



Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant **FAQs**



1. What is eligible?

Grants are provided to help pay for the costs of the works required to repair or replace existing exclusion and cluster fencing together with the associated infrastructure. Please refer to [section 3](#): 'How funding may be used', of the applicant guidelines for a full list of activities included.

2. What isn't eligible?

Please refer to [section 3](#): How funding may be used, of the applicant guidelines.

3. What can I claim?

Costs associated with cleaning up and removing damaged exclusion fencing, as well as all the repairs and replacement of existing exclusion fencing that was damaged in the March flooding event.

4. Can I claim any type of fence or just exclusion fencing that's been damaged?

This money can only be used for exclusion fencing damaged by the Western Queensland flood event. If you have damage to other fencing or infrastructure, please visit [Business Queensland](#) for available financial assistance that you may be able to access.

5. I wasn't part of a cluster; is my exclusion fence eligible?

Yes, all exclusion fences that are boundary fences and/or part of a cluster are eligible.

6. Are there fencing standards I have to follow?

Yes. These include minimum requirements around height, the apron and distance between uprights. The full minimum specifications are listed in section 5.3.2 of the [Applicant Guidelines](#).

7. What if my exclusion fence isn't 1500 high, am I still eligible?

You may still be eligible. Please talk to your service provider (RAPAD or Quilpie Shire Council).

8. What if I have already put my fence back up?

All eligible costs incurred from 21 March 2025, supported by documentation such as invoices and receipts, will be covered.



9. What is the earliest date I can claim for damage?

21 March 2025. No costs prior to this date can be claimed.

10. How much can I claim?

\$500,000 per eligible business.

11. What if the damage was more than \$500,000?

Talk to your service provider. There are provisions for exceptional circumstances, where more than the maximum grant amount may be required.

12. How do we get paid?

You provide invoices with details of fencing supply costs, labour, etc, and you will be reimbursed for them.

13. When can we start putting invoices in?

Upon completion of the agreed work plan you can commence making claims for payment. Costs incurred from 21 March are eligible to be claimed. Eligible expenditure already undertaken can be reimbursed. If expenditure is less than 10% of the total approved cost or expenditure is yet to be undertaken, you can claim up to 10% of the total approved cost or up to \$50,000, whichever is lower, to commence works.

14. How do I get the rest?

Once you have finished the work and submitted all the required paperwork to RAPAD or Quilpie Shire Council, the service providers will come and inspect the fence. If it is completed as per the guidelines, you can invoice for the remaining costs. If it doesn't meet the requirements, you will need to fix any problems identified before final payment can be made.

15. How long have I got to complete my application form?

Application forms are due 31 December 2025.

16. What if I can't make that deadline?

Talk to RAPAD or Quilpie Shire Council.

17. When do I have to have the fences repaired/replaced by?

All work must be completed by 31 March 2027.



18. What if I don't meet that deadline?

Works completed after 31 March 2027 will not be eligible for grant funding under this program.

19. What is involved in the work plan that applicants must submit?

The work plan details the scope of activities that applicants intend to undertake regarding reinstating damaged or destroyed exclusion fencing. It includes, but is not limited to, details of earthworks, transport of materials, materials used to repair or rebuild fencing, and contractor and wage costs. Your service provider can assist you in completing this.

20. Can I get help with the application form?

Yes, both RAPAD and Quilpie Shire Council have hired staff to assist you with the application form.

21. Who is eligible to be paid to do the work?

Contractors – yes

Temporary staff that are taken off business as usual (BAU) activities – yes

Family members that are not property owners, and taken off routine duties – yes

Owners of the property – no

22. What can contractors do?

Anything outlined above i.e. you could use a local machinery contractor to do clean-up work for you and a different local fencing contractor to repair/replace the fence.

23. If I can't get a contractor can I do it myself?

Owner's labour is not an eligible expense under this program. If property owners are using their own machinery, inputs such as fuel and oil are eligible for reimbursement.

24. What costs are eligible if I do it myself?

Wages for temporary staff and family members of the property owners, that are taken off BAU duties, are eligible. Fuel, oil, maintenance, and repairs for your machinery associated with reconstructing or repairing damaged exclusion fencing, and the cost of materials, i.e. posts, wire, drill stem, etc, used to rebuild the fence are also eligible costs.



25. Is there a template to make the application easier to complete?

Yes, your service provider (RAPAD or Quilpie Shire Council) will provide you with one.

26. What rates will temporary staff and family members be paid?

Talk to RAPAD or Quilpie Shire Council.

27. If I use my own machinery how much can I claim?

You can claim wages as long as they are for temporary staff or family members, as well as fuel, oil, repairs and maintenance, as well as the cost of additional servicing of machinery and equipment associated with reconstructing or repairing damaged exclusion fencing. You will need to provide an invoice to the service provider (RAPAD or Quilpie Shire Council). RAPAD and Quilpie Shire Council will provide a template for you to complete to help with this.

28. What materials can I claim?

Any materials required to repair or replace exclusion or cluster fencing that has been damaged or lost due to the disaster. This includes wire, panels, posts, stays, animal deterrent infrastructure, and flood gates.

29. What if I used materials I had on hand?

You will need to replace stock on hand and provide an invoice for those materials to receive payment for them.

30. What if I have more questions?

Talk to RAPAD or Quilpie Shire Council.