

Application for the Retirement Assistance for Farmers Scheme (RAFS)

You should complete this form if you wish to apply for the Retirement Assistance Scheme from the Department of Veterans' Affairs

In case pages of this form become separated, please place your name on top of each page.

The information you provide on this form is required to process an application for reimbursement of the cost of relevant documentary evidence for an application to the Veterans' Review Board.

Some of the information provided will be disclosed to the Department of Finance in order for any reimbursement to be processed.

There are penalties for making false statements.

If any of the details you give in this form change, you must tell the Department within 21 days.

Privacy Notice

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*. Your personal information may be collected by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) for the delivery of government programs for war veterans, members of the Australian Defence Force, members of the Australian Federal Police and their dependants.

Read more: How DVA manages personal information

How to contact DVA

For information, please call the Department of Veterans' Affairs (from anywhere in Australia) on:

1800 555 254

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New South Wales	Centennial Plaza Tower B 280 Elizabeth Street Sydney NSW 2001			
Victoria	300 Latrobe Street Melbourne VIC 3000	GPO Box 9998 Brisbane QLD 4001		
Queensland	480 Queen Street Brisbane QLD 4000	GPO Box 9998 Brisbane QLD 4001		
South Australia	Blackburn House 199 Grenfell Street Adelaide SA 5000	GPO Box 9998 Brisbane QLD 4001		
Western Australia	AMP Building 140 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000	GPO Box 9998 Brisbane QLD 4001		
Tasmania	Barrack Place 254 - 286 Liverpool Street Hobart TAS 7001	GPO Box 9998 Brisbane QLD 4001		
orthern Territory Winnellie Central 14 Winnellie Road Winnellie NT 0820		GPO Box 9998 Brisbane QLD 4001		
Australian Capital Territory	6 Bowes Street Woden ACT 2606	GPO Box 9998 Brisbane QLD 4001		

Please write in BLOCK LETTERS using a blue or black pen (not pencil). Your details 1. Surname 2. Given names 3. Date of birth 4. Residential address Postcode 5. Postal address (if same as residential, write "AS ABOVE") Postcode 6. Telephone numbers Home Work Pension or benefit If you are not currently receiving an income support payment from this Department, you (and your partner) will need to complete an income support claim form in addition to this form. Claim forms are available from any Veterans' Affairs office. 7. What is your DVA file number? 8. Do you currently receive No a DVA income support pension? Yes - You (and your partner) will need to complete an income support claim form 9. Have you applied for or No - Please go to Question 11 do you receive any pension or benefit from Yes - What type of pension/benefit? Centrelink? 10. What is your Centrelink reference number? Relationship details 11. What was your marital status at the time you transferred the farm? 12. Did your marital status No change at any time during the 3 years Yes - Please give details before the date of transfer? 13. Are you claiming as the No former partner of a qualifying farmer? Yes - Has your marital status changed since that relationship ceased? No Yes - Please give details NOTE: If you are claiming as the former partner of a qualifying farmer, please ensure that Questions 18 and 19 are answered in regard to your former partner.

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Please provide the legal description of the farm(s)	such as Lot and folio/volume numbers.
Farm 1	Farm 2
On what date did you transfer this property?	
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. Did you receive any money, goods or services in re	eturn for this property?
Farm 1	Farm 2
No	No
Yes - What did you receive?	Yes - What did you receive?
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If you still reside on the property, what is your estimate of the market value of the home property, including the surrounding land used for domestic purposes (up to the maximum of 2 hectares/5acres?	\$
What was the market value of all properties used by	
What was the market value of all properties used by the farm enterprise (including the home and land by others) at the time your land was	\$
transferred?	·
What was the market value of any livestock, plant	
and equipment, livestock grain and feed on hand which was included in this transfer?	\$
was transferred (e.g. a mortgage or overdraft)? This does not include the use of the property as security for debts of other parties, (e.g. a relative's loan for which you offered your property as security). No - Please go to the next part "Your income"	
Yes - How much do you owe?	
YOU	YOUR PARTNER
\$	\$
Name of mortgagor or other creditor	
Address	
Address	
Postcode	
Postcode Please provide proof of the amount you owe (bank statem	nents, financial reports etc.)
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Your income

In this part of the form you asked about your income for the three financial years immediately before the date the property was transferred.

You should include taxable income from investments (but not imputation credits), gross income from employment, net profit or net loss from farming and any other taxable income.

