

Queensland Ex-TC Alfred Disaster Recovery Allowance

You might be eligible for up to 13 weeks payment from the date you have, or will have, a loss of income as a direct result of a disaster.

The Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA) is a short-term income support payment offered through Centrelink to help people, and businesses that have been affected by a declared natural disaster and have lost their income. The maximum fortnightly payment is equivalent to the rate of Jobseeker Payment or Youth Allowance.

To be eligible for Disaster Recovery Allowance you must:

- Be 16 or over at the time of the natural disaster
- Be an Australian resident, or meet other residency requirements (some New Zealand citizens may be eligible)
- Live or work in a declared Local Government Area (see Page 3 & 4 for QR Codes to check declared areas)
- Have lost some/all your income because of the disaster
- Earn less income than the average Australian income for 13 weeks after your income loss.

You have 6 months to make a claim from when the flood or storms commenced

Call BRQ on: 1800 358 511

How to claim Disaster Recovery Allowance

Sign into MyGov account, link Centrelink as a service

Find 'Apply for the DRA'

Select and answer the eligibility questions

Select 'Submit the claim'

You might have to provide evidence to support your claim for lost wages; these can include:

Payslips / Bank statements / Letter from employer

You will be notified if the claim has been submitted correctly

You may not be eligible for the DRA if you receive some income support payments or allowances

For more information and support contact BRQ

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Email: brq@brq.org.au

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Queensland Ex-TC Alfred Disaster Recovery Allowance Declared Local Government Areas

DRA Local Government Area Declarations



See over to check your Local Government Area

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