



Teagasc Distance Education Green Cert Programme (for Award Holders)

We are now accepting online applications for the "Teagasc Distance Education Green Cert Programme (for Award Holders) **commencing October 2022**

This course consists of Saturdays in Pallaskenry and online tuition one evening per week. Timetable and Details below:

Aim: This course has been developed to meet the training requirements of graduates from other non-agricultural award programme's who are interested in farming.

On **successful completion**, students meet the requirements of a qualified farmer for the purposes of Revenue and Department of Agriculture (DAFM) schemes.

Please contact your **Local Teagasc Education Officer** to check if this course is the appropriate route to meet your training requirements

Qualifications: Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture 5M20454 and Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farming 6S20487

Duration: The course extends over 16 months

Entry Requirements: Applicants must be a holder of a Level 6 or higher major award in a non-agricultural discipline. Applicants must also have continuous access to a commercial farm in the Republic of Ireland (home farm or approved nominated farm) to develop proficiency in farm tasks and complete farm based assignment and projects. They must have access to all farm details including financial details on the nominated farm and are expected to spend time weekly on this farm and be involved in the farm operation and management.

The course fee is €3,100

Once your application has been "accepted" we send an email requesting a **€500** booking deposit to guarantee your place.

The remaining balance of €2,600 can be paid in two instalments:

October 2022 €1,300 & April 2023 €1,300

Payment options:

- Online payment to <https://salesianag.ie/pay-online.html>
- Direct to our bank account IBAN: IE62AIBK93547639384245

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is **Wednesday 12th October 2022.**

Email your queries to mary.oconnor@pallaskenry.com or call us on 061 393100



TIMETABLES

in Pallaskenry - Group 8 Timetable	
Online content delivery Wednesday evening @ 7pm	
Saturday 15 October 2022	Day 1
Saturday 26 November 2022	Day 2
Saturday 7 January 2023	Day 3
Saturday 11 February 2023	Day 4
Saturday 11 March 2023	Day 5
Saturday 15 April 2023	Day 6
Saturday 20 May 2023	Day 7
Wednesday 7th June 2023	Repeats (course work from Day 1 to Day 6 - 9am to 5pm)
Wednesday 14th June 2023	
Saturday 1 July 2023	Day 8
AUGUST	HOLIDAYS
Saturday 2 September 2023	Day 9
Saturday 7 October 2023	Day 10
Saturday 4 November 2023	Day 11
Saturday 2 December 2023	Day 12
Saturday 6 January 2024	Day 13
Wednesday 24 January 2024	Repeats (course work from Day 7 to Day 13 - 9am to 5pm)
Wednesday 31 January 2024	

in Pallaskenry - Group 9 Timetable	
Online content delivery Wednesday evening @ 7pm	
Saturday 22 October 2022	Day 1
Saturday 3 December 2022	Day 2
Saturday 21 January 2023	Day 3
Saturday 4 March 2023	Day 4
Saturday 1 April 2023	Day 5
Saturday 22 April 2023	Day 6
Saturday 27 May 2023	Day 7
Wednesday 7th June 2023	Repeats (course work from Day 1 to Day 6 - 9am to 5pm)
Wednesday 14th June 2023	
Saturday 8 July 2023	Day 8
AUGUST	HOLIDAYS
Saturday 9 September 2023	Day 9
Saturday 14 October 2023	Day 10
Saturday 11 November 2023	Day 11
Saturday 9 December 2023	Day 12
Saturday 13 January 2024	Day 13
Wednesday 24 January 2024	Repeats (course work from Day 7 to Day 13 - 9am to 5pm)
Wednesday 31 January 2024	

- An email will be sent to students before the course commences asking them to choose which group they wish to join. Places will be filled on a first come first served basis
- If you miss an exam or assignment submission date you must wait until the repeat dates
- We cannot facilitate group swaps under any circumstances

Online content delivery starts on **Wednesday 26th October 2022 @ 7pm** and will continue each Wednesday until the course is complete.

These sessions will consist of **one of the following:**

- Tutorials (up to 1 hour duration maximum, these will be pre-recorded and available to you for viewing in your own time)
- Guest Speaker from the Agricultural Industry

Computer Access and Skills

An online system is used throughout the course for learner support and completion of some assessments. Therefore, students must possess a basic level of IT skills to ECDL level. Competency in internet and email is required. Students must also have access to a web enabled computer and printing facilities for the course duration. Students must have access to an active, personal e-mail account.

Communication

Communication regarding course content, timetables, fees, skills assessments, repeats, etc. will be discussed with the student only.



How to Apply:

Apply online to:

<https://www.teagasc.ie/education/going-to-college/apply-online/agriculture-courses/level-6-distance-education-green-cert/>

Please have items 1 to 5 available to you for uploading during the application process:

1) Evidence/proof of your PPS (Personal Public Service Number)

(e.g. copy of public services card (front and back as your PPS number is on the back), certificate of tax credits, letter from Revenue, etc.

2) Copy of your birth certificate

3) Certified copy of your qualification

- Applicants are required to submit a certified copy of their award parchment. Copy your qualification parchment and have the copy certified as a true copy of the original in any Teagasc office or Garda Station.

Alternatively, a full transcript of results [for each year of the course] is acceptable. The transcript must be accompanied by a covering letter from the awarding body stating the candidate's name, address, the years in which the candidate was a registered student, name of award, and the date the award was conferred.

4) Copy of your driver's licence. Front and back are required

5) Completed ICBF (Irish Cattle Breeding Federation) Herd Plus Data Release Form. Form included on page 5 of this information pack

Course Profile

Delivery:	A blend of self-directed learning through support materials provided by Teagasc and practical contact days.
Course Start date:	See timetable on page 2
Course Duration:	See timetable on page 2 for details
Assessment Methods:	Exams, assignments, practical skills assessments
Assessment Format:	Continuous assessment
Attendance:	Attendance for a minimum of 180 hours (online and in Pallaskenry) for exams, practical skills training, workshops, discussion groups, and other course components.
Course certification:	All Quality Qualifications Ireland (QQI) certified courses in Teagasc are subject to quality assurance and QQI certification procedures. Certification of courses will be subject to QQI certification periods.

Applicants should note there will be a delay following completion of the course and awarding of certificates.

This course includes two awards:

1. Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture
2. Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farming

For each of these awards a number of quality assurance processes and procedures must be completed by us and Teagasc. Courses must be internally and externally verified, results approval and sign off and details exported to QQI for certification. **This process takes a minimum of six months.**



Student Name: _____ College: **Salesian Agricultural College**

ICBF (Irish Cattle Breeding Federation) Herd Plus Data Release Form

This form must be completed and signed by the herd owner

To whom it may concern,

I _____ request that the Department of Agriculture and Food make available a copy of my herd's calf registration data, centralised movements monitoring system data (CMMS) and other relevant cattle breeding data to Irish Cattle Breeding Federation for the purpose of the national cattle breeding database. Data from other organisations (for my herd) may also be forwarded to ICBF.

I understand that all such information will be stored in the ICBF cattle breeding database and will be used for the purpose of research, training, education and advisory in support of cattle breeding activities.

I understand that my information will be used for:

- classroom discussion moderated by Lecturer in Teagasc and Teagasc approved colleges
- farm discussion groups moderated by a Teagasc advisor

The BTE Herd number(s) that relate to my farming enterprise is/are:-

County letter	6 DIGIT HERD NUMBER						Check digit
e.g. <i>D</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>

I wish to grant access to data relating to my herd to Teagasc

Signature of herd owner

Date

Mobile number of herd owner: _____