

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. Who is eligible?

Transport providers who are acting in conjunction with community groups and other organisations that arrange the transport of donated fodder from within NSW to drought affected properties.

Q2. What is the rebate for?

To assist with costs of transporting donated fodder, incurred by the transporting company and/or operator, to a central location for distribution to multiple rural properties.

Q3. What costs are covered?

The subsidy will apply to the costs incurred by the transporting company and/or operator for the loaded portion of the journey only.

Q4. What costs are NOT covered?

The transport of:

- Small volumes of fodder (i.e. under one tonne per load)
- Poor quality fodder
- Transport of donated fodder from donors direct to individual farmers
- Transport of donated fodder to commercial feedlots and/or feed processors

Q5. How much is the rebate?

The scheme will pay 100 per cent of the cost for transporting donated fodder to a maximum of \$5 per kilometre (plus GST).

Q6. How far are we able to transport the fodder?

A maximum loaded distance of 1,500 kilometres applies.

Claims for distances in excess of 1,500 kilometres will be considered on a case by case basis.

Q7. If the donated fodder is transported to a central location and then distributed to farmers, are these farmers also able to claim the subsidy?

No – the subsidy applies to the transport of donated fodder to a central location only.

Costs for the distribution of the donated fodder is to be born by the individual farmers who receive the donated fodder.

Q8. Do we need to obtain approval before transporting the fodder?

Yes - Organising groups must seek approval from the NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) prior to transporting the donated fodder. This does not however constitute an approval to the subsidy and does not commit the RAA to payment of any funds.

Q9. How can we make a claim for this rebate?

Community groups and other organisations which are organising the transport of the donated fodder must seek approval from the RAA **prior** to transporting the fodder.

The transport operator is to apply for the subsidy direct from the RAA and must include a copy of the RAA approval to the transport of the donated fodder with their claim form along with copies of tax invoices for the cartage.

All forms are available from the RAA by phoning 1800 678 593 or visiting the RAA website at www.raa.nsw.gov.au

Q10. When is the cut-off date for lodging claims?

The subsidy is made available following an announcement by the NSW Government in response to an emergency which may include events such as drought and /or an extreme natural disaster.

Claims for the rebate must be submitted **no later than three months** after the RAA's approval to the transport of the donated fodder.

Q11. Is GST included in any payment received?

Yes – the GST component of any invoices received is able to be claimed. The RAA will issue a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) on payment of the subsidy and you should retain the 'Payment Advice' that is forwarded as a record for taxation purposes.

Q12. Should the subsidy be treated as Taxable Income when our Income Tax Return is completed?

Please seek advice from your accountant when applying for this type of assistance.

Q13. How quickly will claims be progressed?

The aim is for a two-week turnaround including the receipt of payments.

Q14. How do we apply?

Claim forms are available from the NSW Rural Assistance Authority website: www.raa.nsw.gov.au or by phoning 1800 678 593.

Applicants can lodge completed forms including required documentation to the NSW Rural Assistance Authority by post, email, facsimile or personal delivery at:

Post: Locked Bag 23, Orange NSW 2800

Email: rural.assist@raa.nsw.gov.au

Fax: (02) 6391 3098

In person: 161 Kite Street, Orange NSW 2800