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Farming Connect skills funding

Apply now to...

...develop your skills, develop your business
...plan ahead now

The skills funding application window opens on 09:00 Monday,
11 January 2021 until 17:00 Friday, 26 February 2021



- All training courses subsidised by up to **80%** for registered businesses and 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. In order to minimise face to face contact a variety of methods may be used to deliver your training course.



www.gov.wales/farmingconnect



Throughout Wales, the most progressive farm and forestry businesses are tapping into Farming Connect training. It is helping them work more efficiently, more profitably and more safely.

Developing your skills will help you remain resilient as you plan for the future. Provided you are registered* with Farming Connect, you can choose from approximately 70 different face-to-face courses, all subsidised by up to 80% and delivered throughout Wales by our network of approved training providers.

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.

- See page 5 of this booklet for the list of courses available at the time of going to print (15/12/2020).

The range of courses is updated regularly on our website.

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

- For further information and support see page 8 for the contact details of your local Farming Connect development officer.

*If you intend to apply for training funding during the January/February window, and are not already personally registered as an individual, call the Service Centre on **08456 000 813** before **17:00 Monday, 22 February 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

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Once you've completed your PDP, you will have a clear picture of your goals and the training you need to help develop new or strengthen existing skills.

To find out what each approved training provider can offer and for an up to date list of courses available, you should also visit gov.wales/farmingconnectskillsandtraining

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	Mind Your Own Business (IAgSA) Workshops 1
First Aid at Work	Mind Your Own Business (IAgSA) Workshops 2
Getting the Best out of Your People	Planning a Diversification or New Enterprise on a Farm
Introduction to Agricultural Business Planning	Planning Your Business for the Future
Keeping your Cash Flowing	Risk Management
Leading and Managing	Stress Management
Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering, Manufacturing or Retail	Understanding your Accounts and Financial Statements
Level 2 Award in Health & Safety in the Workplace	Working at Heights Awareness and Risk Assessment
Level 3 Award in Food Safety in Catering, Manufacturing or Retail	Working Safely in Agriculture / Horticulture Agriculture
Level 3 Award in Supervisory Health & Safety	

LAND TRAINING - **80%** funding

Conservation Grazing
Grey Squirrel Control
Mole Control - Trapping Techniques
Rabbit and Mole Control - Trapping Techniques

Responsible and Effective Control of Commensal Rodents
Rodent Control on Farms
Safe Use and Application of Slurry
The Safe Use of Aluminium Phosphide for Vertebrate Control

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

Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-cutting
Chainsaw maintenance, Cross-cutting, Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm
Felling and Processing Trees over 380mm
Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm
Level 2 Award in the Safe Application of Pesticides Using Handheld Equipment (PA6)
Level 2 Award in the Safe Application of Pesticides Using Vehicle Mounted Boom Sprayer Equipment (PA2)
Level 2 Award in the Safe Application of Pesticides Using Vehicle Mounted Boom Sprayer Equipment (PA2F) - Weed Wiper
Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)
Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) & Safe Application of Pesticides / Granular Applicators (PA4)

Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) & Safe Application of Pesticides Using Handheld Equipment (PA6)
Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) & Safe Application of Pesticides Using Vehicle Mounted Boom Sprayer Equipment (PA2)
Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides / Granular Applicators (PA4)
Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck
Severing Uprooted or Windblown Trees using a Chainsaw
Sit-Astride ATV's including Loads and Trailed Equipment
Sit-in ATV Conventional Steered
Tractor Driving
Tractor Driving - Front End Loader
Tractor Driving on Slopes

LIVESTOCK TRAINING - **80%** funding

Advanced Cattle Foot Trimming
Advanced Sheep Shearing
Better Livestock Handling for Increased Profitability
Calf Management, Health and Housing (for both beef and dairy sectors)
Cattle Foot Trimming
Cattle Mobility Scoring
DIY AI
Hygiene and Biosecurity (Poultry Passport)
Introduction to Worm Control and Faecal Egg Counting for Sheep Producers
Lambing Techniques
Lion Training Passport Biosecurity, Security and Egg Handling

Lion Training Passport Poultry Welfare Management
Lion Training Passport Poultry Welfare Operative
Machine Sheep Shearing
Mastering Medicines Course
Poultry Welfare (Poultry Passport)
Preparing for IPPC Regulations (Poultry Industry)
Reducing Greenhouse Gases in a Livestock System
Safe Use of Sheep Dip
Safe Use of Vet & Med
Sheep Scanning



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...providing support at a local level



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