

+ COVID-19 Daintree Area Scheme Guidelines

1. About the scheme

The purpose of the COVID-19 Daintree Area Scheme is to assist the Daintree community in responding to the COVID-19 emergency by providing financial assistance to eligible households, small businesses and non-profit organisations operating from off-grid premises in the area (i.e. not connected to the Ergon electricity network or have an Ergon power card).

A map of the Daintree area can be accessed from QRIDA's website at: www.qrida.qld.gov.au.

Payments available under the scheme are:

- \$200.00 for eligible households
- \$500.00 for eligible small businesses and non-profit organisations.

Only one payment (either \$200 or \$500) can be made to each eligible off-grid premises.

2. Eligibility

Households

2.1 An applicant is eligible for a payment if:

- a) the applicant is a member of a household who has lived in an off-grid premises within the Daintree area for at least six months before applying for a payment under the scheme;
- b) the applicant or another person has not already received a payment under the scheme in relation to the off-grid premises;
- c) the applicant has not received a payment under the scheme in relation to a household occupying another off-grid premises.

Small businesses and non-profit organisations

2.2 An applicant is eligible for a payment if:

- a) the applicant owns and operates a small business (this includes a sole trader who operates a business from their usual place of residence), or operates a non-profit organisation, from an off-grid premises within the Daintree area;
- b) a payment under the scheme has not been previously approved for the off-grid premises;

3. Applying

- 3.1 To apply for a payment under the scheme complete and submit your application and supporting information to QRIDA online at: www.qrida.qld.gov.au
- 3.2 Applications will be assessed in order of receipt.
- 3.3 Payment amounts approved will be paid electronically to the bank account nominated in your application.
- 3.4 The scheme will close to applications on 30 June 2021, or earlier if available funding for payments has been exhausted.

4. Your privacy

- 4.1 QRIDA's Privacy Policy, available at: www.qrida.qld.gov.au/privacy, sets out general information on how QRIDA collects, uses and discloses individuals' personal information.
- 4.2 The application portal for this scheme contains specific information on how personal information will be collected, used and disclosed.

5. More information

- 5.1 For more information about this scheme, contact QRIDA on Freecall 1800 623 946 or email contact_us@qrida.qld.gov.au.

6. Definitions

Household means one or more individuals who occupy the same premises as a usual place of residence.

Non-profit organisation means a charity or other not-for-profit entity that is incorporated under a law of the Commonwealth or a state.

Off-grid premises means:

- a) the premises is not connected to the supply network under the *Electricity Act 1994*; and
- b) the occupier of the premises is not a customer of an electricity entity (e.g. Ergon) under the *Electricity Act 1994*.

Small business is a business:

- a) which holds an Australian Business Number;
- b) employs no more than 100 full-time employees or, if the business has part-time employees—100 equivalent full-time employees;
- c) that is not operated by a public company;
- d) that is not owned and operated by a government entity.