



Natural disasters

January - February 2019

From 25 January 2019, North Queensland received heavy rainfall originating from a monsoon trough. This resulted in some locations receiving rainfall in excess of 1500mm causing significant flooding.

If you have been affected by these events, we understand your first priority is the safety and security of your family and belongings. We don't want you to be concerned if you are facing problems with your tax affairs because of this event. We will work with you to get things back on track once the emergency is over.

Support is available for you

If your business or residential address is in one of the identified highly impacted postcodes listed below, we will automatically make arrangements to defer the following tax obligations for you (you don't need to apply for a deferral):

- lodgment and payment of monthly activity statements due 21 February 2019 deferred to 21 March 2019
- lodgment and payment of quarterly activity statements due 28 February 2019 deferred to 28 March 2019
- lodgment and payment of income tax returns due 28 February 2019 deferred to 28 March 2019
- lodgment and payment of fringe benefit tax returns due 28 February 2019 to 28 March 2019.

These arrangements are in line with the financial assistance made available through Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payments (AGDRP).

Tax practitioners and their clients affected by this natural disaster can access additional support. For information, see www.ato.gov.au/naturaldisastersupport

These deferrals do not apply to large withholders (that is, those who have previously withheld more than \$1 million annually or are part of a corporate group that has). We cannot vary the contribution due date or waive the nominal interest on late super guarantee payments.

All deferrals granted for later dates will still apply. If you are affected by this disaster and you need further assistance, or your business is affected but is outside the following postcodes, phone us on **1800 806 218**.

Affected postcodes

Following are the local government areas and postcodes in Queensland that have been granted through AGDRP.

Additional postcodes may be added to the list once damage assessments have been finalised.

Burdekin Shire

- 4807
- 4809
- 4808
- 4806

Cook Shire

- 4892
- 4895
- 4871
- 4874

Douglas Shire

- 4873
- 4895
- 4877

Townsville

- 4816
- 4810
- 4815
- 4811
- 4817
- 4818
- 4814
- 4812
- 4813
- 4819

Wujal Wujal

- 4895

See also:

- www.ato.gov.au/naturaldisasters
- www.disasterassist.gov.au - for information about assistance from other government agencies in Australia.