

Teagasc Part Time Green Cert Programme

Course Duration:	2 to 2.5 years on a part-time basis
Awarding Body:	QQI
Course Code(s):	5M20454 and 6S20487
Progression:	Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Agriculture
Location:	Agricultural Colleges and Teagasc Education Centres
Application:	Direct to College/ Education Centre

Entry Requirements

Applicants must be over 23 years of age when starting this programme and have access to a farm, including financial details of the farm.

Course Aim

This course, accredited by QQI, is designed for those who wish to make their career as farmers.

Locations

Agricultural Colleges and Teagasc Education Centres

Course Structure and Content

The course comprises two awards, the Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture (120 credits) and the Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farming (50 credits), and consists of a combination of formal course work and a period of practical learning. The formal course work is split between practical/ skills training and classroom (theoretical) sessions. The course consists of a range of mandatory and elective modules such as: farm business and IT; principles of agriculture; farm safety; farm assurance; farm enterprise production modules; safe use of pesticides; farm performance and management modules; grass production modules, and environmental modules. Students choose a cluster of elective modules in one of the following specialisms: dairy production, drystock production, machinery and crop production.

Progression

Graduates of the course are eligible to progress to a Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Agriculture programme, or transfer to linked courses at Institutes of Technology through the Higher Education Links Scheme.

This course meets the training requirements for Stamp Duty Exemption and for various Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine schemes.