



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Veterans' Affairs**

# **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 VETERAN (1800 838 372)**

State	Address	Postal address
New South Wales	Centennial Plaza Tower B 280 Elizabeth Street Surrey Hills NSW 2001	GPO Box 9998 Brisbane QLD 4001
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	Westpac House 91 King William 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
Northern Territory	Winnellie Central 14 Winnellie Road Winnellie NT 0820	GPO Box 9998 Brisbane QLD 4001
Australian Capital Territory	Gnabra Building 21 Genge Street Civic/Canberra City	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
5. Postal address (if same as residential, write "AS ABOVE")
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 a DVA income support pension?  
 No  
 Yes - You (and your partner) will need to complete an income support claim form
9. Have you applied for or do you receive any pension or benefit from Centrelink?  
 No - Please go to Question 11  
 Yes - What type of pension/benefit?
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 change at any time during the 3 years before the date of transfer?  
 No  
 Yes - Please give details
13. Are you claiming as the former partner of a qualifying farmer?  
 No  
 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.

## About the farm

14. What is the address of the farm(s) that you want considered under the Retirement Assistance for Farmers Scheme (if more than 2 farms, please photocopy this page, provide details of the additional farms and attach it to this form)?

Please attach evidence of ownership for the property/properties.

Farm 1	
Postcode	

Farm 2	
Postcode	

15. Please provide the legal description of the farm(s) such as Lot and folio/volume numbers.

Farm 1

Farm 2

16. On what date did you transfer this property?

Farm 1
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Farm 2
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17. Did you receive any money, goods or services in return for this property?

Farm 1
<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - What did you receive?

Farm 2
<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - What did you receive?

18. How many continuous years have you owned a farming property before the date of this transfer?  Years

19. How many years in total have you been involved in farming (these periods do not need to be continuous)?  Years

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**20. Who were the owners of the property immediately prior to transfer?**

You - percentage owned  %

Your partner (married or de facto) - percentage owned  %

Other - name of person, company or trust

Address

  

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Postcode

Your relationship to the company or trust

**21. Do you still reside on the property?**

No

Yes - please describe the terms of tenancy in the space provided below (e.g. a right to life tenancy acquired at the time of the transfer)


**Property description**

**22. What is the area or dimensions of the land?**

 hectares/acres/dimensions

**23. Please describe features of the property which may affect its value.**

Include a description of ALL buildings on the property (not including those shown on the depreciation schedule), with information such as:

- floor area (approximately);
- age of building;
- exterior (e.g. brick);
- Interior (e.g. lined);
- roof (e.g. tile);
- general condition;
- number of bedrooms;
- number of other rooms (excluding bathrooms, laundry , toilet).

You should include details about any special conditions which may affect the value of the property, such as whether it is drought affected, the amount of uncleared land etc. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.


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**24. Please describe the main uses of the property.**


**25. 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?)**

\$

**26. What was the market value of all properties used by the farm enterprise (including the home and land owned by others) at the time your land was transferred?**

\$

**27. What was the market value of any livestock, plant and equipment, livestock grain and feed on hand which was included in this transfer?**

\$

**28. Was the property used as security for any debt related to primary production immediately before it 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

Postcode

*Please provide proof of the amount you owe (bank statements, financial reports etc.)*

**29. Were the farm liabilities such as mortgage included in the transfer?**

- No
- Yes - Please give details


## 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

**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

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Two 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?**

The year before the transfer date

\$

Two years before

\$

Three years before

\$

### 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?**

The year before the transfer date

\$

Two 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?**

The year before the transfer date

\$

Two years before

\$

Three years before

\$

## The current owner of the property

### 32. Give details of the person(s) to whom the property was transferred.

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?

#### PERSON 1

Full name

Relationship to you

  

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No  Yes - Please give details

  

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#### PERSON 2

Full name

Relationship to you

  

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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

  

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*If insufficient space, please attach a separate sheet giving the required details*



## 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

Signature

Date

## Partner's signature

Signature

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

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.

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

#### 1. Your surname

#### 2. Given name(s)

#### 3. Address or location of the property

  

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 Postcode

*If the property is difficult to locate, please attach a sketch map giving directions.*

#### 1. Surname

#### 2. Given name(s)

#### 3. Telephone number

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#### 4. Position or 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 *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.
- 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

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