

1. Program Summary

The Victorian Government (through Agriculture Victoria) has provided an opportunity to improve safety outcomes on farms with the establishment of the Farm Safety Rebate Scheme. Rebates of up to \$5,000 excluding GST are available with at least 50% co-contribution to assist eligible farm businesses within Victoria to invest in infrastructure and equipment to improve safety for farming families, workers and visitors to Victorian farms. Please read the Program Guidelines at the Rural Finance website ruralfinance.com.au/farm-safety-rebate-scheme before completing this application form. Only one rebate payment is permitted, and all eligible claims must be included on this form. Program funds are limited, and complete applications are processed in date order. Rebates are available until 31 December 2021, or until program funds are fully allocated, whichever is sooner.

2. Business Details

Business / trading name:

Business legal / registered name:

Australian Business Number (ABN):

Are you an: ☐ Owner ☐ Lessee ☐ Sharefarmer

Farm Size: ☐ ac ☐ ha

Primary Industry (eg. mixed farming, cropping, horticulture, cattle):

Farm Property Address:

Postal Address (if different from above):

Local Government Area / Shire:

3. Checklist - please submit the following as applicable

Is your farm business located in Victoria? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your business focus on Primary Production, and meet the definition of 'Primary Producer' in the Program Guidelines? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your business have a current ABN that is registered for GST? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your ABN registered as either a sole trader, trust, partnership or private company? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you the property owner, lessee or shareholder of the farm property address where the proposed activities are to be installed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is this the first time your business has applied for the Farm Safety Rebate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you seeking the rebate for a project that will improve Farm Safety from the list of eligible activities available under this Scheme? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is this project to be undertaken and completed since the launch of the Scheme on 25 February 2021? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you aware that you are unable to claim a rebate if you have already received Victorian Government funding for the same project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Are you seeking direct reimbursement or 'In-Principle Approval'?

Option A - Reimbursement

Are you seeking reimbursement for a project that has been completed since the program opened? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please attach the following supporting documents with your completed application form:

- A copy of your rates notices, lease documentation or share-farming contract
- Paid tax invoices, receipts or bank statements identifying payment for eligible works.
- Photos showing completed installation and other evidence as required (eg. electrical certificate).

Or

Option B – In-Principle Approval

Are you seeking In-Principle Approval to complete the proposed project within three months? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please attach the following supporting documents with your completed application form:

- A copy of your rates notices, lease documentation or share-farming contract
- Cost estimates for the proposed work or infrastructure investment eg. quotes from registered supplier/s or internet screenshots of estimated pricing.

On receiving written in-principle approval, works must be completed within three months and the following documents provided to Rural Finance before the rebate payment can be processed:

- Paid tax invoices, receipts or bank statements identifying payment for eligible works.
- Photos showing completed installation and other evidence as required (eg. electrical certificate).

5. Applicant Details Primary Contact

First Name:

Preferred Name:

Surname:

Date of Birth:

Residential Address:

Postal Address (if different to current residential address):

Phone:

Mobile:

Fax:

Email:

6. Applicant Details Secondary Contact

Given Name(s):

Preferred Name:

Surname:

Date of Birth:

Residential Address:

Postal Address (if different to current residential address):

Phone:

Mobile:

Fax:

Email:

7. Bank Account Details (for approved payments to be made into)

Account Name in full:

(as it appears on your statement)

Bank:

BSB:

Account No:

8. Information From Agriculture Victoria

Would you like to receive additional farm safety information from Agriculture Victoria about upcoming programs or access to resources?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you be willing to be contacted by Agriculture Victoria to be invited to participate in farm safety research?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Purchased or Proposed Investment - Please refer to guidelines for list of Eligible Projects.

Please provide a brief description of the Eligible Projects to be funded. e.g. Upgrade cattle yards to include a handling crush and additional solid panel holding pens with 2 strategically placed man gates for workers to escape. A contractor will be employed to install the items.

Please note that the rebate is calculated on 50% of the total Eligible Project costs incurred up to the maximum \$5,000 rebate (ex GST).

You can apply for one or more Eligible Project/s, however only one rebate payment is permitted, so please include all eligible investment costs (ex GST) below.

