



2024 Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers

and National Reserve (Young Farmer/New Farmer)

Terms and Conditions

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Introduction

The following 2 schemes are governed by these Terms and Conditions

- 1. The Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers (CISYF)**
- 2. The National Reserve categories of Young Farmer and New Farmer**

Terms and Conditions

Closing dates

1. Applications under the National Reserve and Complementary Income Support for Young Farmer must be submitted on or before **15th May 2024**.
2. These Schemes are being implemented pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2021/2115, 2021/2116, the associated Delegated and Implementing Acts, and Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan as amended and will be operated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. While this Terms and Conditions booklet has been prepared as a guidance to farmers, it should be recognised that the governing EU Regulations and CAP Strategic Plan form the definitive basis for the administration of the scheme and decisions on eligibility for the scheme and for payment.
3. Applicants are required to be a holder of a registered herd number in order to qualify for the National Reserve and Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers. Applications for a herd number, or to be included on an existing herd number, must have been received by the local DVO by 15th May 2024.
4. In the event that a herd number has not been assigned at the date of submission of the application under the National Reserve/Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers, a facility is available via iNet for submission of such applications by registered Agricultural Agents.
5. Applicants should note the addition or removal of a name to/from an existing herd number, a change of legal entity, formation/dissolution of a registered farm partnership or any other amendment to the registration details of a herd number under which entitlements were held in 2023, requires a parallel change to the registration details of the entitlements. In such cases a transfer of entitlements application must be submitted by the 15th May 2024, or the entitlements will not be available to the transferee for use in 2024 and the 2024 Basic Income Support for Sustainability payment shall issue to the transferor.
6. Applicants are required to have submitted a valid Basic Income Support for Sustainability Application to the Department by 15th May 2024.
7. An allocation of entitlements from the National Reserve or an increase in the value of existing entitlements can only be made to a person who is an active farmer as defined in EU Regulation 2021/2115 and Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan.

8. An application will not be accepted or approval may be withdrawn if, in the opinion of the Minister or his officials, it is established that an applicant artificially created the conditions required to obtain grant aid with a view to obtaining an advantage contrary to the objectives of the Scheme.
9. Applications must be submitted online through agfood.ie. Therefore, applicants must be registered for online services (OLS) with the Department. Instructions for registration can be found on www.agfood.ie or you can contact: agfood Online Services Helpdesk in the Department's Cavan Office, 049 4368288 or email agfood@agriculture.gov.ie
10. Applicants who wish to have an agent/agency apply online on their behalf must first be registered for online services (OLS) with the Department and be associated to that agent. Instructions for registration can be found on www.agfood.ie or you can contact: agfood Online Services Helpdesk in the Department's Cavan Office, 049 4368288 or email agfood@agriculture.gov.ie
11. Once you have submitted your application via iNet a record of the application will show under 'Correspondence' and applicants/agents are advised to access same to confirm that the application has been successfully submitted. This record is the only accepted proof of submission of an application via iNet under the 2024 National Reserve and/or Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers. Only fully completed and submitted applications will be considered.
12. The online Services Helpdesk can also be contacted for information and support where issues arise in relation to Username or Password.
13. Applications not supported by all required documentation may be deemed as late and/or inadmissible. Penalties are applicable to late applications, as set out in the table below, and applications received 25 calendar days after that date are deemed inadmissible. Responsibility for the submission of applications to the Department by the closing date rests with the applicant concerned. A table of applicable penalties is set out at *Table 1*.
14. Applicants under the Schemes agree that the Department may exchange, request or access data held by the Department, or externally, in relation to them which are required for the purpose of assessment or verification of their application and/or eligibility under the Schemes.
15. In relation to applications from groups (e.g., joint herd number, a registered farm partnership or a company) documents and information submitted relating to applications made by these groups are submitted with consent of, and are available to, all members of the group and, where applicable, agents acting on behalf of the group.
16. Please note the important dates in respect of submission of an application under the 2024 National Reserve and/or Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers at *Table 2*.

