

FARM BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Please submit applications to: Rural Finance
PO Box 1313
Bendigo Central VIC 3552

APPLICATION FORM

Enquires: 1800 260 425
Fax: 03 5441 8901
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www.ruralfinance.com.au

PLEASE READ SCHEME GUIDELINES PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

Please be sure you have read the Farm Business Assistance Program Guidelines before completing the application form. The Farm Business Assistance Program (Program) is available until 30 June 2019. Any applications received after 30 June 2019 will be ineligible for the program.

Assessment of this application and any decision to approve funding are matters of the State of Victoria and Rural Finance in its absolute discretion acting through its Ministers and Department.

Identify which application stream to apply for (see Part A), complete all relevant sections of this form and submit to Rural Finance with evidence to confirm eligibility.

Submit your application

Please submit complete applications and mandatory information to:

POST: Rural Finance
PO Box 1313
Bendigo Central 3552

EMAIL: governmentservices@ruralfinance.com.au

Part A—Applicant stream

Which Farm Business Assistance Program application stream are you applying for? (only tick one)

\$3,500 one-off payment for Farm Household Allowance recipients in Wellington Shire or East Gippsland Shire

Complete Part B, C, D, E and F.1

\$3,500 one-off payment for Young Farmers in Wellington Shire or East Gippsland Shire

Complete Part B, C, D, E and F.2

\$2,500 one-off payment for eligible commercial farms in Wellington Shire or East Gippsland Shire

Complete Part B, C, D, E and F.3

\$2,500 one-off payment for dairy farmers in Northern and North West Victoria that are Farm Household Allowance recipients

Complete Part B, C, D, E and F.4

\$2,500 one-off payment for young dairy farmers in Northern and North West Victoria (excluding Farm Household Allowance recipients)

Complete Part B, C, D, E and F.5

\$2,500 one-off payment for non-dairy farmers in Northern and North West Victoria that are Farm Household Allowance recipients

Complete Part B, C, D, E and F.6

Part B—Farm Business details

Full Farm Business Name:

Trading Name:

Are you registered for GST? YES / NO

ABN

Farm Address:

Post Code:

Local Government Area (Shire):

Farm Size: ac / ha

Property Identification Code:

Are you an: Owner Lessee SharefarmerIndustry type: Dairy Other (please specify):

Are you registered as a Primary Producer with the Australian Tax Office?

 Yes No

Normally:

- is the majority of your labour and capital devoted to your farming business? And;
- is the gross income from your farm business your primary source of income (more than 51% / you are not a lifestyle/hobby farmer)?

 Yes (go to Part C) No

If you answered no to the above question, and you commenced your farming business between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2018, do you expect that 50 per cent of your gross income will be derived from the farming business within three years of the date of application? Please note that if you answered no to both questions, you are ineligible.

 Yes (go to Part C) No**Part C—Primary Farm Business contact (applicant)**

Given name(s):

Preferred name:

Family name(s):

Date of birth:

Residential address:

Postal address (if different to current residential address):

Phone:

Fax:

Mobile:

Email:

Bank details—Please provide your bank account details for the grant payment to be credited to.

Bank Account Name in full (as it appears on your bank statement):

BSB:

Account Number:

Part D—Other business partnersDo you have business partners for this farm business? Yes (complete this section) No (continue to Part E)

Please list the names of all other business partners involved in the farm business:

Have your business partners applied for funding under this scheme? Yes No Non-applicable

Part E—General Statement

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud Rural Finance, or another person, files an application for assistance containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent act, which is a crime under the Crimes Act 1900 and subjects the person to criminal penalties.

Consent and Declaration

I/We authorise Rural Finance to provide the information contained in this application to the Victorian Government, specifically Agriculture Victoria in the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (Agriculture Victoria).
I/We authorise that Agriculture Victoria may contact us in relation to the Program.
I/We understand that deliberately giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.
I/We authorise Rural Finance to obtain any information regarding this application from the product/service provider.
I/We authorise the product/service provider to supply any required information regarding this application to Rural Finance.
I/We authorise Rural Finance or Agriculture Victoria to obtain any information regarding the eligibility of this application from other government agencies.

I/We certify that we own/operate a farm business as defined by the Australian Taxation Office.
I/We certify that prior to applying for this assistance I sought independent financial advice and the taxation implications of any assistance granted has been explain to me.
I/We agree that Rural Finance, Agriculture Victoria or the State of Victoria will not be liable to reimburse any losses of mine/ours that may result from this application or the payment of the grant pursuant to this application.
I/We agree to participate in any audits confirming Farm Business Assistance Program eligibility or post program evaluation.

