

Climate Change Adjustment Program

Purpose

Assistance for primary producers to manage the impacts of climate change is available through a number of programs. The Climate Change Adjustment Program (CCAP) is part of Australia's Farming Future and will assist primary producers adapt and adjust to the impacts of climate change. The CCAP will assist primary producers in financial difficulty, which are, or are likely to be, adversely impacted by climate change, including those experiencing hardship caused by drought, to obtain professional advice, training, re establishment grants.

There are 3 elements to this program:

1. Adjustment and Training Grant. The grant of up to \$5,500 (GST inclusive) is available for specialised professional advice and training across a range of disciplines to assist farmers to adjust to the impacts of climate change.
2. Re-establishment Grant. The Re-establishment Grant offers re-establishment assistance of up to \$150,000 for farmers who choose to sell their farm enterprise and leave farming.
3. Income Support. Income support is available to assist farm families in financial difficulty to manage the impacts of climate change under the Transitional Income Support program.

General Eligibility

To be eligible for the Advice and Training Grant

1. A person, for a continuous period of at least 2 years must:
 - Have been a farmer in Australia.
 - Have derived a significant amount of his or her gross income from the farm enterprise.
 - Have contributed a significant amount of his or her capital to the farm enterprise.
 - Have contributed a significant amount of his or her labour to the farm enterprise.
 - Have not received assistance from the Farm Help Advice and Training Scheme or Exceptional Circumstances Professional Advice and Planning Grant.
2. The farmer must satisfy the Financial Assessment assets test.
3. The farmer must undertake a Farm Business Analysis and develop a CCAP Action Plan.

To be eligible for the Re-establishment Grant a person must meet the criteria for the Advice and Training Grant, also:

- Have owned the farm enterprise for at least 5 years immediately prior to selling the farm and leaving the industry.
- Have been in effective control of the farm immediately before the sale.
- Have sold all their farm assets and the sale must be on commercial terms and at arm's length.
- Must undertake not to own or operate a farm for a period of five years.

Closing Date

Applications may be received at any time during the 4 year running period of the program (concluding 2012).

Assistance Provided

Up to a maximum of \$150,000 will be provided through this program.

Administering Agency

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