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Detailed information about disasters and not-for-profit organisations.

Running Australian Disaster Relief Funds

Information about the deductible gift recipient category Australian disaster relief fund (ADRF).

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Australian disaster relief fund list

For a fund to be eligible for endorsement as an Australian disaster relief fund, the disaster must meet various legal requirements.





The following listed disasters meet these legal requirements.

Tax deductions for donations to these funds can usually only be claimed for the first 2 years after the disaster is declared.

Disaster relief fund list


Name of disaster	Start date for tax deductible gifts	Government declaration
Townsville floods	31 January 2019	Townsville schools to close tomorrow as disaster declaration made 
Bushfires – NSW	11 November 2019	Premier declares State of Emergency in NSW
Bushfires – The Duck Pond fire, South Australia	11 November 2019	South Australian bushfires declared disasters for the purpose of tax-deductible donations to bushfire relief funds 
Bushfires – The Yorketown fire, South Australia	20 November 2019	South Australian bushfires declared disasters for the purpose of tax-

		deductible donations to bushfire relief funds 
Bushfires – The Cudlee Creek, Kangaroo Island and Angle Vale fires, South Australia	20 December 2019	South Australian bushfires declared disasters for the purpose of tax-deductible donations to bushfire relief funds 
Bushfires – The Keilira fire, South Australia	30 December 2019	South Australian bushfires declared disasters for the purpose of tax-deductible donations to bushfire relief funds 
Bushfires – Victoria	2 January 2020	Victorian Government Declares A State Of Disaster 
Bushfires – ACT	31 January 2020	State of Emergency declared for ACT
COVID-19 Pandemic	18 March 2020	Assistant Minister Seselja declared the COVID-19 pandemic across Australia a disaster for the purpose of establishing Australian disaster relief funds as DGRs 

Queensland and New South Wales floods	22 February 2022	Income Tax Assessment (Australian Disaster Relief Funds) Declaration 2022 
Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred	1 March 2025	Income Tax Assessment (Australian Disaster Relief Funds) Declaration 2022 
Queensland Floods (March 2025)	21 March 2025	Income Tax Assessment (Australian Disaster Relief Funds) Declaration 2022 
New South Wales Floods (May 2025)	18 May 2025	Income Tax Assessment (Australian Disaster Relief Funds) Declaration 2022 

If the disaster you wish to collect funds for isn't listed here, direct your enquiries to the relevant state of territory authority.

Relevant state of territory authority list

State/territory	Authority	Phone	Website
New South Wales	Emergency Management NSW	(02) 8247 5900	emergen 

Northern Territory	Northern Territory Treasury	(08) 8999 7406	treasury.
Queensland	Department of the Premier and Cabinet	(07) 3224 2111	premiers
South Australia	Security and Emergency Management Commission	(08) 8463 4056	safecom.
Tasmania	Tasmanian Department of Premier and Cabinet	1300 135 513	dpac.tas
Victoria	Emergency Management Victoria	(03) 8684 7900	emc.vic.
Western Australia	Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia	(08) 9323 9300	dfes.wa.

Developed country disaster relief fund list

For a fund to be eligible for endorsement as a developed country disaster relief fund, the disaster must be recognised by a Treasury minister as a disaster.

Tax deductions for donations to these funds can usually only be claimed for the first two years after the disaster is declared.

There are no current developed country disasters recognised by a Treasury minister.

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