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Bushfire & Natural Disaster Relief

Bushfire & Natural Disaster Recovery Work Voluntary work can only be included as specified work for the purpose of applying for a second or third Working Holiday visa where it is related to bushfire recovery work undertaken in declared [bushfire-affected areas](#) or to other recovery work undertaken in declared [natural disaster affected](#) areas only.

Bushfire recovery work

- construction, farming, or any other work in association with recovery or restitution of land, property, farm animals or wildlife
- support services or assistance to people living, working or volunteering in the affected areas

Examples of eligible paid or volunteer specified work in bushfire recovery:

- re-building fences destroyed in a bushfire affected community
- caring for wildlife in a bushfire affected community
- support work for volunteer organisations assisting victims of bushfires
- demolition of buildings, trench digging, land clearing and earth moving
- residential and non-residential construction or renovation/repair, including of roads, footpaths, bridges, parking lots, fencing, railways, dams, irrigation systems, sewage and storm water drainage systems

Examples of ineligible specified work in bushfire recovery:

- hospitality, cleaning or administrative work in a business that was not damaged by bushfire
- construction or renovation work in an area that is not a declared bushfire affected area
- work carried out on or before 31 July 2019

Natural Disaster recovery work

WHMs can count work assisting in the recovery of natural disasters, such as floods, cyclones and other severe weather events, as 'specified work'. The work can be paid or voluntary.

Examples of eligible paid or volunteer specified work in natural disaster recovery work:

- general cleaning up, including wiping down items, moving and cleaning furniture and appliances, hosing out properties and outdoor areas or mopping floors and transportation of rubbish
- demolition of buildings, trench digging, land clearing and earth moving
- residential and non-residential construction or renovation/repair, including of roads, footpaths, bridges, parking lots, fencing, railways, dams, irrigation systems, sewage and storm water drainage systems
- work for charitable organisations assisting flood affected communities, including administrative, technical, and coordination support



- administrative support, including customer service and working in call centres providing flood recovery support
- coordination support, including services for insurance companies and local, state and federal government organisations and community and evacuation centres
- transport support, including delivering food, medications or other essential items to flood victims
- caring for, transporting and managing affected animals and related equipment

Examples of ineligible specified work in flood recovery:

- hospitality, re-building, cleaning or administrative work in a business that was not damaged by floods
- employment in a business not involved in flood recovery work
- clean-up, construction or any other work in an area that is not a declared flood affected area
- work carried out on or before 31 December 2021.

WHMs wishing to apply for a second or third Working Holiday visa on the basis of disaster recovery work, must select 'flood recovery - paid' or 'flood recovery - volunteer' under 'Employment type' when completing their visa application form on [ImmiAccount](#).

As information can change always check the Home Affairs Website for updates: [Work-Holiday-417 Specified Work](#)