



### Before you complete this form

Before completing this form we encourage you to read the *Drought Hardship Loan Guidelines* available on the RIC website [www.ric.gov.au/drought-hardship](http://www.ric.gov.au/drought-hardship)

It is important that you fully complete this form and attach all the documents requested as part of the application. An incomplete application will delay the processing time. If you are completing this form by hand and make a mistake, please initial each and every correction you make. Do not use white out on this form.

### Need assistance?

Contact RIC by:

- calling **1800 875 675**
- emailing [info@ric.gov.au](mailto:info@ric.gov.au)
- completing the online contact form at [www.ric.gov.au/contact-us](http://www.ric.gov.au/contact-us)

### Lodging your form

Lodge your completed application, and all supporting documents, by

- emailing [info@ric.gov.au](mailto:info@ric.gov.au)
- mailing **RIC (Regional Investment Corporation)**  
**PO Box 653**  
**Orange NSW 2800**

## PART A – Eligibility check

- 1 My/our farm business was affected by drought for at least 24 months before this application and has continued to operate; and the business is expected to be financially impacted by drought for at least the next 12 months.  
Yes  **▶ Continue to next question**  
No  **▶ Please review guidelines for more information**
- 2 Is the business a farm business?  
Yes  No
- 3 Does at least one member of the business, in normal circumstances, contribute, or plan to contribute 75% of their labour to the business and earn at least 50% of their income from the business?  
Yes  No
- 4 Does the business operate as either:
  - a sole trader who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or
  - a partnership, in which at least one of the partners is an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or
  - a trust, at least one of whose beneficiaries or unit-holders is an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or
  - a corporation (within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*) other than a public company (within the meaning of that Act), at least one of whose members is an Australian citizen or permanent resident?
 Yes  No
- 5 Is the business registered for tax purposes in Australia with an ABN, and registered for GST?  
Yes  No
- 6 Has the business already obtained, or can you demonstrate it will obtain within a reasonable period, a loan on commercial terms?  
Yes  No
- 7 Is the business under external administration or bankruptcy?  
Yes  No
- 8 Have you read and understood the loan guidelines?  
Yes  No

## PART B – Applicant details

9 Full name of applicant (as per ABN registration)

ABN

10 Primary business activity (e.g. beef cattle farming, cereal grain growing)

11 Principal place of business (PO Box not accepted)

  
  
  
 State  Postcode

Postal address (if different)

  
  
 State  Postcode

12 Provide the applicant's primary contact details

Title

Given name

Middle name

Surname

Date of birth

How do you describe your gender?

*Gender refers to current gender, which may be different to the sex recorded at birth and maybe different to what is indicated on legal documents.*

Please [tick/mark/select] one box:

Man or Male

Non-binary

Women or Female

Prefer not to answer

[I/They] use a different term, please specify

Mobile

Phone

Email

Preferred mode of contact Phone/SMS Email Both

I opt-in for RIC marketing information

### Important information you may wish to answer

This question is voluntary and will not affect your application. If you do answer this, the information will help us continue to improve services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Is the primary contact person of Aboriginal origin and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?

Yes - Aboriginal

Yes - Torres Strait Islander

Yes - both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

No

13 Is the applicant completing the majority of this form?

Yes **▶ Go to 15**

No **▶ Continue to next question**

14 If not the applicant, who is completing the majority of this form?

Accountant

Financial Advisor

Rural Financial Counsellor

Other - specify

### Contact details of person completing this form on behalf of the applicant

Please note: RIC may seek permission from the applicant to discuss this application with you.

Title

Given name(s)

Surname

Mobile

Phone

Email

Preferred mode of contact Phone/SMS Email Both

Name of Business/Organisation

15 Where did you hear about the RIC?

Advertising (Radio, online, social media, print)

Community event

Existing Customer

Friend / Family

Google search

Media / news story

Other newsletter (industry groups, referral partner)

Other website (Other non-RIC online source i.e. Government, referral partner, industry group)

RFCS

Trusted advisor / accountant

RIC-hosted webinar

RIC social media - Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube

RIC subscriber newsletter / eDM / email

RIC website

## PART C – Professional contacts

### 16 List the professional contacts

#### Contact 1

Bank/Financier	Advisor/Consultant
Solicitor	Rural Financial Counsellor
Accountant	State Government Lender

Title

Given name(s)

Surname

Name of Business/Organisation

Phone

Email

I consent to the RIC contacting this person, or a person from this business, to verify information on this application

I consent to this person, or a person from this business, receiving copies of email correspondence relating to my application status throughout the application process

#### Contact 2

Bank/Financier	Advisor/Consultant
Solicitor	Rural Financial Counsellor
Accountant	State Government Lender

Title

Given name(s)

Surname

Name of Business/Organisation

Phone

Email

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#### Contact 3

Bank/Financier	Advisor/Consultant
Solicitor	Rural Financial Counsellor
Accountant	State Government Lender

Title

Given name(s)

Surname

Name of Business/Organisation

Phone

Email

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#### Contact 4

Bank/Financier	Advisor/Consultant
Solicitor	Rural Financial Counsellor
Accountant	State Government Lender

Title

Given name(s)

Surname

Name of Business/Organisation

Phone

Email

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## PART D – Loan details and security

### Loan details

- 17 Total proposed loan amount
- 18 Frequency of interest only payments?  Monthly  Quarterly  Half yearly
- 19 How do you intend to use the loan? (e.g. cropping / planting, stock / restocking costs)

Loan purpose	Value
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$

### Security

If any of the security offered below is owned by someone other than the applicant, the owner of that security must grant a guarantee and indemnity in favour of RIC.

