

How we apply minimum stocking density restrictions

If all your land has a single grazing category, we will calculate your restricted eligible hectares as shown below.

This farmer has a 400 ha grazing category 'A' farm with a historic SD of 0.05:

$$\text{Minimum SD restriction: } \frac{400\text{ha} \times 0.05}{0.09} = 222.22 \text{ ha}^*$$

If you have land in more than one grazing category, we will give you a composite minimum SD limit for the LFASS claim year.

We work out your composite minimum SD limit based on the appropriate SD limits in the table above, based on the proportion of actively farmed eligible land you have in each grazing category.

For example, a farmer has claimed:

43 ha of grazing category A land; and
57 ha of grazing category C land.

His composite minimum SD limit will be:

$$(0.09 \times 43\%) + (0.30 \times 57\%) = 0.039 + 0.171 = 0.21$$

This farmer has a historic SD of 0.13 and we will calculate his restricted hectares as follows:

$$\text{Minimum SD restriction: } \frac{100 \text{ ha} \times 0.13}{0.21} = 61.90 \text{ ha}^*$$

**Restricted eligible hectares*