



# Temporary aid to rural enterprises for financial difficulties caused by the coronavirus epidemic





# Temporary aid for rural enterprises and temporary aid for primary production

Temporary aid for rural enterprises and primary production helps farms and agricultural enterprises whose financial situation has deteriorated due to market and production disturbances caused by the coronavirus epidemic.

The objective of the aid is to facilitate the adaptation of companies to the exceptional situation caused by the coronavirus and to encourage them to continue their operations.





# For whom?

## Temporary aid for rural enterprises

### 1. Farm where other business activities are also carried out

- no agriculture but otherwise no restrictions on industry
- other business activities are listed under the same accounting unit and the same business ID as agriculture (may include: accommodation services, tourism services, catering services etc. other service activities.)
- taxed through MVL (if the farm is not incorporated)

### 2. Micro-enterprise for the processing and/or sales of agricultural products (so-called Annex I products)

#### Annex I products include:

- dairy products
- mill products
- wine and cider
- meat and slaughterhouse products
- vegetables, berries, mushrooms and products made from them
- feed and petfood

NO: fish products





# For whom?

## Temporary support for enterprises in primary agricultural production

### Farm or agricultural business

- highly specialised primary production companies
- products sold directly or through a short distribution chain e.g. for restaurants or industrial kitchens
- making farm products ready for sale e.g. potato packaging or carrot peeling
- if the market has deteriorated substantially and there is no alternative market
- selling Annex I products with the exception of fishery products

**Note!** No aid shall be granted to public organisations, foundations or associations nor to fisheries and aquaculture enterprises.

The conditions for receiving the aid are that the company is eligible, i.e. has not had financial difficulties before corona, and that the applicant has not received aid for the same purpose elsewhere.



# Aid conditions

## Temporary aid for rural enterprises and temporary aid for primary production

- No aid shall be granted to public organisations, foundations or associations nor to fisheries and aquaculture enterprises.
- your company has the prerequisites for profitable business operations under normal conditions  
your company's financial difficulties have arisen after 31 December 2019
- because of the coronavirus pandemic
- you are not receiving any other aid or support for the same purpose
- the income from the business activities receiving support has a significant effect on your livelihood

**Note! Temporary aid for rural enterprises:** the company must be able to distinguish between income and expenditure from the farm's other income and expenditure if the company is also involved in agricultural business activities.

the company provides a livelihood to at least one entrepreneur or employee if the company processes or sells agricultural products



# For what purpose?

## Temporary aid for rural enterprises and temporary aid for primary production

For necessary expenses incurred by your company, personnel, property and rental costs, and the use of external experts.

- Necessary expenses include those fixed expenses that cannot be quickly discontinued or reduced even though the company's income has decreased or ceased due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- actual wages and salaries can be accepted as wage costs if the monthly salary does not exceed EUR 2,000 plus 30% of additional expenses.
- You cannot receive aid for the acquisition of inputs or investments.





# Amount of aid?

## Temporary aid for rural enterprises

- Minimum EUR 5,000, maximum EUR 10,000
- Up to 80% of necessary expenses
- Mainly de minimis aid, in special cases temporary state aid under the Communication C (2020) 1863 from the Commission

## Temporary support for enterprises in primary agricultural production

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# Applying for the aid

Apply for a grant in the Hyrrä e-service - <http://hyrra.ruokavirasto.fi>  
The decision on the aid is made by the ELY Centre in your area.

Log into Hyrrä using bank access codes, mobile certificate or smart ID card (HST card).

Before applying, make sure you have the following at hand:

- Your business ID, profit and loss account, and a report on the deterioration of the financial situation of your business as well as a report on the expenses on which the application is based
- plan for stabilising your company's finances in the short term
- report on other state support you have applied for and received for overcoming the financial difficulties caused by the corona pandemic
- report on de minimis aids granted to your company by different authorities

## NOTE!

**Select the correct type of aid:** Temporary support for rural enterprises and agriculture

Read the ELY Centre's instructions for applying carefully before submitting the application.



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