Privacy Consent

Rural Finance and Agriculture Victoria are collecting your personal information to process your application for the Farm Business Assistance program. You do not have to provide this information, but failure to do so means Rural Finance a division of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd ABN 11 068 049 178 ("Rural Finance") and/or Agriculture Victoria will not be able to assess your application.
For the purposes specified in Rural Finance's Privacy Statement, I/we authorise Rural Finance to obtain in connection with this Application, any consumer or commercial information about my/our expenditure and my/our business including my/our assets, liabilities, income and/or expenditure.
Your personal information will be managed in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic.) and other applicable laws.

We will use the information you have provided:

- to assess your eligibility for assistance against the program criteria
- for reporting, publicity, evaluation and audit purposes.

Copies of the Privacy Policy or information on how each of Rural Finance and Agriculture Victoria manages privacy, please refer to:
privacy@ecodev.vic.gov.au and/or www.ruralfinance.com.au/disclosure-documents
You can request access to or correction of your personal information by contacting the Freedom of Information Officer at foi@ecodev.vic.gov.au and/or Rural Finance at www.ruralfinance.com.au/disclosure-documents
- I/We acknowledge that failing to provide some or all of the information which Rural Finance requests about me/us may result in this Application not being processed or approved.

Statutory Declaration by primary contact

I, (full name)
on behalf of (applicant(s) / trading name)
of (address)
of occupation

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that this application is true and correct in every particular, and I make this declaration with the understanding and belief that a person who makes a false declaration is liable to the penalties of perjury.

Declared at
in the State of Victoria, this (day) of (month)2019

..... Before me
Signature of person making this declaration
(to be signed in front of an authorised witness)*
Signature of authorised witness

Authorised witness Name:
Address:
Title:

*Authorised witnesses include: Justice of the peace, lawyers, police, accountants, pharmacists, school principals, ministers of religion, bank managers, doctors, vets and shire councillors.

Part F—Eligibility checklist

To avoid any delay in the processing of your application, please ensure you have provided copies the information listed below for your relevant stream. **DO NOT send original documents.**

1. \$3,500 one-off payment for Farm Household Allowance recipients in Wellington Shire and East Gippsland Shire

Proof of receipt of Farm Household Allowance between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019

- Copy of the front page of a Centrelink Income Statement; OR
- Copy of letter from Centrelink confirming receipt of Farm Household Allowance.

Proof of property location

- Copy of latest Council Rate Notice/s, lease documentation or share-farming contract.

2. \$3,500 one-off payment for Young Farmers in Wellington Shire and East Gippsland Shire

Proof of age (under 35 and over 18 as of 30 June 2019)

- Certified copy of proof of identity document which clearly states the name and birthdate of the application's primary contact (e.g. Passport, Australian driver's licence, Australian birth certificate).

Proof of property location

- Copy of latest Council Rate Notice/s, lease documentation or share-farming contract.

3. \$2,500 one-off payment for eligible commercial farms in Wellington Shire and East Gippsland Shire

I/we certify that the primary applicant:

- owns, shares or leases a farm business located in Wellington Shire or East Gippsland Shire
- contributes the majority (more than 51 per cent) of his/her labour to the farming enterprise
- derives 51 per cent of gross annual income from the farm business
- is not a lifestyle or hobby farmer and farming is his/her main source of income.

Proof of property location

- Copy of latest Council Rate Notice/s, lease documentation or share-farming contract.

4. \$2,500 one-off payment for Northern and North West Victorian dairy farmers who are Farm Household Allowance recipients

Proof of being a licensed dairy farm operator, lessee or share farmer

- Copy of at least one of the following documents: dairy industry licence issued by Dairy Food Safety Victoria, lease documentation, share farming contract or agreement with a dairy production/supply company, other relevant document.

Proof of receipt of Farm Household Allowance between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019

- Copy of the front page of a Centrelink Income Statement; OR
- Copy of letter from Centrelink notifying receipt of Farm Household Allowance.

Proof of property location

- Copy of latest Council Rate Notice/s, lease documentation or share-farming contract.

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5. \$2,500 one-off payment for Northern and North West Victorian young dairy farmers (excluding Farm Household Allowance recipients)

- Proof of being a licensed dairy farm operator, lessee or share farmer
 - Copy of at least one of the following documents: dairy industry licence issued by Dairy Food Safety Victoria, lease documentation, share farming contract or agreement with a dairy production/supply company, other relevant document.

- Proof of age (under 35 and over 18 as of 30 June 2019)
 - Certified copy of proof of identity document which clearly states the name and birthdate of the primary contact (e.g. Passport, Australian driver's licence, Australian birth certificate).

- Proof of property location
 - Copy of latest Council Rate Notice/s, lease documentation or share-farming contract.

6. \$2,500 one-off payment for Northern and North West Victoria non-dairy Farm Household Allowance recipients

- Proof of receipt of Farm Household Allowance between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019
 - Copy of the front page of a Centrelink Income Statement; OR
 - Copy of letter from Centrelink confirming receipt of Farm Household Allowance.

- Proof of property location
 - Copy of latest Council Rate Notice/s, lease documentation or share-farming contract.