Table 1

2024 National Reserve/Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers Penalties				
Date	Day	No. of Calendar Days	No. Working Days Late	Applicable Penalty
16/05/2024	Thursday	1	1	1%
17/05/2024	Friday	2	2	2%
18/05/2024	Saturday	3	2	2%
19/05/2024	Sunday	4	2	2%
20/05/2024	Monday	5	3	3%
21/05/2024	Tuesday	6	4	4%
22/05/2024	Wednesday	7	5	5%
23/05/2024	Thursday	8	6	6%
24/05/2024	Friday	9	7	7%
25/06/2024	Saturday	10	7	7%
26/05/2024	Sunday	11	7	7%
27/05/2024	Monday	12	8	8%
28/05/2024	Tuesday	13	9	9%
29/05/2024	Wednesday	14	10	10%
30/05/2024	Thursday	15	11	11%
31/05/2024	Friday	16	12	12%
01/06/2024	Saturday	17	12	12%
02/06/2024	Sunday	18	12	12%
03/06/2024	Monday	19	12	12%
04/06/2024	Tuesday	20	13	13%
05/06/2024	Wednesday	21	14	14%
06/06/2024	Thursday	22	15	15%
07/06/2024	Friday	23	16	16%
08/06/2024	Saturday	24	16	16%
09/06/2024	Sunday	25	16	16%
10/06/2024	Monday	Inadmissible	Inadmissible	Inadmissible

Table 2

<u>Important Dates</u>
<p>15th May 2024 – Last date for submission of applications under the 2024 National Reserve/Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers, including all supporting documentation in order to avoid late penalty.</p> <p>Last date for submission of Transfer of Entitlements applications.</p> <p>9th June 2024 - Last date for submission of applications under the 2024 National Reserve/Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers that will attract penalties.</p> <p>10th June 2024 – Applications under the National Reserve/Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers received on/after this date are inadmissible.</p>

Section 1: Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers

1.1 Who is Eligible for the 2024 Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers?

To be eligible for participation in the 2024 Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers an applicant must meet the following conditions:

- ✓ S/he has submitted a valid 2024 Basic Income Support for Sustainability application under a herd number on which the applicant is included, be entitled to payment under BISS and hold at least 1 payment entitlement, or part thereof;
- ✓ S/he is aged no more than 40 years of age at any time during the calendar year in which s/he first submits the application under the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers (i.e., they should not have their 41st birthday in that calendar year);
- ✓ S/he has successfully completed a recognised course of education in agriculture giving rise to an award at Level 6 or its equivalent on the National Framework of Qualifications by 15th May 2024 (See section 1.4);
- ✓ S/he is setting up a holding as head of the holding, solely or jointly, for the first time or has set up such a holding during the five years preceding the first submission of an application under the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers (See Section 1.5);
- ✓ S/he applies for inclusion under the 2024 Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers by;
 - a) for new applicants submitting an application online via iNet;
 - b) A successful applicant to the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers in 2023 who is eligible to apply for continued participation in the scheme in 2024, should ensure that s/he indicates their intent to apply by using the appropriate slider button on the 2024 BISS online application. A thumbs up icon will indicate an application for the new scheme. **In the event the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers option is not available on the 2024 Basic Income Support for Sustainability application for a continuing participant, the onus is on the applicant to submit a new application via iNet;**
 - c) for applicants for whom there has been a change of registration to the herd number - submitting an application online via iNet.

1.2 Eligibility of Young Farmer(s) in a Group – Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers

Where a young farmer undertakes the farming activity as part of a group e.g. in a joint herd number, a registered farm partnership or a company, the group will be considered eligible for the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers if the following conditions are met;

- ✓ At least one person in the group must meet the definition of Young Farmer as outlined in section 1.1 above;
- ✓ That Young Farmer must exercise effective and long-term control either solely or jointly within the group in terms of decisions related to the management, benefits and financial risks of the group. Such control is demonstrated as follows:
 - the young farmer's name is on the herd number.
 - the young farmer's name is on the bank account used for the purposes of the receipt of payments under the Basic Income Support for Sustainability and Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers.
 - **Companies Only** - the Young Farmer must be a director and minimum 20% shareholder in the Company.
 - The Secretary as listed in the B1 annual return for the application year may complete the NR/CISYF Declaration form confirming that the young farmer has effective control, either solely or jointly with the other members of the group. Where the declaration form is not signed by the Secretary, all of the directors must sign the declaration form.
 - all persons who participate in the group must complete a National Reserve/Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers Declaration form confirming that the young farmer has effective control, either solely or jointly with the other members of the group. This declaration form is available within the online scheme application and on the Departments website and must be submitted with the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers application. All signatures on this Declaration must be witnessed and stamped by a Solicitor.

