

# Help available for the farming sector

Check if you can get any of these regular types of support.

## Working for Families assistance

Working for Families Tax Credits are paid to families with dependent children aged 18 years or under to help with the day-to-day cost of raising a family. They're paid by Inland Revenue and include four types of payments. You may qualify for one or more, depending on your personal situation. Regular payments instead of annual pay-outs are now available, which may help with day-to-day cash flow.

To find out more contact your tax agent, visit [www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz) or call Inland Revenue on **0800 227 773**.

## Income tax assistance

Income tax assistance may be available. If you're concerned about tax payments, changes in income or refunds, contact your tax agent, visit [www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz) or call Inland Revenue on **0800 473 566**.

## Help to get you working

Work and Income provides job search services if you need to look for work. You can go to [www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz) and follow the *Looking for work* link to search through our job vacancies, or to find information about other programmes and resources that may help you.

## Financial assistance

Work and Income has a range of assistance including one-off grants and regular payments as well as benefits. You may be able to get some types of help if you're on a low income. Standard eligibility applies, which may include income and asset testing.

Go to [www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz) to:

- **Check what you might get** – a quick way to find out the types of financial assistance you might qualify for without applying
- **Apply for financial assistance** – complete and submit your application online. The online application will automatically work out the type of financial assistance you may be eligible for. To apply online you'll need to log in with RealMe. There's an option to create a RealMe login if you need to. You'll need an email address and mobile phone.
- **Next steps** - When you submit an online application, you'll get a page that confirms your application has been submitted with the following information:
  - your reference number
  - next steps - what you have to do next
  - supporting documents you need to provide.
- You'll generally need to attend an appointment at a Work and Income service centre.

## More information

Your local Rural Support Trust Coordinator can go over the information available and help you with the application process.

You can contact the Rural Support Trust on **0800 787 254** or visit [www.rural-support.org.nz](http://www.rural-support.org.nz).



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## For more information



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Call **0800 559 009**