

BULLETIN

VACC Occupational Health, Safety and Environment



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Governments Quad Bike Safety Rebate Scheme Update

As many VACC Members are aware, the Victorian Government announced a \$6 million subsidy scheme for farmers to make their quad bikes safer. WorkSafe Victoria are overseeing the over-arching quad bike safety program and now accepts operator protection devices (OPD's) fitted to a quad bike as part of the solution to controlling the risk to operators in the event of a rollover.

The rebate is being administered by the Victorian Farmers Federation. Eligible farmers can apply for a rebate of:

- Up to \$1200 (GST exempt) for the purchase of an alternate vehicle such as a side-by-side vehicle (SSV) or a small utility vehicle (SUV). The alternate vehicle must be designed for use in agriculture and at point of sale have rollover protection and a fitted seatbelt. Sport vehicles and small commercial vehicles, such as utes, are excluded. Go to <https://www.vff.org.au/vff/QuadBike/AVList.aspx> for a list of eligible alternate vehicles.

OR

- Up to \$600 (GST exempt) for the purchase of up to two operator protection devices (OPD's), or up to \$1200 (GST exempt) for two devices. The OPD must have been designed and manufactured in accordance with approved engineering standards and independently tested to be eligible for the rebate.

There are currently two OPD devices that meet this criteria and are eligible for the rebate - the Quadbar™ and the ATV Lifeguard.

Rebates are available for devices or vehicles purchased on, or after 1 September 2016. Farmers are able to lodge applications to claim the rebate from 1 October 2016.

The rebate is available to farmers who:

- Live and operate a business in Victoria
- Have no more than 19 full-time employees
- Own a quad bike for work purposes
- Have farming as their main source of income.

Farmers who are owner-operators with no employees are eligible to apply. Farmers can apply online, by email or post.

Online: www.bequadsafe.com.au

Email: bequadsafe@vff.org.au

Phone: VFF on 1300 945 030 for an application form

For further queries please contact Patrick D'Alessandri (VACC OHSE Manager) on 03 9829 1138 or by email ohs@vacc.com.au.

Regards

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