subsidies. The subsidy can be applied to the cost of transporting: fodder, water to a property for stock or domestic use, stock to and from agistment, stock to sale or slaughter. For applications received from 1 July 2019 the subsidy also includes transporting of farm chemicals, fertiliser and seed to farms.

## The Application Process

The Drought Transport Subsidy is available to farmers in NSW who own and operate a farm business. The Drought Transport Subsidy Guidelines outline what you can apply for. Application forms can be submitted online. The Guidelines and Application form are available on the RAA website [www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q1.How much can I claim on the transport subsidy?

The Government has announced two separate transport subsidy funding periods, with each offering \$40,000 per eligible farm business:

- » 2018-19 financial year for invoices dated 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2019
- » 2019-20 financial year for Invoices dated 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

The table below outlines when a farmer can apply for a drought transport subsidy and the eligibility criteria.

Invoice date	Application Received	Distance Rule	Cap that Applies	Cut Off
1 Jan 2018 – 30 June 2019	Prior to 30 June 2019	1,500km	2018-19 \$40,000 cap	30 September 2019
1 Jan 2018 – 30 June 2019	Post June 2019	1,500km	2019-20 \$40,000 cap	30 September 2020
1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020	Prior to 30 June 2019	No distance rule	2019-20 \$40,000 cap	30 September 2020
1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020	Post June 2019	No distance rule	2019-20 \$40,000 cap	30 September 2020

## Q2. Can I still apply for a drought transport subsidy and claim invoices dated between 1 Jan 2018 to 30 June 2019?

Yes, farmers who did not submit an application for a subsidy to cover the costs of transporting fodder and water and stock to or from agistment, between 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2019, can now claim up to \$40,000 per farm business for that period in the current year subsidy cap. Tax invoices for this period must be received no later than 30 September 2019. Invoices received after this date will not be accepted.

## Q3. How is the transport subsidy calculated for journeys completed between 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2019?

The following guidelines apply:

- » The subsidy covers up to 50% of the full cost of freight
- » You can claim up to \$5 per kilometre (+GST). The maximum subsidy amount is \$2.50 per kilometre
- » The maximum distance of any single journey is 1,500 kilometres
- » Journeys must have been completed between 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2019

## Q4. How is the transport subsidy calculated for journeys completed between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?

The following guidelines apply:

- » The subsidy covers up to 50% of the full cost of freight
- » You can claim up to \$7.50 per kilometre (+GST). This \$7.50 applies to B-double or larger. A \$5 maximum per kilometre (+GST) applies to all other vehicle types
- » There is no distance rule
- » Journeys must have been completed between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

## Q5. Can I get a subsidy before I pay for transport?

You can only apply for the subsidy after you have received a valid tax invoice.

## Q6. Can I apply for subsidies for multiple trips?

Yes, providing you are still within the subsidy cap of \$40,000 per farm business over 18 months from 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2019.

## Q7. Does stock have to be a particular score?

No. The subsidy applies to transport costs of any stock.

## Q8. Are trusts considered an off-farm asset?

Assets held within the trust would be considered off farm assets unless the trust is used to operate the farming enterprise.

## Q9. Can I get a subsidy if I transport stock, fodder or water myself?

Yes. Owner carriers are eligible for the transport of their own livestock and must provide proof of sale or slaughter, registration papers and travelling stock statement.



## What help is available?

Staff at Local Land Services offices, 37 Service NSW branches and some Rural Financial Counselling centres are available to assist you with your application. Go to the Assistance Near You page on Drought Hub to find staff near you who are available to help or call the Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593.

## Further information

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