

**Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority**

# **Disaster recovery assistance**

**Western Queensland Surface Trough, commencing 21 March 2025**



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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.



QRIDA administers financial assistance to disaster affected primary producers, businesses and non-profit organisations under the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).



# Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants

## Directly Affected Primary production Businesses

The maximum grant **amount** is **\$75,000**:

- An **initial amount of up to \$5,000** is available to support an initial claim. Evidence of the direct damage such as photographs, quotations, tax invoices and official receipts is required.
- A **subsequent amount of up to \$70,000** is available to support subsequent claims for which full evidence of payment is required.



Closure date of the grant is 2 April 2026.



# Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants

## Eligible activities

- ✓ Hiring equipment and materials to undertake clean-up
- ✓ 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 that is not covered by any other assistance
- ✓ Reconditioning/ repairing essential plant and equipment
- ✓ Salvaging crops, grain and feeds
- ✓ 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



# Disaster Assistance **Loans**

## Primary producers & small business 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

## Directly affected Non-profit organisations

**Disaster Assistance Loans of up to \$100,000** are provided to assist non-profit organisations to re-establish the normal operations of your organisation by covering costs such as:

- repairing or replacing damaged plant and equipment
- repairing or replacing essential premises including grounds, amenities and infrastructure
- supplying stock for up to one month to replace lost stock and maintain liquidity of the organisation



# Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans

## Indirectly affected Primary producers, small business & non-profit organisations

Disaster Assistance (essential Working Capital) Loans are provided to assist primary producers 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 or organisation
- buying fodder or water for livestock or produce
- transporting livestock or produce.



Applications for these loans will be accepted until 31 December 2026.

Interest rate for all Disaster Lending for this event is 2.14%








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**Western Queensland Surface Trough & Associated Rainfall & Flooding event**


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 1800 623 946

 **North West & Gulf**  
**Sam Fryer**


 **Central Highlands & West**  
**Bradley Whittington**

 **Maranoa & South West**  
**Terry Pulsford**

North West & Gulf  
Longreach  
Emerald  
Central Highlands & West  
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## Apply now

Applications close 2 April 2026.

A new application must be completed for an initial and subsequent application.

Applications can be submitted online via QRIDA's Application Portal or by downloading the application form and submitting to QRIDA by email or post.

If using the paper application form, please ensure you download and save to your computer before completing the form.

To email your application, please attach documents as a pdf, jpeg, png, doc or excel. Please do not send links.



[Application tips for primary producers - Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding \(PDF, 671KB\)](#)

[Guideline Interpretation Guide - Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding \(PDF 688KB\)](#)

[Applicant journey map \(PDF 115KB\)](#)

[Guidelines - EDARG - Primary Producer - Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding \(PDF, 274KB\)](#)

Download primary producer application form (PDF, 412KB)

Apply online via QRIDA Application Portal



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