

+ In-potential applicants

Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants

Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants are jointly funded under the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

What is the definition of a primary producer under the DRFA scheme*?



Under the DRFA scheme, a 'primary producer' is defined as a sole trader, partnership, company or trust that spends **majority of its labour** and earns the **majority of its income** from the primary production enterprise.

The DRFA definition also recognises 'in-potential' primary producers who, in the opinion of the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA), based on the demonstrated production potential of the primary production enterprise, **will derive the majority of their income** from the primary production enterprise **within a reasonable time**.

How does QRIDA determine an in-potential primary producer applicant?







Tell us your story. It's important for QRIDA to understand where you are on the journey to becoming a primary producer at the time of the event. We want to know what resources you have, the capacity of your business and land under production.

We will also consider other circumstances such as drought or other natural disasters that may have impacted your journey to becoming a primary producer. Importantly, we assess these applications on a case-by-case basis.

To assist with your assessment, we may use the following to determine if you are classed as an in-potential primary producer (this list is neither comprehensive nor exhaustive):

- business plan
- cash flow projections
- contracts in place – sale, commodity, adjustment etc
- factors of production at the time of the event
- publicly available information including water allocations, soil types, Bureau of Meteorology data and Long Paddock data.

Examples of how QRIDA assesses in-potential applicants

| | Hypothetical situation | Things QRIDA would assess/calculate to establish 'in-potential' status |
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|  Beef | A newly purchased cattle property was engulfed by bushfires and grazer required to take off-farm job in mines to support re-establishment of beef business. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herd numbers prior to the disaster • Specific pasture information • Establish cattle carrying capacity in adult equivalents • Off-farm job income and days worked |
|  Sugarcane | Recently purchased sugar cane farming property inundated with flood waters causing a greater need for supporting farming operations through cane contracting work to help support longer term cashflow recovery to offset production losses. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hectares under production • Production history (if available) • Average production data for the region • Specific cropping schedules • Harvesting contract income and days worked |
|  Macadamia | An ex-tropical cyclone caused damage to a property that had planted new macadamia trees two years prior (<i>many horticulture endeavours take several years to establish a commercial yield</i>). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size of property • Stage/maturity of planted or ordered trees • Numbers of plants |
|  Commercial fishing | A new commercial fishing business has suffered significant damage during its establishment phase after a cyclone passed through the area. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effort and license details • Vessel details |

*Please note: Other government agencies or financial assistance schemes may have different definitions for primary producers. The above definition and this background paper is referenced to the definition used for DRFA disaster assistance schemes.

