



Single Farming Enterprise Exemption

Application Form

Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund and Municipal Charge

Part A – Information

Where multiple parcels of farm land are used to operate a single farming enterprise, a person may only be required to pay the fixed charge and municipal charge once by applying for the single farming enterprise exemption. To apply, a person must submit this form, completed and signed, to the Councils where the relevant properties are located. You must notify the Councils if the circumstances relating to your application change as this may affect your eligibility for the exemption.

Part B – Request Details

I, _____ of _____, request that the properties detailed under Part E be considered a single farming enterprise for calculating the Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund (ESVF) in accordance with the *Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund Act 2012* and/or municipal charges in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Part C – Eligibility Validation

Please tick the appropriate answer to each question relating to the land which forms part of the single farming enterprise:

All of the land is farm land

Farm land is land that is used primarily for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig-farming, poultry-farming, fish-farming, tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities. It may include one parcel of land that is the principal place of residence of a person(s) carrying on the single farming enterprise, provided that the principal place of residence is contiguous to farm land.

Yes ☐

No ☐

*** Note:** The single farming enterprise exemption can only be claimed in respect of one principal place of residence. Both the fixed and variable components of the ESVF will be levied on any other principal place of residence that is contiguous to farmland forming part of the single farming enterprise.

All of the properties are occupied by the same person(s) and are farmed as a **single** farming enterprise

Yes ☐

No ☐

*** Note:** Each parcel must be used to carry on a **single** farming enterprise. If the lands are used to operate several different ventures, a separate application is required in respect of each enterprise. A fixed charge/municipal charge will be payable for each venture.

Each property is used to carry on a single business of primary production that has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and

- that seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land; and
- that is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way that it is operating.

Yes ☐

No ☐

If you answered 'NO' to any of these questions you are not eligible for the single farming enterprise exemption.

If you answered 'YES' to all questions proceed to Part D.

Part D – Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund Fixed Charge and Municipal Charge

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- The ESVF fixed charge must be paid on at least one leviable land which forms part of the SFE (the lands do not need to be located in a single Council municipality).
- The municipal charge must be paid on at least one rateable land within the single farming enterprise in each Council.

*** Note:** Please nominate the property the ESVF fixed charge and municipal charge will be applied by completing Part F. Councils may amend this nomination if a municipal charge has already been applied to a different property in their municipality.

Part E – Property Details

Council/ Municipality	Assessment	Property Address	Occupier/Lessee	Occupied Dwelling
				Yes/No
				Yes/No
				Yes/No
				Yes/No
				Yes/No
				Yes/No
				Yes/No
				Yes/No
				Yes/No
				Yes/No
				Yes/No

- Please attach a list of additional lands if space provided is insufficient

Part F – Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund Fixed Charge and Municipal Charge Nomination

I nominate the following property as the property for which the ESVF fixed charge and municipal charge will be paid.

Municipality	Assessment No.	Property Address

Part G – Declaration

I certify that the information supplied is true and correct. I accept that Council may require further information to determine whether this application complies with the provisions of the *Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund Act 2012* and the *Local Government Act 1989*. I acknowledge that this information may be forwarded to the State Revenue Office (SRO) for compliance purposes. My contact details are listed below to discuss this application further if required.

Home Phone		Email	
Mobile Phone			
Signature		Date	

Part H – Privacy Information

This information is collected by Horsham Rural City Council to establish your eligibility for a single farming enterprise exemption and is required to be provided by the *Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund Act 2012* and *Local Government Act 1989*. This information may also be used by the Council for other purposes including issuing permits and licences and providing a variety of community services. If you do not provide the information required, we may not be able to process your application for an exemption. The information collected may be disclosed to other municipal Councils, the SRO, and other government agencies as authorised by law. You can find out more about how we use and protect your information in our privacy policy on www.hrcc.vic.gov.au. If you require access to the information you have provided us, please contact the Council on **03 5382 9777**.

Part I – Submission

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