- 20 **Property — Note:** During the assessment stage of your application, you will be asked to provide further information about your property, including title details.

Address / Property name	Registered owner(s)	Area (ha)	Estimated market value
			\$
			\$
			\$
<b>Total</b>			\$

- 21 **Water**

Registered owner(s)	Allocation (Mg/L)	Estimated market value
		\$
		\$
		\$
<b>Total</b>		\$

- 22 **Other**

Description	Estimated market value	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
<b>Total</b>		\$







## PART F – Privacy and third party declaration

### Notice About Collection of Personal and Credit-Related Personal Information

This is a notice about the collection of your personal and credit-related personal information by the Regional Investment Corporation, ABN 99 528 049 038. We can be contacted on 1800 875 675, by email at [info@ric.gov.au](mailto:info@ric.gov.au), or via our online contact form at [www.ric.gov.au/contact-us](http://www.ric.gov.au/contact-us)

Our full-length Notice About Collection of Personal and Credit-Related Personal Information is available on our website at [www.ric.gov.au/collection-personal-information](http://www.ric.gov.au/collection-personal-information). You can also ask us to give you a copy of the full-length Notice in another format – such as a hard copy – at any time.

The Notice contains information about credit reporting, including the credit reporting bodies to which we are likely to disclose your credit information, and the likely content of that information.

It also sets out:

- the purposes for which we collect your information to carry out our functions and activities under the Regional Investment Corporation Act 2018
- the circumstances in which we usually disclose your information
- the bodies and organisations we usually make those disclosures to, and
- your rights in relation to your credit-related personal information.

For more detailed information, see:

- our Credit Reporting Policy at [www.ric.gov.au/credit-reporting](http://www.ric.gov.au/credit-reporting) and
- our general Privacy Policy, which applies in addition to our Credit Reporting Policy, at [www.ric.gov.au/privacy](http://www.ric.gov.au/privacy)

**31** Have you advised **ALL third parties** listed on this form that you have provided their information?

Yes

No  If no, list the people or parties who **have not been advised**


## PART G – Declaration and execution

**WARNING:** It is an offence under Part 12 of the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 (Cth)* to provide false or misleading information, provide a false or misleading document or forge a document for use in an applicant identification procedure.

You should only sign this declaration if this loan is wholly or predominantly for business purposes, or investment purposes other than investment in residential property. By signing this declaration you may lose your protection under the National Credit Code.

**I/We declare** that the credit to be provided to me/us by the credit provider is wholly or predominantly for:

- business purposes, or
- investment purposes other than investment in residential property, and
- the information provided in this application is true and complete.

**I/We understand** that:

- RIC will use the information provided in this application to determine whether or not to establish a credit facility.
- this application does not constitute an offer of credit or approval of this application by RIC.
- unless otherwise indicated in this application any one account signatory (where there is more than one) can operate the account without the others' permission and that I am/we are responsible for transactions conducted accordingly.

**I/We confirm** that:

- I/we have read and agree to the Privacy information in this application, and on the RIC website.
- I/we have read and acknowledge the eligibility criteria for this credit facility and reasonably believe that I/we are eligible for this credit facility.
- all charges, rates and taxes have been correctly calculated and are paid up to date and there are no outstanding government charges or taxation liabilities other than those disclosed in this application.

**I/We consent** to:

- RIC disclosing my/our personal information to Equifax for the purpose of obtaining credit reporting information (for example, credit reports).
- RIC collecting credit reporting information from Equifax for the purpose of assessing this application.

### Execution for a Sole Trader, Partnership or Individual Trustee

#### Applicant 1

Signature  Date

Full name

#### Applicant 2

Signature  Date

Full name

#### Applicant 3

Signature  Date

Full name

#### Applicant 4

Signature  Date

Full name

### Execution for a Company or a Company as Trustee For

Company name or Company name ATF Trust

Executed in accordance with section 127(1) of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* by:

Signature  Date

Full name

Signature  Date

Full name

If only one person has signed, that person states that he/she signed as sole director and sole company secretary of the company.

## PART H – Guarantor declaration and execution (if applicable)

**WARNING:** It is an offence under Part 12 of the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 (Cth)* to provide false or misleading information, provide a false or misleading document or forge a document for use in an applicant identification procedure.

### As a guarantor I/we:

- **declare** that the information provided in this application is true and complete and RIC will use it to determine whether or not to establish a credit facility.
- **understand** that this application does not constitute an offer of credit or approval of this application by RIC.
- **confirm** that I/we have read and agree to the Privacy and third party declaration at Part F of this form.
- **consent** to RIC disclosing my/our personal information to Equifax for the purpose of obtaining my/our credit reporting information (for example, credit reports).
- **consent** to RIC collecting credit reporting information from Equifax for the purpose of assessing this application.

### If a company – As a guarantor I/we:

- **guarantee** that we will pay any debts the company is unable to pay.

### Execution if Individual or Partnership

#### Guarantor 1

Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Full name	<input type="text"/>		

#### Guarantor 2

Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Full name	<input type="text"/>		

#### Guarantor 3

Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Full name	<input type="text"/>		

#### Guarantor 4

Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Full name	<input type="text"/>		

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Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Full name	<input type="text"/>		

Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Full name	<input type="text"/>		

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