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Farming Connect skills funding

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

08456 000 813

The skills funding application window opens on 9am Monday,
6 September 2021 until 5pm Friday, 29 October 2021



- 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
 - One application per window from a registered individual
 - Maximum of two applications per window per registered business
 - Those applying for training for the first time will be prioritised

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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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 September/
October window, and are not already personally registered as an
individual, call the Service Centre on **08456 000 813** before
5pm Monday, 25 October 2021

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/boss>.

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

LAND TRAINING - **80%** funding

Assessing and Improving Grassland Management Course - measuring with plate meter etc.	Responsible and Effective Control of Commensal Rodents
Conservation Grazing	Rodent Control on Farms
Grey Squirrel Control	Safe Use and Application of Slurry
Mole Control - Trapping Techniques	The Safe Use of Aluminium Phosphide for Vertebrate Control
Rabbit and Mole Control - Trapping Techniques	
Practical Hedgelaying	

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

LIVESTOCK TRAINING - **80%** funding

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

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