

# Skills training for drought affected farmers and businesses

NSW Drought Assistance Package

**VET**  
Vocational Education & Training



The NSW Government is subsidising skills training for farmers and regional businesses impacted by the drought and looking to transition into new or updated career opportunities.

Access to this funding aims to provide support to farmers and businesses to manage the impact of drought.

## What does it cost?

Training may be **fully subsidised** under the NSW Government's Smart and Skilled Program.

## Who is eligible?

To be eligible an applicant must:

### 1. Meet Smart and Skilled eligibility criteria

Individuals must be:

- 15 years old or over
- no longer at school
- living or working in NSW
- an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen

### 2. Reside in a postcode within Regional NSW

(defined as all of NSW excluding Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong metropolitan areas); and

### 3. Be a business owner, farmer or agriculture sector employee in a drought affected area.

## Eligible training includes but is not limited to:

- Heavy Vehicle
- Forklift tickets
- Confined spaces
- Dogging
- Auto electrics
- Drone operations
- Business Management
- Chainsaw operations
- Excavator tickets
- Elevated work platform
- Small Engine Maintenance
- Work Health & Safety
- Book Keeping
- Farm Management
- Sustainable business practices

Note: If you don't fit this eligibility criteria, please contact your local Training Services NSW office as support might be available



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