



Compulsory Fisheries Adjustment Scheme Factsheet

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Determining losses

Compensation for loss beyond the market value of the units of entitlement or cancelled authorisations, will be considered where an affected person can demonstrate a tangible and quantifiable loss, supported by appropriate evidence.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) cannot provide guidance or advice regarding calculation of these losses.

Each affected person should consider what relevant losses will be sustained as a result of the cancellation of the units, licence or permit and submit that as part of the application.

Process following submission of application

Applications may be submitted online, via the Smarty Grants link, or via a hard copy application form returned to DPIRD. Following submission of an application;

1. DPIRD will review the application, including checks against the fisheries licensing system, the banking details, and any Act of Grace payment already made. If your application accepts the set market value of the units and there is no claim of additional losses, a deed of settlement will be prepared for signing by the authorisation holder and the Minister for Fisheries. Once signed, payment will be processed and the authorisation and units will be cancelled in the fisheries licensing system. Written confirmation of this will be provided.
2. Alternatively, if your application outlines a claim for additional losses, and /or seeks a higher market value for the units, further assessment and negotiation will be required, and you may be contacted by a negotiator for further information or evidence of the claim. If there is an agreement on the final compensation amount, a deed of settlement will be prepared for signing by the authorisation holder and the Minister for Fisheries. Once signed, payment will be processed and the authorisation and units will be cancelled in the fisheries licensing system. Written confirmation of this will be provided.
3. Alternatively, if there is no agreement on the compensation amount, the matter can be referred to the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) to determine the amount payable. This referral can only occur after a minimum of 60 days has elapsed following the submission of the application. The decision of SAT is binding on both parties. Following a SAT determination, payment will be made and the authorisation or units will be cancelled in the fisheries licensing system.

Failure to apply by the closing date

If an application is not lodged by the closing date of 22 May 2026, the Minister for Fisheries will determine the amount of compensation payable.

Advice regarding the amount determined will be provided in writing.

This determination may be appealed to the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT).

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