



Claim for Irrigation Management Grant

Purpose of this form

Use this form to claim the Irrigation Management Grant if you are an irrigator in the Murray-Darling Basin or draw water from the Murray-Darling Basin as your sole source of irrigation.

This grant is available to eligible farm enterprises until 30 June 2009. Claims must be lodged by 31 March 2009.

This grant will:

- assist irrigators to prepare for and manage the risks associated with reduced water allocations
- improve on-farm practices to maximise irrigated production from the water that is available.

For more information

Call Centrelink on **1800 050 015**, visit your local **Centrelink Customer Service Centre** or go to our website at **www.centrelink.gov.au**

To speak to Centrelink in languages other than English, call **13 1202**.

Note: Calls from your home phone to Centrelink 13 numbers from anywhere in Australia are charged at a fixed rate. That rate may vary from the price of a local call and may also vary between telephone service providers. Calls from public and mobile phones may be timed and charged at a higher rate.

If you have a hearing or speech impairment

TTY service Freecall™ **1800 810 586**. A TTY phone is required to use this service.

Interpreters and translations

If you need an **interpreter** or **translation** of any documents for Centrelink business, we can arrange this for you free of charge.

What else you will need to provide

You will need to provide **proof of identity**. There is a complete list of acceptable documents in the **Notes** in this claim. **If you are currently receiving Exceptional Circumstance Relief Payment, the Professional Advice and Planning Grant, Farm Help income support or any other Centrelink income support payment, you are only required to provide 40 points of Identification.**

This form tells you which **other documents** you need to provide to support your claim.

Depending on your circumstances you may have to fill in **other forms**.

Filling in this form

Please use black or blue pen.

Mark boxes like this with a ✓ or X.

Where you see a box like this ► **Go to 5** skip to the question number shown. You do not need to answer the questions in between.

Returning your form

Check that you have answered all the questions you need to answer and that you have signed and dated this form.

Return this form, all additional documents and any other forms you are required to complete to Centrelink.

For customers with a farm enterprise in NSW, QLD, ACT return this form to:

Attention: Drought Processing Team
Locked Bag 5004
Parkes NSW 2870

For customers with a farm enterprise in SA, VIC return this form to:

Attention: Drought Processing Team
PO Box 302
Port Pirie SA 5540

Please keep these Notes (pages 1 to 6) for your information.

What is the purpose of the grant

The Irrigation Management Grant (up to \$20,000), is a taxable payment which enables eligible farm enterprises to access funds to implement water management strategies that will contribute to the farm plan for managing short-term reduced water allocations.

Eligibility

Farmers who:

- have a right or interest in the land used for the purpose of a farm enterprise
- have been a farmer for 2 years prior to lodging the claim
- are irrigators in the Murray-Darling Basin or who draw water from the Murray-Darling Basin as their sole source of irrigation
- contribute significant labour and capital to the irrigation enterprise
- hold an active license for irrigation entitlement or can demonstrate they have derived income from irrigation activities or would have derived an income from irrigation activities were water allocations not significantly reduced or that they have incurred expenses on irrigation activities within the three years prior to the date of claim
- be at least 18 years old and reside in Australia
- have a current Australian Business Number (ABN)
- meet an off-farm assets test that is the same as that applying to the Exceptional Circumstances Interest Rate Subsidy at the time of the claim being lodged
- have identified the activities that will contribute to the farm plan for managing short-term reduced water allocations.

Eligible Activities

Assistance is available to help irrigators undertake a range of activities that respond to temporarily reduced water allocations and improve on-farm practices to maximise production for the water that is available.

Eligible activities are:

- piping, troughs and associated activities for stock and domestic water
- fixed water charges
- sinking/extending/refurbishing of bores (and pumps)
- pruning activities to minimise the impact of low water allocations
- reconfiguring irrigation systems
- equipment replacement to maintain irrigation systems (including computer software, piping and pumps)
- costs associated with implementing water efficient crop options and
- laser leveling.

Assistance will NOT be paid for:

- the purchase or leasing of vehicles
- purchasing water or fodder
- refinancing existing loans
- accounting fees or
- purchase or service of assets not directly involved in the operation of the farm enterprise.

Income and non-farm assets

There is no income test.

The assets test for the Irrigation Management Grant mirrors the assets test for Exceptional Circumstances Interest Rate Subsidy (ECIRS) current at the time of claim. This means that from 25 September 2007 until 30 September 2008 the total of the off-farm net assets of all the members of the farm enterprise must not exceed \$750,000. For claims lodged on or after 1 October 2008, call us on **1800 050 015** to enquire about the assets test.