The 'five year' payment/eligibility period will be calculated from the time the Young Farmer meets the administrative check requirements for Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers eligibility in the group. In the case where a young farmer has already been carrying out an agricultural activity either individually or as part of a group/registered farm partnership/Company, this period of agricultural activity will be taken into account in determining eligibility.

Where more than one young farmer has joined the group at different moments of time, the earliest date of a young farmer joining is considered as the setting up date for the purpose of calculating the maximum 5-year term for payment of CISYF;

Where two or more young farmers are registered on separate herd numbers within a multi-herd number Registered Farm Partnership, and the land is declared under the separate herd numbers on which the individual young farmers are registered, CISYF payment will be calculated based on eligible land up to a maximum of 50 hectares for each young farmer herd number.

Where a new young farmer, with his/her own herd number and own lands, joins a group such as a multi-herd number Registered Farm Partnership in a subsequent year after the RFP was successful under CISYF, the new young farmer under the RFP may be eligible to receive CISYF for five years up to a maximum of 50 hectares declared under his/her herd number within the RFP.

The Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers shall cease if the Young Farmer no longer has control either solely or jointly within the farming entity. Applicants are required to immediately inform the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine of such a change.

Also, any change to the registration details of the herd number or farming entity, for example 2023 Individual Applicant joining a registered farm partnership in 2024, Change of Directors in a Company, must be notified to the Department. A new or revised Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers application may be required.

1.3 Documents Required in Support of an Application – Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers

Depending on the farming entity applicants will be required to submit certain documents in support of their application as follows:

Individual Young Farmer Applicant

- ✓ Copy of the Educational Qualification where same is included in Appendix A or where the qualification is not included at Appendix A, a letter of equivalence from Teagasc confirming the educational qualification held by the applicant fulfils the requirements of the scheme (see section 1.4 below).
- ✓ In the event that the name of the applicant differs from that on the educational certificate, a copy of a marriage certificate/deed poll etc. shall be required.

Young Farmer in a Group – Joint Herd number/Registered Farm Partnership/Company

- ✓ Copy of the Educational Qualification or Teagasc letter of equivalence (see section 1.4 below);
- ✓ Long form birth certificate of the Young Farmer(s) in the group. In the event that the name of the applicant differs from that on the birth certificate, a copy of a marriage certificate/deed poll etc. shall be required;
- ✓ Where the first name recorded on the birth certificate differs from the name under which the application is made (e.g. formal first name versus common usage name) clarification is required;
- ✓ National Reserve/Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers Declaration for the purpose of determining effective and long-term control of the Young Farmer in the group (to be witnessed and stamped by a Solicitor) see section 1.2 above;
- ✓ **Joint Herd number Only** - In support of the Young Farmer's claim(s) to have sole or shared financial control of the farming enterprise, documentation must be provided to confirm that the Young Farmer's name(s) is/are on the bank account to which CISYF and BISS payments from the Department issue, e.g. bank statement, letter from the bank, etc.

- ✓ **Company only – documentation** in support of the claim that the Young Farmer is a Director and minimum 20% shareholder in the Company.

Proof of financial and managerial control by young farmer within the holding

The young farmer must demonstrate that s/he exercises financial and managerial control within the holding. This is demonstrated by the young farmer's name on invoices and on the bank account used for all the transactions or business of the holding. As part of the online application the applicants must submit the following documents containing the young farmers name in respect of a farm business related transaction within the holding;

- Transaction invoice;
- Extract from bank account used for day-to-day farm related business transactions of the holding to show the transaction within this account;
- Associated transaction receipt;

The young farmers name must be on the invoice, and bank account documents submitted for the transaction relevant to the Scheme year. The associated receipt must also be submitted.

Please note that during the processing of applications it may be necessary to request additional documentation from applicants.

1.4 Educational Qualification Requirements – Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers

To be considered eligible under the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers an applicant must have successfully completed an agricultural qualification at Level 6 or its equivalent on the National Framework of Qualifications by 15th May 2024 and must submit a copy of such qualification/Teagasc letter of equivalence in support of their application.

