



Disaster recovery grants provide immediate relief to eligible primary producers, small businesses and non-profit organisations for clean-up and restoration costs in the aftermath of extreme natural disasters such as fire, flood, storm damage or any other declared natural disaster.

Disaster recovery grants are available following a natural disaster declaration under the joint Commonwealth and NSW government funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) 2018.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. How much can I claim with the recovery grant?

Eligible small businesses can claim up to \$15,000 to help with clean-up and immediate restoration costs.

Q2. Am I eligible for the recovery grant?

Small businesses are eligible for a recovery grant if the business:

- is located within a declared natural disaster Local Government Area announced by the NSW Government
- has suffered direct damage to premises and/or tools of trade
- is a registered business and has less than 20 full time employees AND
- derives more than 50% of the owners total gross income.

A complete list of eligibility criteria is available in the Guidelines available on the RAA website [www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au)

Q. What costs can I claim with the recovery grant?

Eligible small businesses can claim costs associated with the:

- a) clean-up and removal of debris, including hire of equipment, disposal costs and labour and material costs above normal wage and material expenditure;
- b) restoration of damaged assets and stock including safety inspections, essential repairs, purchase, hire or lease of equipment and stock essential to the immediate resumption of trading; and
- c) re-location to and leasing of, temporary premises when immediate re-opening of damaged premises is not possible.

(NB: Loss of income is not eligible under this scheme)

A complete list of eligible costs is outlined in the Guidelines.

Q. I am a small business owner, what information do I need to provide with my application?

Small businesses owners must provide a complete application and include copies of their:

- a) Business registration certificate
- b) Current rates notices or utilities bill (proof of location)
- c) Latest Business tax returns and financial statements
- d) Tax invoices/receipts for expenses

Q. Can I submit my application before I have incurred expenses?

Yes, application forms can be submitted online before costs can be claimed.

Q What is the final date I can apply for the recovery grant and claim expenses?

Applications and invoices must be submitted on or before 24 May 2020. Applications and invoices received after this date will not be accepted.

## The Application Process

Eligible small businesses in declared Local Government Areas can apply for disaster recovery grants. The Guidelines outline who is eligible and what costs can be claimed.

To fast track your application and avoid delays in your cash payments:

1. Apply online at [www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au) and
2. Ensure your application form is complete.

Guidelines and Application forms are available on the RAA website.



## Further information

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