Assets INCLUDE:

- amounts held in banks, building societies or credit unions and investments with other financial institutions
- shares, managed investments
- real estate apart from your home and the land you are using for farming
- outstanding loans to other people
- investments outside Australia
- household and personal items such as furniture, jewellery, antiques
- motor vehicles (used for private use), boats, caravans.

Assets DO NOT INCLUDE:

- land used for the purpose of the farm enterprise
- any farm plant and machinery, farm livestock or other assets essential to the effective running of the farm
- the value of each member's life insurance policies
- the value of each member's superannuation, provided the superannuation is in an approved superannuation fund
- the value of each member's own home.

Privacy and your personal information

Your personal information is protected by law, including the Commonwealth Privacy Act.

The information you provide in this form will be used to determine your eligibility for, and provide payments and services for you, and, where relevant, third parties. This information may also be used to detect or prevent fraud and/or recover overpayments.

Centrelink usually gives some or all of your information to the Department of Human Services and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry for the purposes of evaluation and monitoring of services provided by Centrelink.

Centrelink may disclose limited information (for example, income and assets) about you to other individuals, when your circumstances affect their entitlement to payments and services.

Centrelink may re-use your personal information contained in this claim form should an additional Exceptional Circumstances Drought Declaration be made for your area.

Limited personal information collected from you may be used to conduct customer research run by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, the Department of Human Services, Centrelink or by research organisations on their behalf. Your participation in customer research is valued, however if you do not wish to take part please call the Customer Relations number on Freecall™ **1800 050 004** (refer to the factsheet *Customer Research and You*) for more information.

Centrelink can give your information to other persons, bodies or agencies without your permission in circumstances where Commonwealth legislation requires or authorises the disclosure. For example, Centrelink usually gives some or all of your information about income and taxation matters to the Australian Taxation Office for their use.

You can get more information from the factsheet *Your Right to Privacy* from your Centrelink Office, you can call Centrelink on **1800 050 015** to request a copy or you can visit our website at **www.centrelink.gov.au**

Proving your identity

Notes about proving your identity to Centrelink

As a Centrelink customer you are required to prove your identity when claiming a pension, benefit, allowance or service. You must establish your identity by providing **original** documents (not photocopies) from this approved list. Centrelink requires you to prove both your:

- Commencement of Identity (proof of your birth or arrival) in Australia, and
- use of this Identity.

Note: The document you use to show your Commencement of Identity cannot also count towards the POINTS required for the payment or service claimed.

If you have any difficulty in obtaining or providing these documents, you should contact Centrelink as soon as possible.

If you have previously met the proof of identity requirements, and you are reclaiming within 52 weeks of receiving a Centrelink payment, fewer proof of identity documents may be required. If you think this applies to you, contact Centrelink as soon as possible.

Any documents that are provided for proof of identity may also be used to assist Centrelink in verifying your age, residency, income or assets if required.

You will need to provide:

- at least one document (listed below) to show Commencement of Identity in Australia, AND
- OTHER documents that add up to 100 points from the approved list (below and the following page).

Commencement of Identity in Australia		
Document	Explanation/description	Points
Australian Birth Certificate	Original Australian birth certificate, extract or birth card in your name/former name.	70
Australian Passport (current)	Australian passport in your name/former name. Expired passports are not acceptable.	70
Citizenship Certificate	Australian citizenship certificate in your name/former name.	70
Australian Visa	Australian visa, current at time of entry to Australia as resident or tourist, showing your name/former name.	70
Document of Identity (DFAT)	Document of Identity issued in your name/former name by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to Australian citizens or persons who possess the nationality of a Commonwealth country, for travel purposes.	70
Certificate of Evidence of Resident Status (DIAC)	Certificate of Evidence of Resident Status (Form 283) issued by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, showing your name/former name.	70
Certificate of Identity (DIAC)	Certificate of Identity issued by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to refugees and non Australian citizens for entry to Australia.	70

Note: If more than one of the above documents is provided, the additional documents will count as points.

