

What kinds of courses can I access?

Numerous training courses are available and include but are not limited to:

Heavy Vehicle
Forklift tickets
Confined spaces
Dogging
Auto electrics
Drone operations
Business Management
Chainsaw operations
Excavator tickets
Elevated work platform
Small Engine Maintenance
Work Health & Safety
Book Keeping
Farm Management

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How much will the courses cost me?

The courses are fully subsidised by the NSW Government under the State Government's Smart and Skilled Program.

The general public can already apply for these subsidies courses, however, access to training involves approval based on competing priorities. Under this initiative access to the subsidised courses is guaranteed for any farmer or business owner that meets the eligibility criteria

Am I eligible?

Eligible applicants meet the following criteria:

Drought affected business owner or farmer
Live in a postcode with regional NSW (defined as all of NSW outside Sydney Metro, Newcastle and Wollongong)
Meet the Smart and Skilled eligibility:
15 years or older
No longer at school
Living or working in NSW
Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen

Why is this support available?

Due to the severity of the drought, some farming businesses are experiencing income losses or business closure. This access to funding aims to provide a pathway to alternative income sources or new career options.