Investment area: Please tick Eligible Projects to be funded:	Investment Cost (Excluding GST)
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical storage: dedicated chemical storage sheds (AS2507) and/or lockable chemical cages with racks (can be large enough to include a fridge for veterinary chemicals)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical spill: permanently bunded area	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cool room: carbon dioxide alarms/motion detector	
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical upgrades for buildings: switchboards, safety switches, overload switches, lighting and associated electrical improvements for dairies, shearing sheds and machinery sheds	
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical upgrades for machinery and plant: emergency stop switches, replace shaft driven shearing stands with individual electric units, retrofit safety bar/emergency stop on wool presses, isolation switches on feeding systems	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency shower/eyewash station	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exclusion fencing of hazards (child focus): effluent ponds and effluent pits	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire hose reels and hoses with associated plumbing and piping: installed at machinery sheds, shearing sheds	
<input type="checkbox"/> Guarding and safety barriers: for machinery, equipment and plant including: extending hot water pipes or hoses into dairy wash-up drums to reduce splash, guarding to remove entanglement, pinch and shear hazards in the dairy, installation of skirt around platform or guards on the dairy platform rollers, retrofit guards on machinery including augers, grinders, motors, pumps, Power Take-Offs (PTOs), grain and feed auger flights in and out of silos	
<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock handling: veterinary inspection crush as part of yard structure, separate AI/ pregnancy crush beside dairy, solid yard panelling or post and rail fencing, install personnel escape gates, refuges or man gates in yards, improved spring latches, races, shade protection, redesign and modifications to dairies/ramps/races including retrofit of quick release systems to allow cows to be released if they go down, permanent shade structure over races, installation of races with side gates and drop gates to improve handling of livestock and exclude people from the race	
<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock loading: loading ramps, races, forcing pens, solid panelling and/or post and rail fencing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Manual handling improvements: redesign catching pens including slope and direction of slats, retrofit back brace infrastructure in shearing sheds	
<input type="checkbox"/> Remote inspection cameras: installation of silo remote inspection cameras	
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe play area (child focus): fencing for child containment including standard "backyard" area around house	
<input type="checkbox"/> Seat belt and or seated sensor installation: may include replacement seat only if required for safe fixing of seatbelt	
<input type="checkbox"/> Silo access: safety rails, ladders, platforms and stairways for permanent installation on existing silos (must be inaccessible to children)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle alert devices: reversing camera, audible reversing beepers, smart beepers	
<input type="checkbox"/> Warning signs: child/vehicle shared zone, beware of children, speed limits, overhead powerlines, hearing protection, chemical and hazard warning signs	
Total Investment Amount:	
(Total rebate available is 50% of the Total Investment Amount, up to a maximum of \$5,000)	

10. General Statement

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud Rural Finance or another person or files an application for assistance containing any materially false information or misleading information may be committing fraud under the *Crimes Act 1958* and may be subject to criminal penalties.

11. Privacy Consent

We, Rural Finance and Agriculture Victoria, are collecting your personal information to process your application for the Farm Safety Rebate Scheme. We will use the personal information you have provided to assess your eligibility for assistance against the scheme criteria and provide the assistance to you if applicable and for reporting, publicity, evaluation and audit purposes. You do not have to provide this information, but failure to do so means Rural Finance which is a brand used by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd ABN 11 068 049 178 ("Rural Finance") and/or Agriculture Victoria will not be able to assess your application.

You authorise Rural Finance and Agriculture Victoria to obtain in connection with this Application, any personal and other information about your expenditure and your business including your assets, liabilities, income and/or expenditure from third parties (e.g. your accountant).

Your personal information will be managed by Agriculture Victoria in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic.)* and other applicable laws. For copies of the Privacy Policy or information on how each of Rural Finance and Agriculture Victoria manages privacy, including handling complaints, please refer to: privacy@ecodev.vic.gov.au and/or www.ruralfinance.com.au/disclosure-documents

You have a right to access the personal information we hold about you and can request access to or correction of your personal information or make a complaint by contacting Rural Finance by telephone on 1800 260 425, by email to governmentservices@ruralfinance.com.au or by post at PO Box 1313, Bendigo Central, Vic, 3552.

Your personal information is not disclosed to overseas recipients; however may be disclosed to staff in other divisions of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd.

12. Consent and Signed Declaration

I/We authorise Rural Finance to provide the information contained in this application to the State of Victoria, as represented by Agriculture Victoria in the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (Agriculture Victoria).

I/We authorise that Agriculture Victoria may contact us in relation to the scheme.

I/We understand that deliberately giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

I/We authorise Rural Finance to obtain any information regarding this application from the product/service provider.

I/We authorise the product/service provider to supply any required information regarding this application to Rural Finance and Agriculture Victoria.

I/We authorise Rural Finance or Agriculture Victoria to obtain any information regarding the eligibility of this application from other government agencies.

I/We certify that we own/operate a farm business in accordance with the Program Guidelines.

I/We declare that the Rebate will be used for the purpose specified within the Farm Safety Rebate Scheme Guidelines and agree to supply invoices/receipts to confirm expenditure.

I/We declare that it is our responsibility to ensure infrastructure is implemented in line with any relevant Victorian and Commonwealth Government laws and regulations.

I/We understand Rural Finance and/or Agriculture Victoria may conduct an audit/inspection to ensure that any assistance I/we receive under this Scheme has been used in accordance with this Application and with the Farm Safety Rebate Scheme Guidelines and not for any other purpose.

I/We agree to participate in any audits confirming rebate eligibility and expenditure or post program evaluation.

By submitting this application, I declare that this application complies with the Farm Safety Rebate Scheme Guidelines. I make this declaration on behalf of all applicants with the understanding that any applicant found to have provided information of a fraudulent nature may be liable to prosecution and will be required to repay the rebate.

Full Name:

Signature:

Date:

13. How To Apply:

Please submit your completed application form and supporting documents to Rural Finance via:

Post: Rural Finance, PO Box 1313, Bendigo Central 3552

Email: governmentservices@ruralfinance.com.au

Fax: 5441 8901 **Phone:** 1800 260 425