

On-farm Kangaroo Control Rebate

Program Guidelines



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We are committed to genuinely partner, and meaningfully engage, with Victoria's Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities to support the protection of Country, the maintenance of spiritual and cultural practices and their broader aspirations in the 21st century and beyond.



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1. What is the On-farm Kangaroo Control Rebate?

The On-farm Kangaroo Control Rebate (the Rebate) provides statewide funding to support drought impacted primary producers manage Eastern and Western Grey Kangaroos on their property.

The Rebate provides rebates for eligible primary producers statewide who hold an Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW) to hire authorised professional shooters who have harvesting accreditation from the Game Management Authority through the Kangaroo Harvesting Program.

The Rebate will provide up to \$450 (GST exclusive) per farm (ABN) up to three (3) times, enabling primary producers to enlist the help of authorised professional shooters, with a minimum co-contribution of 25 per cent, to control kangaroos and manage on-farm disposal.

This Rebate supports drought impacted primary producers to engage a professional shooter (authorised professional harvester) if unable to undertake control themselves.

The initiative will also fast-track the assessment of ATCWs for kangaroos through the Conservation Regulator – reducing average processing time for applications to less than one week. Applying for an ATCW for kangaroo control is free.

There are about 130 professional harvesters accredited under the commercial Kangaroo Harvesting Program across Victoria.

You can use the Services Victoria website or app to find an authorised kangaroo harvester to help manage kangaroo populations on your property once you have an ATCW.

Link: <https://service.vic.gov.au/find-services/outdoor-and-recreation/find-a-kangaroo-harvester>

2. Rebate objective

Recognising the impact kangaroos can place on primary producers during drought conditions, the Victorian Government has allocated funding of \$1.8 million to support the control of kangaroos on farms.

The Rebate will support a managed reduction in kangaroo numbers while Victoria faces challenging drought conditions and will reduce ACTW processing times.

The ATCW system operates under the *Wildlife Act 1975* and enables landholders and land managers to undertake their own authorised control of wildlife to manage impacts on the environment, property and farmland.

Controlled kangaroos must be disposed of in accordance with the conditions of the ATCW and disposal of any carcasses should not breach any restriction from the Environment Protection Act 2017 or regulations made under the Act such as Environment Protection Regulations 2021.

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (the Department) can provide further information on appropriate disposal.

3. Who can apply?

To be eligible, primary producers must:

- own, share or lease a primary production business in Victoria*
- hold a current Australian Business Number (ABN)
- hold an approved Authority to Control Wildlife
- use an authorised professional harvester, with accreditation from the Game Management Authority (possession of valid tags is not required for this Rebate).

* Primary producers must be involved in cultivating or propagating plants, their products or parts, maintaining animals for the purpose of selling them or their bodily produce.

Please contact us via email should you have further queries about eligibility
kangaroorebate@agriculture.vic.gov.au

4. Who cannot apply?

The following cannot apply for the rebate:

- individuals, unless operating as a sole trader
- government agencies
- non- farming private sector businesses and agencies
- educational institutions
- local government authorities

5. What will be funded?

The Rebate will fund:

- engaging authorised professional harvesters (accredited by the Game Management Authority) to undertake the management of Eastern or Western Grey Kangaroos
- associated invoiced costs, including harvester travel and ammunition costs; and
- costs associated with on-farm disposal.

6. What is not funded?

The Rebate will not fund the following activities:

- costs involved in kangaroo control activities outside of the cost associated with engaging an authorised professional harvester and harvesting kangaroos
- any costs not related to the kangaroo control activity
- harvesting of other pest animals or wildlife, including wild goats, deer and pigs; and
- activities located outside the State of Victoria.

7. What are the funding details?

Funding is available until 30 June 2026 or until funds are fully subscribed (whichever occurs first). The Department will make best endeavours to advise of funding availability as the program progresses and recommends applicants contact the department in the later stages of the rebate to check available funds before incurring costs.

Rebates of up to \$450 (GST exclusive) are available to eligible applicants up to three (3) times.

Applicants will be required to make a cash co-contribution of a minimum of 25 per cent of the total eligible expenditure. For example, to access a \$450 rebate, the invoice from the authorised professional harvester and other associated costs would need to be at least \$600.

