



Teagasc Part Time Green Cert for Mature Students (over 23 years) leading to a Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture (5M20454) and Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farming (6S20487)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Note:

- 1. This course is aimed at adult Farmers (over 23 years of age) with no previous major qualification above Level 5.**
- 2. The date of course commencement is September 2021.**
- 3. Places are limited and will be filled on a first come first served basis.**

Before posting your materials, ensure that you have enclosed **ALL** of the following:

Check the following	Tick ✓
A completed application form - Every section must be completed and the form must be signed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence/proof of the applicant's Personal Public Service Number (PPSN) – (E.g. copy of PPSN Card, Certificate of Tax Credits, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A copy of the applicant's birth certificate. Please do not send the original document. If originals are received it will be up to yourself to retrieve it from our office / your tutor.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two passport photographs (or equivalent) of the applicant (both signed on the reverse side).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment in full by Bank Draft, Postal Order, or Cheque made payable to Gurteen College, or by Transfer through arrangement with Gurteen College, or by cash (in person).	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please post your fully completed Application to:

**PT Applications
Gurteen College
Ballingarry
Roscrea
Co. Tipperary
E53 TP93**

Teagasc Part-Time Green Cert Information

Please Read Carefully

Award Details

The Teagasc Part-Time Green Cert programme leads to a Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture (5M20454) and Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farming (6S20487). These awards are made by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI). Successful achievement of both awards fulfils the education requirement for 'Young Trained Farmer' status for stamp duty exemption, and for certain Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM) schemes. (Note: requirements under DAFM schemes and stamp duty exemption can change at any time, and is outside the control of Teagasc).

Programme Duration – Part time Green Cert

It takes up to 20 months to complete the part time Green Cert.

Attendance Requirements

The course will involve 550/600 hours of contact time.

Teagasc reserve the right to alter course scheduling and formats as necessary.

Certification

Teagasc Courses awarded by QQI are subject to QQI quality assurance procedures. There is a time delay between completion of a course and issuing of certificates.

Course Content

Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture

Course delivery includes practical skills training, outdoor on farm activities and classroom based learning. Core subject areas include Animal Production Science, Crop Production Science, Farm Business Organisation and Communications. Production modules such as Beef Production and practical modules such as Chemical Fertiliser Application, Maintenance of Farm Structures or Agriculture Mechanics may also form part of the course. The final choice of modules offered is decided by the local centre.

Practical Learning Period

Practical Learning Periods (PLP) are a mandatory part of the Teagasc Part time Green Cert programme. Adult farmers (over 23 years) complete their PLP on their home farm.

Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farm Administration (Teagasc Green Cert)

This award focuses on the business of farming. The core context covers Farm Management, Farm Business Planning, Farm Performance Measurement and discussion group participation. Access to farm accounts is required for this portion of the course.

Course Assessment

Assessments are scheduled throughout the course. The main forms of assessment are 1) practical skills assessments 2) written examinations 3) learning records (practical learning diaries) and 4) assignments.

Course materials

Teagasc provide a very comprehensive set of course workbooks, course materials and DVD's.

Course Charges

The overall student contribution charge for the Teagasc Part-time Green Cert is €1810. Applicants who have already completed this level of education are required to pay an additional €1000, therefore any applicant who already holds a Major Award of a Level 6 or higher will pay €2810. Full course charges are payable on application; in event of an application being withdrawn prior to the formal commencement of the course a €100 Administration Fee will be charged.

Course charges are not refundable after the formal commencement of the course.



**TEAGASC PART TIME GREEN CERT
FOR MATURE STUDENTS
(LEADING TO A LEVEL 5 CERTIFICATE IN AGRICULTURE (5M20454) AND
LEVEL 6 SPECIFIC PURPOSE CERTIFICATE IN FARMING (6S20487))**

APPLICATION FORM

This course is primarily but not exclusively intended for adult farmers over 23 years (who do not hold a previous qualification above Level 5).

Please supply your PPSN as you cannot be registered without it

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Surname:

First Name(s):
(Ensure your names match the names on your birth cert)

Address:

Eircode:

Phone (incl. area code): **Date of Birth:** Day Month Year

Phone (Mobile): **Email:**

Nationality: **Do you have a Drivers Licence?:** Provisional Full None

Are you currently: In Full-Time Education: Yes No Employed: Yes No If unemployed, number of months _____

Public Exams Completed/Being Completed: Leaving Cert Junior Cert No Second Level Qualification

To get the full benefit from a learning perspective, applicants who intend to proceed to the Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farm Administration (Green Cert) will require access to a commercial farm in order to complete course assignments (Farm Accounts/Nutrient Management Plans/ breeding projects, etc.)

I confirm that I have access to a farm: _____ **(Applicant's signature)**

WHERE AN APPLICANT ALREADY HOLDS A LEVEL 6 OR HIGHER MAJOR AWARD AN ADDITIONAL COURSE CHARGE OF €1,000 IS APPLIED.

I confirm **I do not** have a major award qualification above Level 5
I confirm **I do** have a major award qualification above Level 5* *Please include copy of award certificate with application.

Disability Disclosure: Teagasc encourages you to let us know if you have a disability or specific learning disability to help us to determine appropriate supports. This will not affect your offer of a place on the course.

Do you have a:

Physical Disability: Yes No Learning Difficulty: Yes No Mental Illness: Yes No

Name & Tel No. of Parent / Other Contact:

I hereby apply to enrol in the above course. I undertake to abide by the rules of the programme if enrolled. *I enclose my:

Copy of Birth Certificate Official Documentation Confirming PPSN
 Two Passport (or similar) Photographs Payment of €1,810 or €2,810
 Copy of Award Certificate (where relevant)

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Return completed form and the documentation requested above to PT Applications, Gurteen College, Ballingarry, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, E53 TP93.

HOME FARM DETAILS

Note: Acres ÷ 2.47 = Hectares

Total Ha in Farm

Rented Ha

DAIRYING

- 1 System of Production: Winter Summer
- 2 Number of Cows in Herd:
- 3 Replacements Reared: Yes No
- 4 Milk Yield Per Cow:
- 5 Quota:
- 6 Winter Accommodation: Slatted Cubicles Tie-Up Byre Other (specify) _____
- 7 Milking Facilities: Parlour Pipe Line Bucket

CATTLE

- 1 System (most appropriate): Calf to Beef Calf to Store Suckling Summer Grazing Winter Finishing
Store to Beef Zero Grazing Pedigree Breeding
- 2 Number of Cattle normally on hand during Summer:
- 3 Number of Cattle normally on hand during Winter:
- 4 Number of Suckler Cows: If Pedigree, what breed? _____
- 5 Winter Accommodation: Slatted Cubicles Straw Other (specify) _____

SHEEP

- 1 Lowland Hill Both
- 2 Number of Ewes (including hogget ewes):
- 3 Lambing Dates (appropriately): Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr Other (specify) _____
- 4 Average Lambing Percentage:
- 5 Are Ewes housed in winter? Yes No

PIGS

- 1 System (most appropriate): Weaner Production Breeding + Finishing Finishing Only Minimal Disease
- 2 Number of Sows:
- 3 Number of Weaners Sold/Sow/Year:
- 4 Number of Fat Pigs Sold/Year:

CROPS

	CEREALS			ROOTS (incl Potatoes)	OTHER CROPS	GRAND TOTAL
	Winter	Spring	Total			
Hectares						

Tillage Operations Carried Out: With Own Machinery Contractor Both

Machinery on Farm: _____

OTHER ENTERPRISES (State Numbers/Hectares)

Horses Poultry Deer Commercial Horticulture

Other (specify): _____ Type: _____