

Rural Assistance Payment Application



Work and Income
Te Hiranga Tangata

A service of the Ministry of Social Development

Applicant information

The following two pages contain important information for you to keep. It explains the responsibilities you (and your partner) have to Work and Income, in order to receive this payment.

Who can get this payment

The Rural Assistance Payment is a Special Needs Grant for farmers who need temporary assistance following a specific adverse event.

Rural Assistance Payments can be made to farmers or beekeepers affected by the varroa bee mite, who are in financial hardship and are in an effected area approved by the Minister for Social Development and Employment following an adverse event. Applicants must also meet specific criteria.

To be eligible for this assistance, you must:

- have a land-based industry that is in financial difficulty and is not producing sufficient income to meet essential living expenses
- have no other significant income
- have no assets (in excess of the cash assets limit) unconnected with the land-based industry that it would be practical to realise.

You must also:

- be a New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident *and*
- usually live in New Zealand.

Eligibility for this assistance will end:

- at the conclusion of the period approved by the Minister *or*
- a year after approval by the Minister *or*
- when your circumstances change and you cease to be eligible for the Rural Assistance Payment.

What you need to provide



Please ask for help if:

- you do not have any of the documents we have asked for
- you think there could be a delay in providing this information
- you would like to know about extra help.

Proof of your identity history

You must provide one form of identification that proves you have been using your legal identity for at least 2 years.

To apply for the Rural Assistance Payment, you must complete this application form and provide the following:

- Proof of your lawful residence in New Zealand (eg New Zealand birth certificate or current New Zealand passport, or other country passport with residence visa).
- One other form of identification (eg driver's licence, firearms licence or a bank card with signature). If you are unable to provide at least one form of photo identification you will need to provide one further form of identification (3 forms of identification in total).
- Agri-recovery facilitator's signature confirming your financial situation (refer to page 5).
- Full birth certificates for your children.

If you have a partner, you also need to provide the following information about them:

- A birth certificate or passport, and one other form of identification, eg driver's licence.

If you want to continue receiving this assistance, you will need to complete a Continuation of the Rural Assistance Payment Application every 4 weeks. Payments are made in a lump sum for a maximum of 4 weeks.

Privacy Statement

The legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development allows us to check the information that you give us in this form.

This may happen when you apply for a benefit and at any time after that.

The Privacy Act 1993 requires us to tell you that:

- The information you give us is collected under the authority of the legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development.
- The information will be held by the Ministry of Social Development.
- The information is collected for the purposes of the legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development (including Work and Income, Child Youth and Family and other services lines of the Ministry), and in particular for:
 - granting benefits and other assistance under the Social Security Act 1964
 - providing employment related services
 - statistical and research purposes
 - providing advice to Government
 - care and protection needs of children
 - providing support and services for you and your family
 - providing education related services.
- Work and Income may contact health providers to verify any health related information you give us.
- Other information that you give us on your skills, aspirations, family circumstances etc, and that is not required to assess your entitlement to a benefit may be used to provide a better service to you by the Ministry of Social Development.
- The information you give us may be compared with information held by Inland Revenue, the Ministry of Justice, the Department of Corrections, the New Zealand Customs Service, the Department of Internal Affairs, the Accident Compensation Corporation, Housing New Zealand Corporation, Ministry of Health and Immigration New Zealand. It may also be compared with social security information (for example, pension or benefit information) held by other governments (including Australia and the Netherlands).
- Under the Privacy Act 1993 you have the right to ask to see all information we hold about you, and to ask us to correct that information.
- You are not required to give us information, but if you do not give us all the information we ask for, your application for benefits may be declined.

Obligations

Work situation changes include starting part-time, casual or full-time work, whether paid or unpaid.

Changes in your living situation include:

- starting or ending a de facto relationship with someone of the same or opposite sex
- change in the number of children supported
- change in accommodation costs
- marriage or separation
- entering or ending a civil union.

I must tell Work and Income immediately if I:

- have a change in work situation
- become self employed / start to run a business
- have changes to my income or financial circumstances
- intend to travel overseas
- start / finish part-time or full-time study
- have changes to personal details (such as name, address or bank account details)
- have changes to my living situation
- am imprisoned / held in custody on remand
- am admitted to or discharged from hospital
- have been granted an overseas pension
- have any other changes that may affect my benefit entitlement or rate
- receive off-farm income.

Important

I understand that:

- if I have made a false statement **or**
- if I have failed to answer all the questions in full **or**
- if I do not tell Work and Income about changes in my life that might affect my entitlement or rate **then**
- my benefit may be reviewed and cancelled **and**
- I may have to pay back the total amount of any overpayment that I have received **and**
- Work and Income may impose a penalty (up to three times the value of the overpayment) **or**
- I may be prosecuted and fined or imprisoned
- receive off-farm income.

Additional information

Your client number is:

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Information required by

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Day Month Year

Contact name

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Partner details

Q9 note: A partner is your spouse (husband or wife), your civil union partner, or a person of the same or opposite sex with whom you have a de facto relationship.

9. Do you have a partner?

No ▶ Go to Question 12 Yes

10. What is your partner's name?

First name(s)

Surname or family name

11. What is your partner's date of birth?

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Day	Month	Year

Rural assistance payment declaration

Q12 note: The following criteria must be met for applications to be processed. Please check that you qualify under each and every point before signing the declaration.

Q12b note: Please tick the box to indicate which statement applies.

Q12d note: Income includes interest and dividends, and any income from a partner.

12. I declare that:

- a. The business is in financial difficulty, by reason of a specific adverse event, and is not producing sufficient income to meet essential living expenses without drawing on the equity of the business.
- b. I have a history of deriving my principal income from a land-based industry, **or**
 My business is in the developmental stage and I intended that my income would come from the business.
- c. I do not have any assets unconnected with the farm operations which can be readily converted into cash, for example, shares, term investments.
- d. I receive other income of \$ per week before tax.
- e. I agree to provide whatever information may be required by Work and Income or the Ministry of Agriculture (including access to our business and the production of business records), to verify that the conditions of the payment are met.
- f. I require assistance to cover the next weeks (maximum 12 weeks).

Applicant's statement

I agree that:

- I have completed all the questions in this *Rural Assistance Payment Application* (or this form has been completed for me), and the information I have given is true and complete.
- The conditions for receiving this payment have been explained to me and I understand these conditions.
- I am aware of and understand the Privacy Act statement contained in this form.

Applicant's signature

Date

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Day	Month	Year

Partner's signature

Date

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Day	Month	Year

Agri-recovery facilitator/Rural Support Trust co-ordinator's statement

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this declaration is an accurate assessment of the applicant's financial situation.

Full name

Address

Home phone

Mobile phone

Alternative phone

Adverse event, eg National drought

Agri-recovery facilitator/Rural Support Trust co-ordinator's signature

Date

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Decision

Rural Assistance paid \$

From

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Day	Month	Year

To

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Legal authority

Recommended by

Processor's signature

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Authenticator's signature

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Checker's signature

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