Co-contributions must be cash. In-kind contributions such as labour are not included. Any additional or ineligible costs associated with the overall activity must be met by the applicant.

8. What supporting documents need to be provided?

Please submit the following documents with your application:

- copy of your Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW) permit
- evidence of payment to an authorised professional harvester
- copy of invoices and bank statements or
- copy of official receipts
- evidence of any costs incurred through on-farm disposal.

Attaching required documents:

- Supporting documents must be in an acceptable file type, such as Word, Excel, PDF, or JPEG. The maximum file size for each file is 10MB.
 - You will receive an application number when you submit a rebate online. Please quote this number in all communications with the department relating to your rebate.
 - If you have documents to submit that cannot be attached to your online application you can email them to kangaroorebate@agriculture.vic.gov.au, quoting your application number. Attach all documents to one email, zipping the files if required.
 - Make sure your application is submitted by 30 June 2026 when the program closes, until funds are fully allocated, whichever occurs first.
- Note: No hard copy applications will be accepted.

To apply for an ATCW online, visit www.vic.gov.au/wildlife-management-and-control-authorisations.

9. What is the application and assessment process?

Please ensure you read these Rebate guidelines thoroughly. Applications must be submitted online via the Agriculture Victoria [website](#).

Applicants will need to provide details on eligibility as detailed in Section 3 and attach the relevant supporting documentation listed in Section 8.

Applications will be processed in order of receipt.

Upon receipt of application and supporting documentation, the Department will assess the application to ensure eligibility.

Applicants will be advised in writing via email of the outcome of their application within approximately 3 weeks of lodgement.

10. What are the funding conditions?

As this is a rebate, all costs must be incurred before applying.

Upon completion of the kangaroo control activity, applicants must obtain evidence of payment, which includes tax invoices from the authorised kangaroo harvester and official receipts or bank statements and proof of ATCW.

If you have any concerns about eligibility, or for further information on disposal, please contact kangaroorebate@agriculture.vic.gov.au prior to engaging a professional kangaroo harvester.

Tax implications

Applicants should consult the Australian Taxation Office or seek professional advice on any taxation implications that may arise from this Rebate.

Absolute discretion

The Department's decision on all matters pertaining to the awarding of a Rebate under this Rebate is at the Department's absolute discretion. This includes approving a lesser amount than that applied for.

The Department reserves the right to request the applicant provide further information should it be deemed necessary.

The Department reserves the right to amend these guidelines and the application terms at any time as it deems appropriate in its absolute discretion.

The Department makes no representation that a Rebate will be made to any applicant and reserves the right to make no funds available under the Rebate.

All costs associated with this application are the responsibility of the applicant.

Publicity

Rebate recipients may be asked to assist the Department in promotion of the Program. This may include involvement in media releases, case studies, or promotional events and activities.

The Department may request recipients to fact check any text and seek approval to use any owned imagery associated with the project prior to the publication of any such promotional materials.

Recipients must not make any public announcement or issue any press releases regarding the receipt of

a Rebate without prior written approval from the department.

The Department may publicise the benefits accruing to the successful application and/or the State associated with the provision of the Rebate and the State's support for the project.

If requested by the Department, the recipient must ensure that the State's support for the Rebate is acknowledged on all promotional materials and appropriated signed (available at: www.deeca.vic.gov.au/grants) or as otherwise specified by the Department.

Privacy

Any personal information about you or a third party in your application will be collected by the Department for the purposes of administering your rebate application and informing Members of Parliament of successful applications. Personal information may also be disclosed to external experts, such as members of assessment panels, or other Government Departments for assessment, reporting, advice, comment or for discussions regarding alternative or collaborative grant funding opportunities. If you intend to include personal information about third parties in your application, please ensure that they are aware of the contents of this privacy statement.

Any personal information about you or a third party in your correspondence will be collected, held, managed, used, disclosed or transferred in accordance with the provisions of the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* and other applicable laws.

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Requests for access to information about you held by DEECA should be sent to the Manager Privacy, P.O. Box 500 East Melbourne 8002 or contact by emailing Foi.unit@deeca.vic.gov.au.

11. Additional information

Additional information is available at the program web page [Kangaroo management | Drought support | Farm management | Agriculture Victoria](#)

If you require assistance submitting your application online, email grantsinfo@deeca.vic.gov.au.