Use of Identity		
Document	Explanation/description	Points
Defence Discharge Papers	Australian Defence Force discharge papers, in your name/former name.	70
Shooter's or Firearm Licence	Current shooter's or firearm licence showing signature and/or photo and same name as claim.	70
Security Licence	Current security protection industry or crowd control licence, showing signature and/or photo and same name as claim.	70
Bank/Financial Institution card, statement or passbook	Current ATM or credit card showing your name and signature. Statement or passbook from current savings or cheque account showing your name and same address (if applicable) as your claim. Cannot accept: Cards issued by organisations other than banks, credit unions or building societies, account documentation issued by banks/financial institutions outside Australia or ATM or internet receipts/statements.	40
Child's Birth Certificate	Australian birth certificate for a child showing your name as parent/guardian. Cannot accept: Sibling's certificate.	40
Australian Driver's Licence – Motor Vehicle	Current state or territory issued driver's licence, learner's permit or provisional licence showing signature and/or photo and same name and same address as claim.	40
Australian Divorce Papers	Australian divorce papers in your name/former name, e.g. Decree Nisi, Decree Absolute.	40

Use of Identity		
Document	Explanation/description	Points
Educational Certificate	Up to 3 school/education qualification certificates for different years in your name/former name (school/TAFE/university/Registered Training Organisation (RTO)).	40
Australian Marriage Certificate	Marriage certificate issued by a state or territory government agency. Cannot accept: Church or celebrant issued certificates.	40
Mortgage Papers	Legally drawn mortgage papers for an Australian residence in your name/former name.	40
Name Change	Legal change of name certificate or deed poll certificate.	40
Overseas Passport	Current passport issued by a country other than Australia, with valid entry stamp or visa.	40
Registration Certificate from a Professional Board	Registration certificate from a national or state/territory professional registration board, e.g. doctors, nurses, dentists, physiotherapists, accountants.	40
Trade Certificate	Current Australian trade certificate in your name/former name. Must be signed by issuer or claimant.	40
Veterans' Affairs Gold Card	Current Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card issued in your name.	40
Reference from Indigenous Organisation	Reference from an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander organisation showing referee's full details and length of time they have known you.	20
Educational Report or Reference	Up to 3 school/education reports or references, including enrolment confirmations for different years or semesters, in your name/former name (school/TAFE/university/RTO).	20
Student ID Card	Current student ID card issued in your name with signature and/or photo (school/TAFE/university/RTO).	20
PAYG Payment Summary	PAYG payment summary, less than 2 years old, with tax file number. Cannot accept: Centrelink issued payment summaries.	20
Insurance Renewal	Current insurance renewal for house, contents, vehicle, boat, crop insurance in your name and showing same address as claim.	20
Tenancy Agreement or Lease	Current formal residential tenancy agreement or lease in your name and showing same address as claim.	20
Medicare Card	A current Medicare card showing your name.	20
Motor Vehicle Registration	Current motor vehicle registration showing your name, same address as claim and proof of payment.	20
Other Overseas Documents	Up to 3 documents issued by a country other than Australia (equivalent to Australian documents listed of at least 20 points value), includes lapsed passports issued by a country other than Australia.	20
Other Licence	Up to 3 current Commonwealth, state or territory licence for coxswain, boat, aircraft etc. Must have your photo and/or signature and same address as claim (if applicable). Cannot accept: Recreational fishing licences.	20
Proof of Age Card	Current proof of age or photo identity card issued by a government agency in your name with photo and/or signature.	20
Rates Notice	Paid rates notice in your name and showing same address as claim, less than 12 months old.	20
Utility Account	Up to 3 paid utility accounts e.g. gas, water, electricity or phone in your name and showing receipt number and same address as claim, less than 12 months old.	20
Electoral Enrolment	Proof of electoral enrolment card issued in your name and same address as claim.	10
Other Financial Documents	Up to 3 current financial documents, such as superannuation, shares, life insurance, credit card statement or managed investment documents issued in your name. Cannot accept: Hire or lease agreement.	10
Health Insurance Card	Current health insurance card showing your name.	10
Motoring Association Card	Current membership card or documents issued in your name.	10
Taxation Notice of Assessment	Taxation notice of assessment in your name less than 2 years old.	10
Employment Records	Termination notice, separation certificate, report or reference from employer in your name. Cannot accept: Payslips.	10


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1 Are you an irrigator?

No  You should not complete this form.

Not sure Call us on **1800 050 015** to discuss your eligibility.

Yes Go to next question


2 Do you have an irrigation enterprise in the Murray-Darling Basin or draw water directly from the Murray-Darling Basin as your sole source of irrigation?

No  The Irrigation Management Grant is only available for irrigators in the Murray-Darling Basin or who draw water directly from the Murray-Darling Basin as their sole source of irrigation.

Yes Go to next question

3 Has any member of your farm enterprise received the Irrigation Management Grant?

No Go to next question

Yes  Only one member of the farm enterprise is eligible for the Irrigation Management Grant. You should not complete this form.

5 Have you ever used or been known by any other names e.g. name at birth, maiden name, previous married name, Aboriginal or tribal name, alias, adoptive name, foster name?

No Go to next question

Yes Give details below

1 Other name

Type of name (e.g. name at birth)

2 Other name

Type of name (e.g. maiden name)

If you have more than 2 other names, attach a separate sheet with details.

