

GURTEEN COLLEGE

Working and learning together to create a better life in rural Ireland

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Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farming (6S20487) DISTANCE EDUCATION GREEN CERT COURSE INFORMATION

General Information:

- There is no minimum age, but entrants must hold a major award Level 6 on commencement of the course. There is no upper age limit.
- Theory work is the responsibility of the student and is undertaken by using the course workbooks provided at the Introductory Evening (on dates TBC in June and September 2021 at 7pm) and online study aid (Moodle).
- Practical classes and theory / practical Assessments are conducted on one weekday per month (9am – 5pm Fridays, plus occasional Saturdays) – **a DRAFT Timetable has been issued to give you an idea what to expect – this is not set in stone and will be finalised nearer to the time of course commencement.** Help from tutors is available online, by email and during the days attended in the college.
- The course takes approximately 18 months to complete from start to finish – course duration is ‘hours based’ (a minimum of 150hrs is required). Course duration to a certain extent depends on whether or not students complete assessments successfully first time around and hand in projects on time.
- Students are assessed on practical skills as well as theory knowledge and are required to keep a diary of what is happening on their own home farms.
- Students are required to spend one full week in summertime at Gurteen College (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm).
- Upon successful completion students will be awarded with a Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture (5M20454) and a **Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farming (6S20487)** – it is the Level 6 that covers all Green Cert requirements.
- This course is commonly referred to as the Distance Education, Distance Learning, Online or E-Learning Green Cert course.

Application Process and Payment:

- Places for this course are limited and will be filled on a **first come first served basis**. To apply successfully please return the **application form, completed fully**, together with all **supporting documents** and **payment in full (€3100)**.
- Incomplete applications may be rejected, and applications which have no payment or in event of a cheque failing to lodge successfully.
- Payment methods in order of preference: Bank Draft, Postal Order, Cash (in person), Cheque, or Electronic Transfer (call us to arrange) – all are payable to **Gurteen College. Do not send cash in the post.**
- Should an applicant apply and then withdraw their application prior to course commencement a €100 Administration Charge will be retained by Gurteen College and the remainder of the fees paid will be returned.
- Refunds are not possible after the formal commencement of the course.
- Please do not ring regarding the possibility of delaying payment or agreeing a payment plan as these requests cannot be accommodated. Please note that refunds cannot be given once the course has formally commenced.