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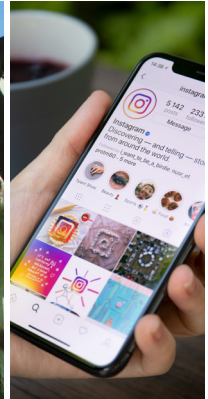
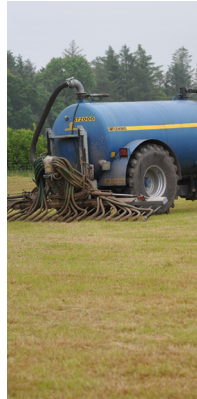
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Farming Connect skills funding

...develop your skills, develop your business
...apply for training **NOW**

The skills funding application window opens at 9am Monday,
2 May 2022 until 5pm Friday, 27 May 2022

- All training courses subsidised by up to **80%** for registered individuals
- More than **70 courses** available, categorised under 'Business', 'Land' and 'Livestock'
- Network of **approved training providers** located throughout Wales



NB All face to face training courses are delivered according to current Covid-19 guidelines. Please check in advance with your selected training provider.



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Develop your skills, develop your business, apply for training NOW

Farming Connect offers more than 70 short training courses, broadly categorised under 'Business', 'Land' and 'Livestock', all subsidised by up to 80% for registered individuals. See Page 4 of this booklet for the full list of courses available at the time of going to print, or visit our website for the most up to date information.

Business related training ranges from business development, marketing and financial management to agricultural health and safety, food safety and diversification courses.

Land related training ranges from tractor and ATV driving, machinery handling and chainsaw courses to grazing management, woodland management, slurry handling and the safe use of pesticides.

Livestock related training offers courses on a comprehensive range of sector-specific animal health and welfare topics ranging from general husbandry to biosecurity, breeding, nutrition and the safe use of antibiotics.

Visit gov.wales/farmingconnectskillsandtraining for contact details of each approved training provider and an up to date list of the training courses each one offers.

- For further information and support at any stage of the application process, contact your local Farming Connect development officer (Page 7).

*If you intend to apply for training funding during the May window, and are not already personally registered as an individual, call the Service Centre on **08456 000 813** before
5pm Monday, 23 May 2022



"Farming Connect training has given me the confidence to know that I'm up to date with best practice and I'm tackling everyday tasks as efficiently and safely as I can, giving me more job satisfaction and saving the business money."

Gerallt Hughes, Caernarfon

FARMING CONNECT TRAINING:

- the simple online application process



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1 Before you can apply for training, you need to...

- **Be registered** with Farming Connect with your own individual email contact which must be unique to you.
- **Receive a registration confirmation email** from Farming Connect, which enables you to access the Business Wales (BOSS) website via Sign on Cymru (SOC) at <https://businesswales.gov.wales/booss>.

2 You will find detailed user guides and a 'how to' video on creating your own BOSS account via SOC on the Farming Connect website skills and training pages.

- **Complete an online Personal Development Plan (PDP).** This will help you identify the courses which will strengthen your skills and help you develop your business.
- You are now ready to **complete your training application form.**
- You will be asked to **enter your selected course title, its exact cost and your chosen training provider.**

Check all this information carefully with your training provider beforehand as you will be unable to correct any errors later.

- Once you are content – press **SUBMIT**

3 You will find detailed guidance on all the above on the Farming Connect website. Alternatively you can seek support from either your local Farming Connect development officer or your selected training provider.

You will be notified of the outcome of your application within approximately three weeks after the application window closes.

Need a helping hand?

If you feel unsure about your eligibility, what you are entitled to apply for, or any part of the skills funding application process, help is at hand, whenever you need it...

- ✓ Visit the 'Skills and Training' page at gov.wales/farmingconnectskillsandtraining where you will find step by step guidance and a 'how to' video on the PDP and application processes and a 'how to' video on setting up an account with BOSS via Sign on Cymru.
- ✓ Contact your local development officer who will be happy to help you at any stage of the process and can talk you through any of the online processes if you need support.
- ✓ Contact your selected training provider (*you'll find a list on the Farming Connect website, giving their contact details and a list of all the training courses each offer*)



TOP TIPS

- ✓ Make sure you always have an up to date Personal Development Plan (PDP) and a relevant goal for each course you are applying for. You cannot apply for skills funding without a PDP, but it is also a very helpful tool to help you identify which skills you need to acquire or develop
- ✓ Before you press that critical 'SUBMIT' key, it is essential that the course title, course cost and training provider details are correct. Check this information carefully with your training provider beforehand as you will be unable to correct any errors later.
- ✓ If you are applying for any machinery and equipment related course, you MUST complete Farming Connect's e-learning Health and Safety course first, which is also only accessible through BOSS.



STORFA SGILIAU

– the secure online tool to help you reach your goals

Records of all Farming Connect training courses completed, which will be uploaded on your behalf, together with all other personal and professional development data and achievements (*which you can upload yourself*) can be stored and updated within your own secure, online *Storfa Sgiliau profile.