6 Your sex

Male

Female

7 Your date of birth

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8 Your country of birth

9 Your permanent address

 Postcode

10 Your postal address (if different to above)

 Postcode

Personal details

4 Your name

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

First given name

Second given name

11 Your contact details

Home phone number ()

Is this a silent number? No Yes

In whose name is this phone account? My name

Partner's name

Another name

Mobile phone number

Is the mobile phone account in your or your partner's name? No Yes

Fax number ()

Work phone number ()

Alternative phone number ()

Email

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Marital status

12 What is your CURRENT marital status?

Married **Go to 13**

Partnered (de facto) **Go to 13**

Separated (including de facto) **Go to 20**

Divorced **Go to 20**

Widowed **Go to 20**

Never married or lived in the same home with a partner **Do not answer questions 13 to 19. Go to 20**

If none of the above describes your current marital status, please call us on **1800 050 015**.

13 When did you and your partner start living together?

/ /

14 Your partner's name

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

First given name

Second given name

15 Has your partner ever used or been known by any other names e.g. name at birth, maiden name, previous married name, Aboriginal or tribal name, alias, adoptive name, foster name?

No **Go to next question**

Yes **Give details below**

1 Other name

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Type of name (e.g. name at birth)

2 Other name

.....

Type of name (e.g. maiden name)

If your partner has more than 2 other names, attach a separate sheet with details.

16 Your partner's sex

Male

Female

17 Your partner's date of birth

/ /

18 Your partner's country of birth

Permission to enquire

19 Do you give permission for your partner to discuss your payments with us?

You can change this authority at any time.

No

Yes

20 Do you want another person or organisation to enquire or act on your behalf when dealing with us?

No **Go to next question**

Yes



You will need to complete and attach a **Authorising a person or organisation to enquire or act on your behalf** form (SS313). If you do not have this form, call us on **1800 050 015** or go to our website at **www.centrelink.gov.au**

Farmer eligibility

21 What is the name of the farm enterprise for which you are applying e.g. trading name of the farm enterprise?

22 Since October 2006 have you received the Professional Advice and Planning Grant (PA&PG) for this farm enterprise?

No Go to next question

Yes **Go to 30**

23 Are you currently in receipt of Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment (ECRP)?

No Go to next question

Yes **Go to 27**

24 Do you have a right or interest in a farm enterprise?

No You may not be eligible for this grant.
Call us on **1800 050 015** to discuss your eligibility.

Yes Go to next question

25 Please read this before answering the following question

Capital means your contribution to your farm enterprise. It includes the value of any inheritance that you (and/or your partner) received which consisted of part or all of the farm enterprise, land, stock, plant and equipment, cash, payments of farming expenses (e.g. fuel, chemical, fertiliser expenses, equipment repair expenses).


Do you contribute significant labour and capital to a farm enterprise?

No You may not be eligible for this grant.
Call us on **1800 050 015** to discuss your eligibility.

Yes Go to next question

26 Do you derive a significant amount of your income from farming?

No Go to next question

Yes  Attach a copy of your latest personal and farm income tax returns and financial statements.

27 Have you been a farmer for at least 2 years prior to lodging this claim?

No You may not be eligible for this grant.
Call us on **1800 050 015** to discuss your eligibility.

Yes Go to next question

About the farm enterprise

28 What is the address of the farm property that relates to this farm enterprise?

Address

Postcode

Name of the shire/Rural Land Protection Board in which the farm property is located

If more than 1 farm property, attach a separate sheet with details.

29 What type of business structure is your farm enterprise?

Sole trader (individual owner)

Partnership

Trust

Company

30 Give details for all persons who are involved in this farm enterprise.

For example:

- individual owner of the sole trader business
- all members of the farm enterprise partnership
- all shareholders of the private company
- all beneficiaries of the private trust.

Note: For clarification of non-farm assets see page 3 of the **Notes**.

1 Full name

Date of birth

Net \$ value of all non-farm assets

Tick if assistance has previously been received:

Irrigation Management Grant

2 Full name

Date of birth

Net \$ value of all non-farm assets

Tick if assistance has previously been received:

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3 Full name

Date of birth Net \$ value of all non-farm assets
____ / ____ / ____ \$ _____

Tick if assistance has previously been received:
Irrigation Management Grant

4 Full name

Date of birth Net \$ value of all non-farm assets
____ / ____ / ____ \$ _____

Tick if assistance has previously been received:
Irrigation Management Grant

5 Full name

Date of birth Net \$ value of all non-farm assets
____ / ____ / ____ \$ _____

Tick if assistance has previously been received:
Irrigation Management Grant

If more than 5 people, attach a separate sheet with details.