You should not include previous year's losses, non-farm related losses, maintenance income or any Centrelink, Veterans' Affairs or Primary Industries and Energy payments.

We will need to verify the figures you give. Please provide your full tax returns and associated financial statements (including the profit and loss account, balance sheet, stock trading account and depreciation schedule).

You	Your partner
30. What was the income FROM FARMING for you and your partner (spouse) for the three financial years immediately before the date the property was transferred?	30. What was the income FROM FARMING for you and your partner (spouse) for the three financial years immediately before the date the property was transferred?
The year before the transfer date	The year before the transfer date
\$	\$
Two years before	Two years before
\$	\$
Three years before	Three years before
\$	\$
31. What was the income OTHER than from farming for you and your partner (spouse) for the three financial years immediately before the date the property was transferred?	31. What was the income OTHER than from farming for you and your partner (spouse) for the three financial years immediately before the date the property was transferred?
The year before the transfer date	The year before the transfer date
\$	\$
Two years before	Two years before
\$	\$
Three years before	Three years before
\$	\$

	PERSON 1		
. Give details of the person(s) to whom the property was transferred.	Full name		
property was transferred.	Relationship to you		
For each person named, describe their involvement in the farm over the three years immediately before the date the property was transferred. Include the approximate number of hours the person worked each week. If that person has not been involved in the farm, tell us why and describe any planned future involvement. Give the type and duration of any off-farm work or study done in that			
time. Before this transfer, did this person already own part of the farm or other farm assets?	No Yes - Please give details		
	PERSON 2 Full name Relationship to you		
For each person named, describe their involvement in the farm over the three years immediately before the date the property was transferred. Include the approximate number of hours the person worked each week. If that person has not been involved in the farm, tell us why and describe any planned future involvement. Give the type and duration of any off-farm work or study done in that time. Before this transfer, did this	No Yes - Please give details		
person already own part of the farm or other farm assets?			

Declaration

- The information asked for on this form is needed to decide whether the Department of Veterans' Affairs can pay you a pension/allowance. The authority to ask this information is contained in the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.
- Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.
- We can make any enquiries necessary to help us work out how much we should pay you.
- Personal information is treated as confidential and can only be given to someone else in very special circumstances where the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* or other Commonwealth legislation allows or requires.
- I declare that the information given on this form is true and correct.

Your signature	Partner's signature			
Signature	Signature			
Date / /	Date / /			
Checklist				
When you lodge your completed form, please make sure you include all the necessary documents.				
Evidence of ownership for the property, showing the transfer				
A copy of the latest rates notice				
Bank statements or similar, showing the amount of any debts				
Your personal income tax returns for the three financial years immediately before transfer. If you were a member of a couple when the property was transferred, please provide tax returns for both you and your partner				
Full tax returns and financial statements for your business (including profit and loss statement, balance sheet, stock trading account and depreciation schedule) for the three financial years immediately before transfer				
The Authority to inspect property, signed by the current owner of the property				

Authority to inspect property for a valuation

This form is to be completed by the current owner of the property.

About this form

Your details (that is, the current owner of the property)

This authority is requested for the purpose of determining the previous owner's entitlement to a Veterans' Affairs payment.

What happens if you do not give permission to inspect your property?

If you do not provide permission for your property to be inspected the Veterans' Affairs payment to the previous owner may not be granted or payment may be stopped.

2. Given name(s) 3. Address or location of the property Postcode	1. Surname 2. Given name(s) 3. Telephone number () 4. Position or relationship to you			
If the property is difficult to locate, please attach a sketch map giving directions.	4. Position of relationship to you			
Declaration				
• I hereby authorise an officer of the Australian Valuation Office to enter and inspect my property at the address shown above for the purposes of a valuation in relation to the <i>Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986</i> .				
• I understand that if the property to be inspected is not occupied by me, it is my responsibility to give the actual occupant reasonable notice, or such notice as is required by agreement, of the inspection.				
This authority does not permit the valuer to enter my home, or any dwelling I may own, during the inspection, unless I invite him or her to do so. A similar condition applies to the home of any tenant involved.				
• I further understand that the Australian Valuation Office will contact me, or the person I have nominated, to arrange a mutually convenient time for any necessary inspection of the property.				
Signature				
	Date / /			

This completed authority must be sent back to the previous owner promptly.