



Teagasc Distance Education Green Cert Programme (for Award Holders)

We are now accepting **ONLINE** applications for the "Teagasc Distance Education Green Cert for Award Holders. See page two for details.

"Saturday Option" course commencing 7th March 2026 – see page 2 for details

**This course consists of attending one Saturday a month from 8am to 6pm in Pallaskenry and online tuition.
Online content will be delivered weekly @ 7pm live with the live recording made available subsequently. This will be discussed at induction.**

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 program, students will meet the requirements of a qualified farmer/trained farmer for 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)

Also included in the awards above are:

- Training necessary to register as a Professional User (PU) of pesticides

Duration: The course extends over **13** 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.

Email your queries to admissions@pallaskenry.com or call us on **061 393100**



Course fee €3,750 payable in two instalments:

1. €1,875 before Friday 6th March 2026
2. The remaining €1,875 before 30th September 2026

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

Payment options:

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

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

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

Group 19 - Distance Education Course	
Date:	
Saturday 7 March 2026	Day 1
Saturday 11 April 2026	Day 2
Saturday 9 May 2026	Day 3
Friday 5 June 2026	Friday Repeats for Days 2 & 3
Saturday 6 June 2026	Day 4
Saturday 27 June 2026	Day 5
Friday 10 July 2026	Friday Repeats for Days 4 & 5
Saturday 25 July 2026	Day 6
Saturday 22 August 2026	Day 7
Friday 4 September 2026	Friday Repeats for Days 6 & 7
Saturday 19 September 2026	Day 8
Saturday 17 October 2026	Day 9
Saturday 28 November 2026	Day 10
Friday 11 December 2026	Friday Repeats for Days 8, 9 & 10
Saturday 9 January 2027	Day 11
Saturday 13 February 2027	Day 12
Friday 5 March 2027	Friday Repeats for Days 11 & 12

- **If you miss an exam, practical assessment or an assignment submission date you must wait for the repeat**
- **A detailed timetable 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 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.



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.

Level 5 Modules	
Module Title	Credits
Work Practice	15
Farm Business and Technology	10
Principles of Agriculture	15
Safe Use of Pesticide Products	5
Soils and the Environment	10
Farm Safety and Farm Assurance	15
*** Start Your Own Business - <i>some students may be exempted from this module. Details below</i>	15
Beef Husbandry	10
Dairy Husbandry	10
Grass Production	10
Mechanical Pesticide Application	5
Total Credits - Level 5 award	120

Level 6 Modules	
Module Title	Credits
Farm Management & Business Planning	10
Sustainable Farming in the Environment	10
Work Practice	15
Farm Performance Measurement	5
Applied Livestock Breeding	5
Grassland Management	5
Total Credits - Level 6 award	50

*** An exemption may apply to the "Start your own Business" module. This exemption applies to students who have been awarded their Level 6 or Higher Major Award within the previous five years.

After you receive an email advising you that your application has been accepted, you can then submit your completed "Exemption Application Form" (information available on pages 5, 6 & 7 of this information pack) with 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 follow the "Apply Now" link.

Please have items 1 to 4 available to you for uploading during the application process:

1) 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.

YOUR QUALIFICATION MUST BE CERTIFIED AS "A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL" IN EITHER A TEAGASC OFFICE OR GARDA STATION AS PER THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE.

2) 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.)

3) Copy of your birth certificate or passport

4) Copy of your driver's licence - both front and back are required

- **PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATIONS ONLY**
- **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED**

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
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.

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

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

For each of these awards a number of quality assurance processes and procedures must be completed by Salesian Agricultural College and Teagasc. Courses must be internally and externally verified, results approval and sign off, details exported to QQI for certification.

This process takes a minimum of eight months.