31 Have you discussed this claim with the members of the farm enterprise?

- No
Yes

About the irrigation enterprise

32 What is the Australian Business Number (ABN) currently being used by the farm enterprise?

____ - ____ - ____ - ____

33 Has the farm enterprise used another Australian Business Number (ABN) since October 2006?

- No *Go to next question*
Yes Give details below

1 Australian Business Number (ABN)
____ - ____ - ____ - ____

2 Australian Business Number (ABN)
____ - ____ - ____ - ____

3 Australian Business Number (ABN)
____ - ____ - ____ - ____

If more than 3 other Australian Business Numbers have been used, attach a separate sheet with details.

34 Do you hold an active licence for irrigation entitlement?

- No *Go to next question*
Yes Give details below


Licence number

Water authority which issued licence

▶ **Go to 38**


35 Can you demonstrate that you have derived an income from irrigation activities in the last 3 years?

- No *Go to next question*
Yes

 Please attach evidence of income from irrigation activities.
▶ **Go to 38**


36 Can you demonstrate that you would have derived an income from irrigation activities were water allocations not significantly reduced?

- No *Go to next question*
Yes

 Please attach evidence of irrigation activities.
▶ **Go to 38**

37 Can you demonstrate that you have incurred expenses from irrigation activities in the past 3 years?

No **▶ Go to next question**

Yes  Please attach evidence of expenses incurred from irrigation activities within the past 3 years.
▶ Go to next question

38 What is your farm's principal type of primary production?


- Beef – Irrigated
- Sheep – Irrigated
- Beef/Sheep – Irrigated
- Dairy – Irrigated
- Other livestock – Irrigated
- Cropping – Irrigated
- Mixed – Irrigated
- Cotton
- Flowers
- Fruit
- Nursery
- Rice
- Vegetables
- Viticulture (grapes)
- Other **▶ Give details below**

39 List the eligible activity type, cost and date you plan to implement the changes that an Irrigation Management Grant will provide?

1 Activity type

Cost of activity Date of implementation


\$ / /

 Attach receipts if applying retrospectively.

2 Activity type

Cost of activity Date of implementation


\$ / /

 Attach receipts if applying retrospectively.

3 Activity type

Cost of activity Date of implementation


\$ / /

 Attach receipts if applying retrospectively.

4 Activity type

Cost of activity Date of implementation


\$ / /

 Attach receipts if applying retrospectively.

5 Activity type

Cost of activity Date of implementation

\$ / /

 Attach receipts if applying retrospectively.

If there are more than 5 activities, attach a separate sheet with details.

40 Read this before answering the following question

If you claim less than \$20,000, the balance is available to be claimed up until 31 March 2009.

What is the total amount you wish to claim on behalf of the farm enterprise?

\$

41 Where do you want your payment made?

The bank, building society or credit union account must be in the farm enterprise's name.

Name of bank, building society or credit union

Branch where your account is held

Branch number (BSB)

Account number (this may not be your card number)

Account held in the name(s) of

Checklist

42 Which of the following forms, documents and other attachments are you (and/or your partner) providing with this form?

If you are not sure, check the question to see if you should attach the documents.

Where you are asked to provide documents, please attach original documents.

Authorising a person or organisation to enquire or act on your behalf form (SS313)
(If you answered Yes at question 20)

Your latest personal and farm income tax returns and financial statements
(if you answered Yes at question 26)

Documents showing evidence of income from irrigation activities
(If you answered Yes at question 35)

Documents showing evidence of irrigation activities
(If you answered Yes at question 36)

Documents showing evidence of expenses incurred from irrigation activities
(If you answered Yes at question 37)

Receipts if applying retrospectively
(see question 39)

Your statement

43 Statement

I declare that:

- the information provided in this form is complete and correct.
- I am a person authorised to act on behalf of the nominated farm enterprise.
- I give permission for Centrelink to use the information provided on my previous claims for Drought Assistance file *(if applicable)*.

I understand that:

- if I receive an Irrigation Management Grant, it will be taxable.
- giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.
- Centrelink can make relevant enquiries to ensure I receive the correct entitlement.
- my application may be reviewed and I may have to provide further evidence supporting my claim.
- I must spend the Irrigation Management Grant by 30 June 2009.
- if I do not spend the grant for purposes outlined in this application, I may be liable to repay some or all of it.

I consent for:

- relevant information to be provided to Centrelink to verify the accuracy of the information I have provided in my application for the Irrigation Management Grant.

Your signature

Date

Your partner's signature

Date