



December 2021

Teagasc Distance Education Green Cert for Non Agricultural Award Holders

Dear Applicant,

We are now accepting applications for the "Teagasc Distance Education Green Cert for Non Agricultural Award Holders" in the Salesian Agricultural College.

Submit your **ONLINE APPLICATION** to:

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

See TIMETABLE included on page 3 for start dates.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is 31st March 2022.

The course fee is €3,100

Once your application has been "accepted" you will receive an email requesting a **€500** booking deposit to secure your place.

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

1. March 2022 €1,300
2. October 2022 €1,300

Please wait until you receive an email confirming that your application has been "accepted" before transferring payment to the college.

This programme will on **successful completion** lead to an agricultural educational award at QQI Level 6 which meets the agricultural education qualifications required as per schedule 2B and section 81aa of the Stamp Duties Consolidation Act 1999 (SDCA 1999).

Refer to the "**Online Application Information**" on page 2 for documentation required with your application.

The "days in Pallaskenry" may change if further COVID restrictions are implemented.

Yours sincerely,

Derek O'Donoghue
College Principal



ONLINE APPLICATION INFORMATION

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 4 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

Please note: QQI €90 certification fee is included in the course fee. Full Medical card holders and/or persons in receipt of unemployment benefit are exempt from this charge. You may apply for a waiver of this charge by **uploading documentary evidence** of your entitlement to this benefit. Please note: these exemptions apply to the individual not to the family.

Please wait until you receive an email confirming that your application has been "accepted" before transferring payment to the college.

Payment options:

- Online payment to <https://salesianag.ie/pay-online.html>
- Direct to our bank account IBAN: IE62 AIBK 9354 7639 3842 45
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If you have any queries contact mary.oconnor@pallaskenry.com or call 061 393100



“Days in Pallaskenry” Timetable

Group 6 – Saturday Option		Group 7 – Saturday Option	
Course commences with online induction on Saturday 2 nd April 2022 from 9am to 11am		Course commences with online induction on Saturday 2 nd April 2022 from 9am to 11am	
“Saturdays in Pallaskenry”		“Saturdays in Pallaskenry”	
07 May 2022	Day 2 of 13	28 May 2022	Day 2 of 13
25 June 2022	Day 3 of 13	02 July 2022	Day 3 of 13
23 July 2022	Day 4 of 13	17 September 2022	Day 4 of 13
24 September 2022	Day 5 of 13	15 October 2022	Day 5 of 13
22 October 2022	Day 6 of 13	19 November 2022	Day 6 of 13
10 December 2022	Day 7 of 13	17 December 2022	Day 7 of 13
14 January 2023	Day 8 of 13	21 January 2023	Day 8 of 13
11 February 2023	Day 9 of 13	18 February 2023	Day 9 of 13
11 March 2023	Day 10 of 13	25 March 2023	Day 10 of 13
22 April 2023	Day 11 of 13	06 May 2023	Day 11 of 13
27 May 2023	Day 12 of 13	10 June 2023	Day 12 of 13
01 July 2023	Day 13 of 13	8th July 2023	Day 13 of 13

Online content delivery will start on **Tuesday 5th April 2022 @ 7pm** and will continue every Tuesday evening until **Tuesday 11th July 2023**.

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

- Tutorials (up to 1 hour duration maximum, these will be recorded and available to you for viewing in your own time)
- Guest Speaker from the Agricultural Industry
- Exams (maximum 2 hours duration)

See April Timetable below. This will be similar for most months of your course:

April 2022 Timetable	
	Saturday 2nd April 2022
	Time: 9am to 11am Topic: Online Induction via Zoom All other Saturdays will be "in Pallaskenry" as per either timetable above.
Tuesday 5th April 2022 (7pm to 8pm)	
Topic: Recorded tutorial- Work Practice Diary (Level 5)	
Tuesday 12th April 2022 (7pm to 8pm)	
Topic: Recorded tutorial- Work Practice Diary (Level 5)	
Tuesday 19th April 2022 (7pm to 8pm)	
Topic: Skills Delivery- Principles of Agriculture & Soils and the environment	
Tuesday 26th April 2022 (7pm to 8pm)	
Topic: Recorded tutorial- Principles of Agriculture exam 1 & 2	



APPLICATION INFORMATION

Course Eligibility

Applicants for the Teagasc Distance Education Green Cert for non-Agricultural Award Holders course **must** have:

- An existing **Level 6 or Higher Major Award** (Component Certificates are not Major Awards) in a non-agricultural discipline – ensure that your qualification is copied and the copy verified as a true copy in any Teagasc office or Garda station
- Continuous access to a commercial farm in the Republic of Ireland (home farm or approved nominated farm) for the duration of the course in order to develop proficiency in farm tasks and complete farm based assignment and projects (Farm Accounts / Nutrient Management Plans, Herd Breeding Projects etc.) Details of the farm should be submitted online during the application process
- Access to all farm details (including financial details) on the nominated farm. You are expected to spend at least two days per week on this farm and be involved in the farm operation and management. Please note: the farmer must sign the form agreeing to grant access to the farm details (Farm Accounts, herd information, nutrient management plans) so that realistic farm based projects can be completed

Training Requirement

- Please contact your **local Teagasc Education Officer** to check if the “Teagasc Distance Education Green Cert for Non Agricultural Award Holders” is the appropriate route to meet your training requirements
- The Teagasc Green Cert meets the minimum education requirements for Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine grants and schemes

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 only be discussed with students and not a third party.

If you are unable to take up this offer and wish to remain on the waiting list for a future course please email mary.oconnor@pallaskenry.com



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 3 for your chosen course option
Course Duration:	See timetable on page 3 for details
Assessment Methods:	Online 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, details exported to QQI for certification. This process takes a number of months.

Course Duration and Content

The main components of the course are:

- 180 hours direct contact including online sessions, practical skills instruction & assessment, farm planning sessions, online exams
- A 12 month Practical Learning Period. This will be completed on the home farm or on a Teagasc approved farm
- Participation in 5 discussion group meetings as a member of a course approved discussion group
- Achievement of projects and assignments as stipulated in the relevant module specifications
- Satisfactory completion of a Management Practice Diary while involved in the management of the home farm / Teagasc approved farm during the 12 months of the Practical Learning Period
- Achievement of the skills component of modules

THE COURSE FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF THE COURSE