Application Form

for Exemption from "Start your own Business" (Communications) module

(see pages 5, 6 & 7 of this document for further information)

Surname: _____

First Name(s): _____

Previous Name: _____
(If name on award if 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 admissions@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



Teagasc Policy on Exemptions from Communications Level 5 (5N0690) and Communications Level 6 (6N1950)

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Background

Learners who have completed a **Higher Education and Training (HET) major award** at Level 6 to Level 10 can be automatically granted an exemption from Communications Level 5 and/or Communications Level 6 if the higher education award was achieved less than 5 years from the date when the learner applies to Teagasc for an exemption.

Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure that Teagasc complies with QQI issued a statement issued (March 2015) on exemptions for Communications.

Applicability

The Policy applies to learners engaged in Teagasc programmes who:

- Completed a Higher Education and Training (HET) major award at Level 6 to Level 10 if the award was achieved less than 5 years from the date when the learner applies to Teagasc for an exemption
- Hold a non-Irish major higher education awards, which can be mapped at Level 6 to Level 10 on the National Framework of Qualifications and which was achieved less than 5 years from the date when the learner applies to Teagasc for an exemption

This Policy will be:

1. Published on the Teagasc intranet and public website
2. Linked to the learner application process
3. Linked to the Learner Handbook, and
4. Advised to learners at course induction events

Policy Statement

1. At the start of Teagasc programmes, learners must be made aware of this policy, its procedures and impacts.
2. Exemptions are available to learners on full-time, part-time and distance education courses.
3. Exemptions are available even if Communications is not delivered as part of a Teagasc programme. A learner can gain an exemption for Communications in lieu of another QQI generic module such as Personal Effectiveness, Start your Own Business or Team working.
4. This automatic exemption does not apply to graduates of Further Education awards. However, learners who provide valid evidence of have completed the Communications modules 5N0690 and/or 6N1950 in the past 5 years can be granted an exemption from Communications
5. If the period of time since completing a Higher Education and Training (HET) major award is greater than 5 years at the time when the exemption is sought, a learner can apply to Teagasc for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).



- 6. If the period of time since completing a communications module is greater than 5 years at the time when the exemption is sought, a learner can apply to Teagasc for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).
- 7. Learners who passed the pre-CAS communications modules G20001 or G30001 can also apply to Teagasc for RPL

Procedure

The following procedure describes the granting of an exemption for Communications:

- 1. All learners (full-time, part-time and distance education) should be informed of these exemptions as part of course application/ induction.
- 2. A learner seeking an exemption from Communications Level 5 (5N0690) and/or Communications Level 6 (6N19500) must complete an application form (copy below).
- 3. The learner must supply supporting evidence such as a certified copy of an award parchment or a valid transcript of results with the application.
- 4. The application should be reviewed and if approved a Record of Exemptions form(copy below) should be completed, signed by the course director and maintained on file for the external examiner.
- 5. An exemption for Communications should be entered on Quercus. A grade (pass, merit or distinction) should not be assigned . The module for which an exemption will be granted a null value when calculating the final grade of the overall award. In cases where an exemption is gained for Communications the award grade will be based on the remaining 105 credits.
- 6. There will be no charge for learners seeking an exemption from Communications using this process and no adjustments will be made to the standard Teagasc course fees.
- 7. The course director is required to record the granting of an exemption in the minutes of the Results Approval Meeting and bring this to the attention of the external verifier at the start of the external verification process.
- 8. An exemption may only be claimed for the purpose of and at the time of achieving a compound award i.e. Level 5 Certificates Level 6 Advanced Certificate or Special Purpose Award.

Enforcement

Breaches of this Policy may result in delay in certification for the learner, follow up actions from the line manager and Teagasc Head of Education.

Definitions and Terms

QQI	Quality and Qualifications Ireland (www.qqi.ie)
Learners	Any person registered on a Teagasc training programme
Learning outcome	A statement defining the knowledge, skill or competency attained as a result of training
RPL	Recognition of Prior Learning
Major Awards	Award that covers an academic years content

Related Documents

- Teagasc Assessment Appeals Policy
- Teagasc Learner Handbook

Revision History

Revision date	Version	Summary of Changes
23/05/2019	0.1	Revision of existing policy