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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. Saturday and School Holiday options are available.

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

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

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 must be paid before your course commences.

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.

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:

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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.

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

Please wait until you receive an email informing you your application has been "accepted" before you transfer payment to the college.

Payment options:

- 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

Online content for both groups will start on Wednesday 15th September 2021 @ 7pm and will continue every Wednesday until 16th November 2022.

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)
- Q & A sessions (maximum 1 hour duration)
- Exams (maximum 2 hours duration)

A detailed timetable for all online sessions will be issued to students before the course commences.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TIMETABLE	
Class times 9am to 4pm	
<i>"Days in Pallaskenry"</i>	
Thursday 28th October 2021	Day 1
Friday 29th October 2021	Day 2
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Day 3
Wednesday 5th January 2022	Day 4
Thursday 24th February 2022	Day 5
Friday 25th February 2022	Day 6
Monday 11th April 2022	Day 7
Tuesday 12th April 2022	Day 8
Wednesday 13th April 2022	Day 9
Thursday 14th April 2022	Day 10
Friday 15th April 2022	Day 11
Monday 4th July 2022	Day 12
Tuesday 5th July 2022	Day 13
Wednesday 6th July 2022	Day 14
Thursday 7th July 2022	Day 15
Friday 8th July 2022	Day 16
Tuesday 25th October 2022	Day 17
Wednesday 26th October 2022	Day 18
Thursday 27th October 2022	Day 19
Friday 28th October 2022	Day 20

SATURDAY TIMETABLE	
Class times 8am to 6pm	
<i>"Days in Pallaskenry"</i>	
Saturday 11 September 2021	Day 1
Saturday 16 October 2021	Day 2
Saturday 13 November 2021	Day 3
Saturday 15 January 2022	Day 4
Saturday 12 February 2022	Day 5
Saturday 12 March 2022	Day 6
Saturday 9 April 2022	Day 7
Saturday 14 May 2022	Day 8
Saturday 11 June 2022	Day 9
Saturday 9 July 2022	Day 10
Saturday 10 September 2022	Day 11
Saturday 8 October 2022	Day 12
Saturday 12 November 2022	Day 13
<i>PLEASE NOTE: REGARDLESS OF WHICH OPTION YOU CHOOSE THE NUMBER OF CONTACT HOURS WILL BE THE SAME</i>	

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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** (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.

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 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:

- 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