

Guide for completing the Declaration of Eligibility for Farmland Rating Categorisation

About this Form

If the owner believes their property is being used for farming purposes, the attached form requires completion in full.

Part 1: Farmland Categorisation Eligibility

In relation to the determination of rateable land parcels for categorisation as farmland for rating purposes, Chapter 15, Part 3 and Part 3A of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended, must apply. For land to be categorised as farmland in terms of Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended, it must be:

- (1) Land is to be categorised as "farmland" if it is a parcel of rateable land valued as one assessment and its dominant use is for farming (that is, the business or industry of grazing, animal feedlots, dairying, pig-farming, poultry farming, viticulture, orcharding, bee-keeping, horticulture, vegetable growing, the growing of crops of any kind, forestry or aquaculture within the meaning of the Fisheries Management Act 1994, or any combination of those businesses or industries) which:*
- (a) has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character, and*
 - (b) is engaged in for the purpose of profit on a continuous or repetitive basis (whether or not a profit is actually made).*
- (2) Land is not to be categorised as farmland if it is rural residential land.*
- (3) The regulations may prescribe circumstances in which land is or is not to be categorised as farmland.*

Part 2: Notice of Change of Category

The owner must notify Council within 30 days if the rateable land changes from one category to another as per Section 524 of the Local Government Act

524 Notice of change of category

A rateable person (or the person's agent) must notify the council within 30 days after the person's rateable land changes from one category to another.

Part 3: Lodgement Details

You can lodge the completed form by:

Fax: 02 6455 1799

Mail: Snowy Monaro Regional Council
P O Box 714
COOMA NSW 2630

Email: council@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au

Subject: Declaration of Eligibility for Farmland Rating Categorisation

In Person:

HEAD OFFICE Cooma: 81 Commissioner Street, Cooma
BRANCH OFFICES Berridale: 2 Myack Street, Berridale
Bombala: 71 Caveat Street, Bombala
Jindabyne: Shop 2 Razorback Plaza, Gippsland Street
Jindabyne

What Now? Once your application is received, it will be processed and you will be notified in writing of Councils decision.

Further information can be obtained by contacting us:

Telephone: 1300 345 345

Email: council@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au

Part 3: Office Use Only

Application Checklist	Officer
Property Number:	
Certifying Agents Statement: (page 4)	
Date Completed:	

Declaration of Eligibility for Farmland Rating Categorisation

I declare that the information in this application is complete, true and correct in every detail. I also declare that the primary use of Property (Properties) specified in this declaration are used for farmland purposes, as detailed in the NSW Local Government Act. . I understand that the Farmland Categorisation is not available if the property is not so used.

Property Assessment Number/s	
Signature	
Date	

1. Details of Primary Producer

Full name of Owner(s)	
Address	
Place where primary production is carried out (if same address write "as above")	
Full name of Applicant (may be different to owner if property is leased or agisted or if same as Owner write "as above")	
ABN	
Contact Phone number	
Contact e-mail address (optional)	
Position in Business	
Type of Primary Producer	
Type of goods or produce derived	

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2. Certifying Agent's Statement

To be made by the Primary Producers Qualified Accountant or registered Tax Agent

I have read the above declaration and examined Taxation and other records of the applicant. Based on these I confirm that the applicants land is used for the purposes of Primary Production.

Signature	
Date	
Full Name	
Full Business Name	
Address	
Professional Status	I am a member of
ASCPAS	
ICA	
NIA	
ATMA	
Registered Tax Agent	
Australian Taxation Office Certificate Number	