



Salesian Agricultural College

Teagasc Distance Education Green Cert Programme (for Award Holders)

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

We have a "Friday Option" course commencing on Friday 10th November 2023 – See page 2 for details. This course consists of one Friday a month in Pallaskenry and online tuition one evening per week.

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 (Your application includes both awards)

Students undertaking this course must have **basic IT skills**. They must also have access to a web enabled computer, have an active personal email account and Broadband capability to enable them to submit assignments online and view online tutorials.

Entry Requirements, applicants must:

- Be the holder of a Level 6 or higher major award holder
- 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.
- 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 will be a delay following completion of the course and awarding of certificates.

The "Green Cert" *trained farmer status* qualification comprises of 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 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 minimum of six months.

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

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"Friday Option" course fee €3,300

After your application has been "accepted" we send an email requesting **€1,650** (50% of the fees)

The remaining balance of €1,650 must be paid by June 2024

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is Wednesday 8th November 2023

Payment options:

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

Friday - Group 13	
Date	
Friday 10 November 2023	Day 1
Friday 8th December 2023	Day 2
Friday 12th January 2024	Day 3
Friday 9th February 2024	Day 4
Friday 8th March 2024	Day 5
Friday 12 April 2024	Day 6
Friday 10 May 2024	Day 7
Friday 7th June 2024	Day 8
Friday 5 July 2024	Day 9
August	Holidays
Friday 13 September 2024	Repeats - Day 1 to Day 9
Friday 11 October 2024	Day 10
Friday 15 November 2024	Day 11
Friday 13 December 2024	Day 12
Friday 10 January 2025	Day 13
Friday 7 February 2025	Repeats - Day 10 to Day 13

If you miss an exam or assignment submission date you must wait for the repeat dates.

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.

Online content delivery start date will be discussed on your first course day in Pallaskenry. These sessions will take place one evening per week commencing @ 7pm and consist of one of the following:

- Tutorials (up to 1 hour duration maximum, these will be live and recorded. If you can't join the live tutorial a recording will be uploaded on the portal 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 or page 3
Course Duration:	See timetable on page 2 or page 3 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.



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

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

County letter	6 DIGIT HERD NUMBER						Check digit
e.g. D	1	0	1	0	1	1	5

*I wish to grant access to data relating to my herd to **Salesian Agricultural College***

Signature of herd owner

Date

Mobile number of herd owner: _____