A list of acceptable courses is set out in Appendix A. Where the qualification is not included at Appendix A, a letter of equivalence from Teagasc confirming the educational qualification held by the applicant fulfils the requirements of the scheme must be submitted.

Where an applicant has completed the course by the 15th May 2024 but has not received final certification, please submit a Confirmation of Education Form which is available for downloading on the online application facility and on the Department's website.

1.5 Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers Payment

The Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers payment will be made per eligible hectare, subject to a maximum of 50 hectares. The maximum eligible area of 50 hectares applies to sole herd owners, joint herd owners, single herd number Registered Farm Partnerships and Companies.

Where two or more young farmers are registered on separate herd numbers within a multi-herd number Registered Farm Partnership, and the land is declared under the separate herd numbers on which the individual young farmers are registered, CISYF payment will be calculated based on eligible land up to a maximum of 50 hectares for each young farmer herd number.

The payment for CISYF shall be granted for a maximum period of five years, starting from the first submission of the application for CISYF, provided that that submission takes place within the five years following the setting up of the holding referred to at 1.1 above.

1.6 Inspections

Applicants under the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers are subject to administrative checks. In addition, at least 5% of applicants will be selected for an on-the-spot inspection to ensure compliance with the rules of the scheme. Documentary evidence to verify that the 'young farmer' is solely or jointly in control of the holding will be sought as part of the inspection process.

In the case of administrative checks applicants may be asked to submit original hard copies of supporting documentation for verification purposes.

The on-the-spot inspection will involve two elements as follows:

- (i) a check to determine if the land declared is eligible, which can be undertaken by means of field visits on the ground or by means of using up-to-date satellite imagery and/or aerial photography;
- and
- (ii) a check to see if the young farmer is in managerial and financial control, either solely or jointly with others as the case may be, by means of a visit to the holding(s). In the case of a share farming arrangement they must provide a copy of the agreement for inspection.

With regard to managerial control, applicants will have to demonstrate that they are actively involved in the running of the farm and show full knowledge of the day-to-day management of all enterprises on the holding (including in the case of Joint herds and Companies). In the case of Partnerships and Shared Farm arrangements, applicants will be required to demonstrate knowledge of all the enterprises for each herd number in the Partnership/ Share farm. Applicants may be required to provide documentary evidence of managerial control.

Applicants will also be required to provide documentation to demonstrate full financial control (solely or as part of a group). Evidence of full financial control can be demonstrated by providing bank statements in the applicant's name, showing all farm business related financial transactions, which can be cross referenced to sales/income/input purchase documentation. A sample of such farm business financial transactions will be checked at inspection and traced through the bank account in the name of the applicant.

Where the application is based on leased/rented/commonage land or grazing rights the applicant may be required to provide land tenure documentation including title documents in the case of commonage and grazing rights including title documents in the case of the latter two.

1.7 Managerial and Financial Control of the holding by the Young Farmer

Irrespective of whether the young farmer is solely or jointly in control of the holding, there is a requirement to demonstrate managerial and financial control. This includes the young farmer's name on invoices and on the bank account used for all the transactions or business of the holding. The associated receipt is also reviewed.

1.8 Additional documentation in support of control of the holding by the Young Farmer

Applicants may be asked to submit additional documentary evidence to demonstrate compliance with the managerial and financial control required as head of the agricultural holding as part of the administrative checks under the scheme. Failure to demonstrate that the young farmer is in compliance with the requirement for control of the holding may result in the application being deemed ineligible and the imposition of financial penalties as outlined at Section 1.9.

1.9 Penalties

Where an application does not meet the requirements at administrative check stage, it is deemed to be unsuccessful.

Where the applicant is deemed not to be meeting the eligibility requirements of the Scheme following an on-the-spot-check, s/he shall be excluded from receiving aid for the Scheme year concerned. In addition, **a penalty will apply which will be calculated on the basis of the payment the applicant would have received in the scheme year concerned.** That penalty amount shall be offset against future aid payments under any of the payment schemes to which the applicant is entitled in the context of applications he/she lodge in the course of the three calendar years following the calendar year of the finding.

