



Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

## FarmReady Reimbursement Grants

Australia's Farming Future

training



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### What is FarmReady?

FarmReady is the Australian Government's \$26.5 million program that boosts training and provides opportunities for industry, farming, and natural resource management groups to develop strategies to adapt and respond to climate change. The four year program offers two types of support to the agricultural, fishing and forestry sectors:

- > FarmReady Reimbursement Grants for individual primary producers and Indigenous land managers to attend approved climate change training activities.
- > FarmReady Industry Grants for industry organisations, primary producer and natural resource management groups to undertake projects to enable their members to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

FarmReady is a key component of Australia's Farming Future, the Australian Government's \$130 million flagship four-year initiative to improve productivity and help farmers manage climate change and climate variability.

### How can climate change training help me?

Climate change represents a significant challenge for primary producers, wild catch fishers, foresters and Indigenous land managers in rural and regional Australia. The Australian Government recognises the need to start planning for a future in which climate volatility will challenge primary producers and rural and regional communities. Climate change impacts may include reduced water availability; increased frequency of extreme weather events such as droughts and flooding; and reduced crop yields and quality.

You can develop your skills and understanding of climate change issues that may affect your business through participating in training. Approved FarmReady training courses are an opportunity to learn about adaptive practices, understand innovative technologies, and share ideas and information with other primary producers.



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## How does the FarmReady Reimbursement Grant work?

Contact the FarmReady administrator, online or over the phone, and register your interest in attending a FarmReady approved training activity. If you are eligible, you will receive pre-approval for reimbursement. Book your attendance at the course and pay the required course fees as required by the training provider. After you successfully complete the course, submit proof of what you have spent to the administrator. Up to \$1500 is available to cover course fees each financial year, with funding also available to cover excess travel, accommodation and childcare costs.

You can find out which training courses are approved under the program:

- > on-line at [www.farmready.gov.au](http://www.farmready.gov.au) through an up-to-date database
- > by calling the administrator on 1800 087 670, or
- > by asking training providers if they have any courses that are FarmReady approved.

## Am I eligible?

FarmReady is not means or asset tested. To be eligible for the FarmReady Reimbursement Grant, you must be:

- > a primary producer (a farmer, fisher or forester)
- > an immediate family member of a primary producer
- > a member of the management team of a primary production enterprise, or
- > an Indigenous land manager

## What type of training can I do?

Approved courses will focus on key learning areas designed to equip you with the tools to manage and adapt to the impacts of climate change. They include:

- > understanding the implications of climate variability and climate change
- > integration of new techniques, including high level technical skills, for sustainable production as a result of climate change
- > natural resource planning and adaptive management such as planning for sustainable use, integrated catchment management, drought management, fire management, and flood management as a result of climate change.
- > farm business management, risk assessment and identification of management options
- > development of research and analytical skills to be applied in primary production enterprise
- > strategic planning and thinking, scenario planning, decision making
- > holistic “whole farm” planning
- > financial management, such as budget preparation, monitoring and reporting, and ability to understand financial statements
- > human resource management / management of people

## What other FarmReady support is available?

FarmReady also encourages eligible groups to undertake projects that develop strategies to manage the impacts of climate change. Up to \$80 000 per financial year will be available for eligible industry, farming and natural resource management groups to identify opportunities for their members to adapt to climate change impacts. More information on FarmReady Industry Grants is available on the ‘FarmReady Industry Grants’ factsheet, or by visiting [www.daff.gov.au/farmingfuture](http://www.daff.gov.au/farmingfuture).

## What are the other components of Australia’s Farming Future

As well as FarmReady, Australia’s Farming Future includes:

- > **Climate Change Research Program** to fund research projects and on-farm demonstration activities
- > **Community networks and capacity building activities** to focus on increasing leadership and representative capacity of specific target groups.
- > **Climate Change Adjustment Program** to help farmers develop options for on-farm climate change strategies and practices, seek specific professional advice and training or adjustment assistance.

## How can I get involved?

To find out about courses registered with FarmReady, visit [www.farmready.gov.au](http://www.farmready.gov.au) or phone the administrator on 1800 087 670.

You can also register to receive free updates on the program through the FarmReady subscription list at [www.farmready.gov.au](http://www.farmready.gov.au).



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