



The Emergency Drought Relief Package 2020-21 includes \$116 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. For applications received from 1 July 2020 the subsidy also includes transport of purchased stock to a farm business.

## 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 three separate transport subsidy funding periods, for eligible farm businesses:

- » 2018-19 financial year for invoices dated 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2019, offering \$40,000.
- » 2019-20 financial year for Invoices dated 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, offering \$50,000.
- » 2020-21 financial year for invoices dated 1 July to 31 December 2020, offering \$25,000.

### Funding available and possible early closure

The availability of subsidies for this program is subject to funds being available. No subsidy can be offered beyond the allocated funding. Closure of the program is at the discretion of the RAA. RAA will endeavour, but is not obliged, to provide advance notification of an early closure of the program. An applicant's unawareness of, or lack of notification by RAA, of an early closure of the program will not be grounds for consideration of applications or invoices submitted after the program officially ends.

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	Before 30 June 2019 (now closed)	1,500km	2018-19 \$40,000 cap	30 September 2019 (now closed)
1 Jan 2018 – 30 June 2019	Post June 2019 (now closed)	1,500km	2019-20 \$50,000 cap	30 September 2020 (now closed)
1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020	Prior to 30 June 2019 (now closed)	No distance rule	2019-20 \$50,000 cap	30 September 2020 (now closed)
1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020	Post June 2019 (now closed)	No distance rule	2019-20 \$50,000 cap	30 September 2020 (closing soon)
1 July 2020 – 31 Dec 2020	Post June 2020	No distance rule	2020-21 \$25,000 cap	31 December 2020

## **Q2. 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

## **Q3. 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

## **Q4. How is the transport subsidy calculated for journeys completed between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 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 2020 to 31 Dec 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.

## **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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