



Q1. Who is eligible?

Primary producers who have livestock on properties where:

- Animals are at significant risk in terms of animal welfare
- There is limited available feed and/or water

Animals must leave the farming system permanently, and the farming enterprise must be in financial need.

Q2. What is the rebate for?

To assist with the cost of transport of stock to sale or slaughter for animal welfare issues.

Q3. What costs are covered?

The transport of:

- Stock to slaughter
- Stock to sale.

Q4. What costs are NOT covered?

The transport of:

- Stock (including bees) to agistment.
- Returning stock to a property from agistment.
- Fodder (including bee fodder) to a property.
- Fencing and other materials to assist with the containment of stock.

Q5. How much is the rebate?

The rebate is up to 50%, to a maximum of \$20,000 per financial year per farm enterprise.

Q6. How do I know if I am in financial need?

You must be in receipt of the Farm Household Allowance or be an eligible client of the local Rural Financial Counselling Service.

Q7. How do I know if my stock, when transported for sale or slaughter are eligible for the rebate?

Your stock must have a Fat Score of 2 or below. For Dairy Cattle the Fat Score must be 3 or below.

Q8 How can I make a claim for this rebate?

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

Q9. When is the cut-off date for lodging claims?

The subsidy is permanently available.

Claims for the rebate must be submitted no later than six months after movement of the stock.

Q10. Can a company or incorporated body apply?

Yes. But as with individuals, the company must have a right or interest in the land used for the purpose of a farm enterprise.

Q11. What about disasters?

Following a Natural Disaster Declaration, a separate subsidy may be available for the transport of:

- Stock (including bees) to agistment from a property that is within a Natural Disaster Declared area.
- Returning stock to a property from agistment following a declared Natural Disaster event.
- Fodder (including bee fodder) to a property within a Natural Disaster Declared area.

Q12. Is GST included in any payment received?

No – the GST component of any invoices received is able to be claimed on completion of your Business Activity Statement (BAS). The Authority will NOT 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.

Q13. Should the subsidy be treated as Taxable Income when my Income Tax Return is completed?

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

Q14. How quickly will claims be progressed?

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

Q15. Can I get approval before transporting my stock?

No. Claims must be lodged with invoices following the transport of the stock.

Q16. How do I apply?

Ring 1800 678 593 for a claim form or advice or visit the NSW Rural Assistance Authority website: www.raa.nsw.gov.au.

The claim form is available on our website or by contacting the Authority direct.

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