



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO DROUGHT ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO TASMANIAN FARMERS, INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES

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Information	Farmpoint	Farmpoint website		Website for Tasmania farmers	Department of Primary Industries & Water (TAS)	1300 368 550	www.farmpoint.tas.gov.au	farmpoint.enquiries@dpiw.tas.gov.au
	Drought Assistance	Drought Guide		Summary of drought measures by Australian, State & Territory Governments	Dept Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (AUS)		http://www.daff.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/148942/drought-assistance-guide-12April07.pdf	
	Drought Information (version 1.2)	Drought Information CD		Information on drought assistance	Department of Primary Industries & Water (TAS)	6336 5381 1300 368 550	http://www.dpiw.tas.gov.au	drought@dpiw.tas.gov.au
	Australian Government Drought Assistance Hotline	Drought Assistance Hotline		Centrelink Hotline	Centrelink	13 23 16		
Community Support	CWA Emergency Drought Aid Fund 2006-2008	Emergency community & family grants		Grants for community events & individual emergency needs	Country Women's Association of Tasmania	6231 3706	www.cwaintas.org.au	cwaintas@netspace.net.au
	Local Answers - Strengthening Drought Affected Communities	Funding for communities for skills & capacity building projects	*	Grants for communities to build skills & capacity of members	Department of Families, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs (AUS)	1800 607 839	www.facsia.gov.au	
Employment, Education & Training	Declared Drought Area Incentives	Australian Apprentices support	*	Support to farmers to continue to offer apprenticeships during a drought	Department of Education, Science & Training (AUS)	1800 639 629	www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au	
	Drought Force	Drought mitigation activities & community projects	*	Labour for drought mitigation activities on farms & community projects	Department of Employment & Workplace Relations (AUS)	1800 004 226	www.workplace.gov.au	
	AAA FarmBis	Business & natural resource management learning activities		Assistance to farmers to increase skills & self-reliance &	Dept Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (AUS)	1800 686 175	www.farmbis.gov.au	
	Access to Job Search Support	Job Search support for redundant rural workers		Access to Job Search Support services by individuals made redundant by drought	Department of Employment & Workplace Relations (AUS)		www.workplace.gov.au	

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Employment, Education & Training Continued	Early Access to Intensive Support	Intensive Support for redundant rural workers		Access to Intensive Support services by individuals made redundant by drought	Department of Employment & Workplace Relations (AUS)		www.workplace.gov.au	
	Flexible Arrangements for Youth Allowance	Flexible arrangements for Newstart Youth Allowance		Assistance to unemployed in drought	Centrelink	13 23 16	www.centrelink.gov.au	
			*	Entitlement to Youth Allowance	Centrelink	13 23 16	www.centrelink.gov.au	
Finance	Rural Financial Counselling Service	Rural financial counselling		Free & impartial financial assessment information & support	RFCS	6334 2768 (North) 6272 5992 (South)	www.rfcstasmania.com.au	launceston@rfcstasmania.com.au; hobart@rfcstasmania.com.au
	AAA Farm Help	Financial assistance & planning		Short term financial assistance to farming families.	AAA Farm help	1800 050 585	www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/aaa/farm-help	
	Tax Office - help available for drought affected areas	Tax Office help for drought affected regions		Flexible arrangements for lodging tax returns	Australian Taxation Office	13 11 42	www.ato.gov.au	
	Exceptional Circumstances Interest Rate Subsidy	Interest Rate Subsidies	*	Interest rate subsidies for drought-affected farmers & small businesses	Department of Primary Industries & Water (TAS)	1300 368 550	www.dpiw.tas.gov.au	drought@dpiw.tas.gov.au
	Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment	Relief Payment	*	Income support for farm families & small businesses	Centrelink	13 23 16	www.centrelink.gov.au	
	Older Rural Homeowners - Concessional Asset Treatment for Older Australians	Concessional asset treatment for older Australians		Concessional asset test treatment	Department of Families, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs (AUS)	13 23 16	www.facsia.gov.au	
	Earlier Access to Funds for FMD holders in EC Declared Areas	Early access to Farm Management Deposits	*	Allow primary producers to access FMDs early without losing taxation benefits	Dept Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (AUS)	13 28 66	www.daff.gov.au/fmds	
Health	Don't Beat Around the Bush	Mental Health Support		Depression counselling	Beyond Blue	1300 224 636	www.beyondblue.org.au	
	Ybblue	Mental Health Support		Youth counselling	Beyond Blue	1300 22 4636	www2.youthbeyondblue.com	
	Just Ask	Mental Health Support		Rural Mental Health	Lifeline	1300 13 11 14	www.justask.org.au	
	Mensline	Mental Health Support		Mens counselling	Mensline	1300 789 978	www.menslineaus.org.au	
	Men's Sheds	Mental Health Support		Mens wellbeing	Mensheds Australia	02 8213 8699	www.mensheds.com.au	info@mensheds.com.au

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Health Continued	Relationships Australia (Tasmania)	Mental Health Support		Relationship counselling	Relationships Australia (Tasmania)	1300 364 277	www.relationships.com.au	
	Rural Womens Telephone Counselling Service (SA)	Mental Health Support		Rural Womens Counselling	Rural Womens Telephone Counselling Service	1800 182 098		
	Family Relationship Services Programme	Social & emotional counselling		Social & emotional counselling	Department of Families, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs (AUS)	13 23 16	www.facsia.gov.au/frsp	
	Health Care Card	Health Care Card	*	Entitlement to Health Care Card	Centrelink	13 23 16	www.centrelink.gov.au	
	Regional Health Services Programme	Operation of primary health care services		Improved access to primary health care services	Department of Families, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs (AUS)	1800 020 787	www.health.gov.au	ruralhealth@health.gov.au
	Salvo Care Line	Social & emotional counselling & support		Social & emotional counselling & support	Salvation Army	1300 363 622	www.salvos.org.au/	
	Mental Health Services Helpline	Mental Health Triage		24 hour, seven days a week, service for mental health crisis	Mental Health Services, Dept of Health and Human Services	1800 332 388		
Planning	Future Options - Ways Forward For Farm Families	Ways Forward for Farm Families CD-ROM		CD-ROM profiling six families going through change	Dept Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (AUS)	1800 686 175	www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/aaa/	
	Professional Advice & Planning Grants	Business & financial planning advice	*	Farm business planning, drought planning, financial & agronomic advice	Centrelink	13 23 16	www.centrelink.gov.au	

*EC - Exceptional Circumstances - A declaration by the Australian Government on the drought status of specific areas in a state. Go to <http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought/ec> to check drought status in your area



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