



# Irrigation Pricing Discounts 2021–24

## August 2021 update

### Horticulture Irrigation Pricing Rebate Scheme Now Open

Irrigation prices for water supply schemes owned by Sunwater and Seqwater have the following discounts applied for the three-year period from 2021-22 to 2023-24:

- ◆ 50 per cent discount for irrigation of horticultural crops
- ◆ 15 per cent discount for all other irrigation.

All irrigators automatically receive a 15 per cent discount through the prices used to calculate their bills.

Irrigators can now apply to receive the balance of the 50 per cent discount through a 35 per cent rebate on charges related to horticulture through the Horticultural Irrigation Pricing Rebate Scheme.

### How do I apply for the additional 35 per cent rebate?

The rebate is being administered and assessed by the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA). To apply for the rebate, irrigators can visit [www.qrida.qld.gov.au/grants-rebates](http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/grants-rebates).

Those without internet access can contact QRIDA on freecall number 1800 623 946.

### What will I need to apply for the additional 35 per cent rebate?

Full information requirements are set out on the QRIDA application form and include both:

1. evidence that you have fully paid the relevant invoice from Sunwater, Seqwater or Pioneer Valley Water<sup>1</sup>
2. at least two types of evidence to demonstrate horticultural production, including items such as:
  - ◆ profit and loss, or management accounts showing the income received from the sale of horticultural crops
  - ◆ sale dockets relating to the sale of horticultural crops
  - ◆ your federal government Horticulture Levy statement obtainable from Levies Online
  - ◆ farm plans or maps outlining the area under production of horticultural crops
  - ◆ aerial, satellite or drone photography outlining the area under production of horticultural crops
  - ◆ on the ground photographic evidence (e.g., with mobile phone) showing the production and/or processing of horticultural crops
  - ◆ any additional evidence on how your metered water take has been used.

<sup>1</sup> Pioneer Valley Water customers do not receive a bill directly from Sunwater but will be eligible for the rebate on the Sunwater charges related to horticulture included in their Pioneer Valley Water bill.

### Is there a time limit on applications?

Applications can be made any time up until 31 December 2024.

### Do I have to apply every time I get a bill?

No. QRIDA have allowed for you to apply for rebates at intervals such as quarterly, half yearly or annually.

### Can I start applying with my first bill for 2021–22?

Yes. Your first bill for 2021-22 will include Water Allocation Charges (Part A and Part C) in relation to 2021–22. The rebate will be applicable to the proportion of these charges related to horticulture.

### Do I need re-submit the same required documents for every application?

No. QRIDA's process means that in submitting any application made after your first one you will only be required to provide any additional information relevant to that application.

### What charges on my invoice are eligible for the rebate?

The rebate applies to the following charges:

- ◆ allocation charges (Part A and Part C)
- ◆ usage charges (Part B and Part D)
- ◆ access charges.

### What are the horticultural crops eligible for the additional 35 per cent rebate?

The definition of horticultural crops is based on the following Australian and New Zealand Standard Industry Classification (ANZSIC) codes:

- ◆ 011 – Nursery and Floriculture Production
- ◆ 012 – Mushroom and Vegetable Growing
- ◆ 013 – Fruit and Tree Nut Growing.

A full list of eligible crops is available on QRIDA's website – **[www.qrida.qld.gov.au/grants-rebates](http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/grants-rebates)**

### I grow a mix of horticultural and non-horticultural crops. Can I still access the rebate?

Yes. The rebate will be applicable to the proportion of relevant charges related to horticulture. You will need to demonstrate to QRIDA the volume of water usage related to horticulture. If you can't do this, you will need to provide details of the land area under horticultural and non-horticultural production. QRIDA will use this information to calculate your rebate amount using relevant Australian Bureau of Statistics irrigation water application rates.

### I usually grow horticultural crops, but my announced allocation was not high enough to do so. Can I still access the rebate?

Yes. You will need to demonstrate to QRIDA that you usually grow horticulture where announced allocations are sufficient to do so.

### I have a water allocation and grow horticultural crops, but I was able to rely on other water sources (i.e. rain or bore water) for the applicable billing period. Can I still access the rebate?

Yes. QRIDA's application form will guide you on how to do this.

### How can I find out more information?

QRIDA have additional documents available to assist in making a rebate application. Please visit **[www.qrida.qld.gov.au/grants-rebates](http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/grants-rebates)** for guidelines, frequently asked questions and other supplementary information, including rebate formulas and all eligible horticultural crops.

For more information about irrigation pricing in general please visit **[www.rdmw.qld.gov.au](http://www.rdmw.qld.gov.au)**.

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