

Knowledge Transfer Programme - Farming Connect 2026-2031 - Eligibility Criteria

Option	Category	Eligibility status	Services available	Control measure	Service limitations
1	Farming business	FULL	All services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered with Welsh Government Rural Payments Wales Online (RPW Online) Customer Reference Number (CRN) 3ha of eligible registered agricultural land within Wales 	<p>Business partners, immediate family members (<i>spouses/partners/sons/daughters</i>) and employees on PAYE are eligible.</p> <p>Subsidised support (<i>training</i>) up to a maximum of three courses per annum (<i>limitations apply</i>).</p> <p>Up to 80% funding available to access business and technical advice. Limited to £3,000 per eligible business.</p>
2	Niche farming / horticulture systems under 3ha	FULL	All services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered with Welsh Government Rural Payments Wales Online (RPW Online) Niche Farming activities below the 3ha threshold Customer Reference Number (CRN) 550 standard labour hours per annum* <p>*Acceptable Evidence –</p> <p>Option A: Accountant Verification - A letter from an accredited accountant confirming the business completed over 550 hours in a calendar year.</p> <p>Option B: Equivalent Independent Verification Supporting documentation verified by an independent accredited source, such as a solicitor. The verifier must have sufficient understanding of the business to confirm that 550 hours of work were undertaken</p>	<p>All niche farming / horticulture systems must meet the >550 standard labour hours requirement per annum.</p> <p>Business partners, immediate family members (<i>spouses/partners/sons/daughters</i>) and employees on PAYE are eligible.</p> <p>Up to 80% funding available to access business and technical advice. Limited to £3,000 per eligible business.</p>

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3	<p>New entrant</p> <p>New farmers/ horticulturalists, with the training and experience to set up a new farm/horticulture business.</p>	LIMITED	<p>Events; Surgeries, and workshops; Agrisgôp; Mentoring; E-Learning; Agri Academy; Accredited training; Joint Venture; Advisory Service; FarmData+</p>	<p>Individuals already living in Wales who plan to establish a new business. Individuals must have or be working towards a relevant college / further education qualification and/or have gained a minimum of 2 years work experience in the sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the 3ha requirement of eligible registered agricultural land within Wales within two years OR be able to demonstrate more than 550 standard labour hours per annum within two years** • Registered with Welsh Government Rural Payments Wales Online (RPW Online) • Customer Reference Number (CRN) <p>* Individuals from a non-farming background with no experience or qualifications can be considered on a case-by-case basis for a limited and pre-agreed number of services.</p> <p>Must not have undertaken any work as contractor previously.</p> <p>** Acceptable Evidence –</p> <p>Option A: Accountant Verification - A letter from an accredited accountant confirming the business completed over 550 hours in a calendar year.</p> <p>Option B: Equivalent Independent Verification Supporting documentation verified by an independent accredited source, such as a solicitor. The verifier must have sufficient understanding of the business to confirm that 550 hours of work were undertaken.</p>	<p>Subsidised support (training) up to a maximum of three courses per annum (Limitations apply)</p> <p>Up to 80% funding will be available to access business and technical advice, limited to £3,000 per eligible businesses.</p>



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