



December 2020

Teagasc Distance Education Green Cert for Non Agricultural Award Holders

Dear Applicant,

Following on from an earlier expression of interest by you in completing the "Teagasc Distance Education Green Cert for Non Agricultural Award Holders" in the Salesian Agricultural College, you are now invited to make an **ONLINE APPLICATION** to:

<https://www.teagasc.ie/education/going-to-college/apply-online/agriculture-courses/>

See TIMETABLE included for start dates. Saturday and School Holiday options available.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions currently in place some components of this course will be delivered online. These dates will be outside of the current timetable. You will be notified of these dates in advance.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is one week prior to start date of your chosen course option.

The course fee is €3,100. This must be paid in full before commencement of the course. If a course is oversubscribed, preference will be given to those who have applied and paid first.

We advise all prospective students to carefully consider the potential benefits and costs of doing the course.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Derek O'Donoghue
College Principal



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ONLINE APPLICATION INFORMATION

Apply online to:

<https://www.teagasc.ie/education/going-to-college/apply-online/agriculture-courses/>

This is the course you are applying for:

Distance Education "Green Cert." (Award Holders) course

[Irish Citizens and Residents Apply Here](#) | [All Other Applicants Apply Here](#)

In order to apply for this course you must be the holder of a **NON-AGRICULTURAL LEVEL 6 OR HIGHER MAJOR AWARD. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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. Have your qualification parchment copied and 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, if accompanied by a covering letter from the awarding body stating the candidate's name, address, which years the candidate was a registered student, name of award, and date award conferred.

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

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

During the online application process you will be asked to indicate your **chosen group option. School Holiday or Saturday.** See timetable on page 3 for details.

Please wait until you receive an email from us informing you your application has been **"accepted"** before you transfer payment. Payment options are:

- Log in to our website <https://salesianag.ie/pay-online.html> to make an online payment
- Direct to our bank account IBAN: IE62 AIBK 9354 7639 3842 45

If you have any queries contact mary.oconnor@pallaskenry.com or call 061 393100

**TIMETABLES**

Saturday Option Class times 8am to 6pm	
Date	Day
6 th March 2021	1
15 th May 2021	2
5 th June 2021	3
3 rd July 2021	4
7 th August 2021	5
4 th September 2021	6
2 nd October 2021	7
6 th November 2021	8
4 th December 2021	9
8 th January 2022	10
5 th February 2022	11
5 th March 2022	12
2 nd April 2022	13
7 th May 2022	14
28 th May 2022	15
25 th June 2022	16
23 rd July 2022	17
3 rd September 2022	18

School Holiday Option Class times 9am to 4pm			
Date	Day		
29 th March 2021	Monday	Easter week	Day 1
30 th March 2021	Tuesday	Easter week	Day 2
31 st March 2021	Wednesday	Easter week	Day 3
1 st April 2021	Thursday	Easter week	Day 4
2 nd April 2021	Friday	Easter week	Day 5
5 th July 2021	Monday	Summer holidays	Day 6
6 th July 2021	Tuesday	Summer holidays	Day 7
7 th July 2021	Wednesday	Summer holidays	Day 8
8 th July 2021	Thursday	Summer holidays	Day 9
9 th July 2021	Friday	Summer holidays	Day 10
26 th October 2021	Tuesday	mid-term	Day 11
27 th October 2021	Wednesday	mid-term	Day 12
28 th October 2021	Thursday	mid-term	Day 13
29 th October 2021	Friday	mid-term	Day 14
4 th January 2022	Tuesday	Christmas holidays	Day 15
5 th January 2022	Wednesday	Christmas holidays	Day 16
24 th February 2022	Thursday	mid-term	Day 17
25 th February 2022	Friday	mid-term	Day 18
11 th April 2022	Monday	Easter week	Day 19
12 th April 2022	Tuesday	Easter week	Day 20
13 th April 2022	Wednesday	Easter week	Day 21
14 th April 2022	Thursday	Easter week	Day 22
15 th April 2022	Friday	Easter week	Day 23
4 th July 2022	Monday	Summer holidays	Day 24
5 th July 2022	Tuesday	Summer holidays	Day 25
6 th July 2022	Wednesday	Summer holidays	Day 26
7 th July 2022	Thursday	Summer holidays	Day 27

**PLEASE NOTE:
REGARDLESS OF WHICH
OPTION YOU CHOOSE
THE NUMBER OF
CONTACT HOURS WILL
BE THE SAME**

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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** 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.

Course Profile

Delivery:	A blend of self-directed learning through support materials provided by Teagasc and practical contact days.
Course Start:	See timetable for your chosen course option
Course Duration:	17/18 months - See timetable on page 3
Assessment Methods:	Written exams, assignments, practical assessments, skills assessment, and online activities.
Assessment Format:	Continuous assessment
Attendance:	Attendance for a minimum of 180 hours for examinations, 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 that there will be a delay between completion of the course and awarding of certificates

Course Duration and Content

The main components of the course are:

- In the region of 180 hours direct contact (including classroom sessions, practical skills instruction; farm planning sessions, online tutorials, written examinations; practical skills assessment). Attendance will be as per timetable plus online delivery outside of the timetable.
- 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 over 12 months of the course
- Achievement of the skills component of modules

THE COURSE FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER THE FORMAL START OF THE COURSE. I.E. DAY 1