* For further information on Storfa Sgiliau, visit gov.wales/farmingconnectstorfasgiliau

Training courses

BUSINESS TRAINING - **80%** funding

Agriculture Health and Safety - Preparing for an Inspection	Level 3 Award in Food Safety in Catering, Manufacturing or Retail
Book Keeping, VAT and Making Tax Digital (MTD)	Level 3 Award in Supervisory Health & Safety
Business Planning and Development	Managing Casual and Seasonal Teams
Emergency First Aid at Work	Manual Handling
Environmental Awareness, Audit and Management for your Business	Marketing your Business
First Aid at Work	Planning a Diversification or New Enterprise on a Farm
Getting the Best out of Your People	Planning Your Business for the Future
Introduction to Agricultural Business Planning	Risk Management
Keeping your Cash Flowing	Stress Management
Leading and Managing	Understanding your Accounts and Financial Statements
Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering, Manufacturing or Retail	Working at Heights Awareness and Risk Assessment
Level 2 Award in Health & Safety in the Workplace	Working Safely in Agriculture / Horticulture Agriculture

"Being a newcomer to agriculture, I found the Farming Connect business courses gave me a wealth of information, as a result, I have learned a whole range of new skills, giving me the confidence to diversify and develop a new on-farm enterprise."



Cheryl Reeves, Bangor on Dee



"In just a few months, the training has given me a new sense of direction, with a business and financial plan I understand, a marketing and social media strategy, and a unique brand that has proved credible and appealing to buyers."

Steve Lewis, Haverfordwest

LAND TRAINING - **80%** funding

Basic Tree Survey and Inspection	Responsible and Effective Control of Commensal Rodents
BASIS Foundation in Agronomy	Rodent Control on Farms
Conservation Grazing	Safe Use and Application of Slurry
Grey Squirrel Control	The Safe Use of Aluminium Phosphide for Vertebrate Control
Mole Control - Trapping Techniques	Woodland Management for Conservation
Practical Hedge Laying	
Planting and Establishing Woodlands	
Rabbit and Mole Control - Trapping Techniques	

LAND TRAINING (machinery based) - **40%** funding

Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-cutting	Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of pesticides (PA1) & Safe Application of Pesticides/Granular Applicators (PA4)
Chainsaw maintenance, Cross-cutting, Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm	Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)
Counter Balance Lift Truck	Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) & Safe Application of Pesticides Using Hand Held Equipment (PA6)
Felling and Processing Trees over 380mm	Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) & Safe Application of Pesticides Using Vehicle Mounted Boom Sprayer Equipment (PA2)
Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm	Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides / Granular Applicators (PA4)
Severing Uprooted or Windblown Trees using a Chainsaw	Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck
Level 2 Award in the Safe Application of Pesticides Using Handheld Equipment (PA6)	Sit- Astride ATV's including Loads and Trailed Equipment
Level 2 Award in the Safe Application of Pesticides Using Vehicle Mounted Boom Sprayer Equipment (PA2)	Sit-in ATV Conventional Steered
Level 2 Award in the Safe Application of Pesticides Using Vehicle Mounted Boom Sprayer Equipment (PA2F) - Weed Wiper	Tractor Driving
Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) & Safe Application of Pesticides Using Vehicle Mounted Boom Sprayer Equipment (PA2F) - Weed Wiper	Tractor Driving and Arm Mounted Cutting Equipment
	Tractor Driving - Front End Loader
	Tractor Driving on Slopes
	Trailer Towing: On Road

LIVESTOCK TRAINING - 80% funding

Advanced Cattle Foot Trimming	Lambing Techniques
Better Livestock Handling for Increased Profitability	Lion Training Passport Biosecurity, Security and Egg Handling
Calf Management, Health and Housing (for both beef and dairy sectors)	Lion Training Passport Poultry Welfare Management
Cattle Foot Trimming	Lion Training Passport Poultry Welfare Operative
Cattle Mobility Scoring	Mastering Medicines Course
Cattle Scanning	Poultry Welfare (Poultry Passport)
DIY AI	Preparing for IPPC Regulations (Poultry Industry)
Hygiene and Biosecurity (Poultry Passport)	Safe Use of Sheep Dip
Introduction to Worm Control and Faecal Egg Counting for Sheep Producers	Safe Use of Vet & Med
	Sheep Scanning



"I've undertaken numerous training courses, including poultry health and welfare management, which have given me skills, knowledge and the confidence to run a new venture like this, and I'm putting into practice everything I learned each day."

Beccie Williams, Llandrindod Wells



"The calf management, health and housing course was very beneficial. It included information on how to ensure calves have a good start in life, how to reduce antibiotic use and minimise rearing costs"

Gwion Jenkins, Clynderwen



"Every course I've undertaken has been pitched at just the right level, and I've gained practical business and technical skills that I use every day."

Marged Simons, Narberth

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