



DRAFT INFORMATION PACK

**Teagasc Distance Education Green Cert Programme
(for Award Holders)**

"Saturday Option" course commencing 21st September 2024 – See page 2 for details

This course consists of attending one Saturday a month in Pallaskenry and online tuition.

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

On **successful completion** of the programme, students will meet the requirements of a qualified farmer/trained farmer for the purposes of Revenue Commissioners tax exemptions 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 Awarded:

1. Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture 5M20454
2. Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farming 6S20487 (Your application includes both awards)

Duration: The course extends over 18 months

Entry Requirements, applicants must:

- Be the holder of a Level 6 or higher major award
- 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 assignments and projects.
- 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.

Applicants should note there is a delay following the completion of your course and the awarding of certificates.

The "Green Cert" trained farmer status qualification comprises two awards: Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture and, Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farming. Your application includes both awards.

For each of these awards, several quality assurance processes and procedures must be completed by us and Teagasc. Courses must be internally and externally verified, results approved and signed off, and details exported to QQI for certification.

THIS PROCESS TAKES A MINIMUM OF EIGHT MONTHS

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

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



Course fee €3,600

Once your application has been "accepted" we send an email requesting €1,800 and the remaining €1,800 must be paid by 31st January 2025.

Places will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Payment options:

- Online payment to <https://salesianag.ie/pay-online.html>
- Direct to our bank account IBAN: IE62AIBK93547639384245
- We cannot accept phone payments

Receipts are issued from [No-Reply | Salesian Agricultural College Pallaskenry](#) . This can take up to three working days.

Group 15 "Draft" Timetable	
typical day 8am to 6pm	
Saturday 21 September 2024	Day 1 of 15
Saturday 12 October 2024	Day 2 of 15
Saturday 9 November 2024	Day 3 of 15
Saturday 14 December 2024	Day 4 of 15
Friday 10 January 2025	Friday Repeats - Day 2 to Day 4
Saturday 18 January 2025	Day 5 of 15
Saturday 15 February 2025	Day 6 of 15
Saturday 22 March 2025	Day 7 of 15
Saturday 26 April 2025	Day 8 of 15
Friday 16 May 2025	Friday Repeats - Day 5 to Day 8
Saturday 24 May 2025	Day 9 of 15
Saturday 21 June 2025	Day 10 of 15
Friday 11 July 2025	Friday Repeats - Days 9 & 10
Saturday 19 July 2025	Day 11 of 15
Saturday 6 September 2025	Day 12 of 15
Saturday 4 October 2025	Day 13 of 15
Friday 24 October 2025	Friday Repeats - Day 11 to 13
Saturday 8 November 2025	Day 14 of 15
Saturday 6 December 2025	Day 15 of 15
Friday 23 January 2026	Friday Repeats - Day 14 & 15

timetables are subject to change

- **If you miss an exam or assignment submission date you must wait for the repeat date**
- **A full timetable breakdown will be distributed at induction**

If you don't successfully complete either the level 5 or level 6 portion of your course you must wait for a later Distance Education group to complete this award. We cannot facilitate individual repeats at any stage. Additional repeats outside of the timetable above incur a cost of €100 per module.

Online content delivery start date and duration will be discussed at induction.

- 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



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.

Teagasc Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture:	
Modules	Credit Value
Work Practice (host or home farm)	15
Principles of Agriculture	15
Farm Safety & Farm Assurance	15
Soils and the Environment	10
Farm Business & Technology	10
Safe Use of Pesticide Products	5
**Communications/Start your own Business (see note below)	15
Beef Husbandry	10
Grass Production	10
<i>Choose either A or B (to be discussed at induction)</i>	
A: Sheep Husbandry	10
B: Dairy Husbandry	10
<i>Choose either C or D (to be discussed at induction)</i>	
C: Organic Farming Principles	5
D: Mechanical Pesticide Application	5
Total Level 5 credits	120
Teagasc Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farming	
Modules	Credit Value
Work Practice (host or home farm)	15
Farm Performance Measurement	5
Farm Management and Business Planning	10
Sustainable Farming in the Environment	10
Applied Livestock Breeding	5
Grassland Management	5
Total Level 6 credits	50

******An exemption may apply to the “Communications/Start your own Business” module – it is up to you the applicant to apply for this exemption before you commence the course

Once you receive an email advising you your application has been accepted, you can then submit your completed “Exemption Application Form” (available on page 5 of this information pack) and supporting documentation. This must be submitted before you commence the course.

More information on this exemption available at the website below:

https://www.teagasc.ie/media/website/education/going-to-college/Exemptions-and-Recognition-of-Prior-Learning_website_Draft_3_LoRes.pdf



How to Apply

Log in to <https://salesianag.ie/distance-education-course> and the link to "Apply Now" will be available there from September onwards.

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.

QUALIFICATION MUST BE CERTIFIED IN EITHER A TEAGASC OFFICE OR GARDA STATION AS PER THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE.

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

PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATIONS ONLY. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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:	18 months
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.
Microsoft Word	Students need access to Microsoft Word. This is not provided by the college.



*Application Form for Exemption from Communications/Start your own Business.

Surname: _____

First Name(s): _____

Previous Name: _____
(If name on award is different)

Address: _____

Phone (incl area code): _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Mobile Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Nationality: _____ **PPSN:** _____

1 Module(s) for which an exemption is sought

QQI Module Title	QQI Module Code	I wish to apply for an exemption for the following module(s) Please tick
Level 5 Communications	5N0690	

2 Details of Higher Education Training (HET) qualifications

Title of Award	Awarding Body	Is this a HET Award (yes/no)?	Is this a Major Award (Yes/no)?	Year of HET Award

I hereby apply to Teagasc for an exemption(s) for QQI Communications module(s) having completed a Higher Education and Training (HET) major award (Level 6 to Level 10) in the past 5 years.

I enclose a certified* copy of my award to support my application for this exemption.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Completed Application Form with supporting documentation should be returned either by post to: Salesian Agricultural College, Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick or by email to mary.oconnor@pallaskenry.com

To support an application for an exemption from Communications an applicant will be required to have their qualification parchment copied and the copy verified as a true copy at a Teagasc office. Applicants will be required to submit this verified copy of their award with their application.

In the absence of a parchment, a full transcript of results for each year of the programme is acceptable, if accompanied by a covering letter from the awarding body stating the candidate's name, address, award title, award level, duration of the programme, years the candidate was a registered learner with the provider and date award conferred.