An applicant may not withdraw their application under the scheme in the event of receiving notification of an inspection or by being otherwise notified of an irregularity by the Department. Refusal to comply with the on-the-spot inspection will result in the applicant being deemed not to be meeting the eligibility requirements of the scheme.

Section 2: National Reserve - Young Farmer Category

2.1 Who is Eligible for the Young Farmers Category of the National Reserve?

To be eligible under the 2024 Young Farmer category of the National Reserve an applicant must meet the following conditions:

- ✓ S/he has submitted a valid 2024 Basic Income Support for Sustainability scheme application under a herd number on which the applicant is included;
- ✓ S/he is aged no more than 40 years of age at any time during the calendar year in which s/he first submits the application under the National Reserve (i.e., they should not have their 41st birthday in that calendar year);
- ✓ S/he has successfully completed a recognised course of education in agriculture giving rise to an award at Level 6 or its equivalent on the National Framework of Qualifications by the 15th May 2024 (See section 2.4);
- ✓ S/he is setting up as the head of an agricultural holding for the first time or has set up such a holding during the five years preceding the first submission of the National Reserve application;

2.2 Eligibility of Young Farmer(s) in a Group - National Reserve Young Farmer Category

Where a young farmer undertakes the farming activity as part of a group e.g. in a joint herd number, a registered farm partnership or a company, the group will be considered eligible if the following conditions are met;

- ✓ At least one person in the group must meet the definition of Young Farmer as outlined in section 2.1 above;
- ✓ That Young Farmer must exercise effective and long-term control either solely or jointly within the group in terms of decisions related to the management, benefits and financial risks of the group. Such control is demonstrated as follows:
 - the young farmer's name is on the herd number;
 - the young farmer's name is on the bank account used for the purposes of the receipt of payments under the Basic Income Support for Sustainability;
 - **Companies Only** - the Young Farmer must be a Director and minimum 20% shareholder in the Company;
 - The Secretary as listed in the B1 annual return for the application year may complete the NR/YFS Declaration form confirming that the young farmer has effective control, either solely or jointly with the other members of the group. Where the declaration form is not signed by the Secretary, all of the directors must sign the declaration form.

- all persons who participate in the group must complete a National Reserve/Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers Declaration form confirming that the young farmer has effective control, either solely or jointly with the other members of the group. This declaration form is available with the scheme application form and on the Departments website and must be submitted with the National Reserve/Young Farmer Scheme application. All signatures on this Declaration must be witnessed and stamped by a Solicitor.

2.3 Documents Required in Support of an Application – National Reserve Young Farmers Category

Depending on the farming entity applicants will be required to submit certain documents in support of their application as follows:

Individual Young Farmer Applicant

- ✓ Copy of the Educational Qualification where same is included in Appendix A or where the qualification is not included at Appendix A, a letter of equivalence from Teagasc confirming the educational qualification held by the applicant fulfils the requirements of the scheme (see section 2.4 below).
- ✓ In the event that the name of the applicant differs from that on the educational certificate, a copy of a marriage certificate/deed poll etc. shall be required.

Young Farmer in a Group – Joint Herd Number/Registered Farm Partnership/Company

- ✓ Copy of the Educational Qualification or Teagasc letter of equivalence (see section 2.4 below);
- ✓ Long Form Birth Certificate of the Young Farmer(s) in the group. In the event that the name of the applicant differs from that on the birth certificate, a copy of a marriage certificate/deed poll etc. shall be required;
- ✓ Where the first name recorded on the birth certificate differs from the name under which the application is made (e.g. formal first name versus common usage name) clarification is required;
- ✓ National Reserve/Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers Declaration for the purpose of determining effective and long-term control of the Young Farmer in the group (to be witnessed and stamped by a Solicitor) see section 2.2 above;
- ✓ **Joint Herd number Only** - In support of the Young Farmer's claim(s) to have sole or shared financial control of the farming enterprise, documentation must be provided to confirm the Young Farmer's name(s) is/are on the bank account to which BISS payments from the Department issue, e.g. bank statement, letter from the bank, etc.
- ✓ **Company Only** – documentation in support of the claim that the Young Farmer is a Director and minimum 20% shareholder in the Company;

Please note that during the processing of applications it may be necessary to request additional documentation from applicants.

2.4 Educational Qualification Requirements – National Reserve Young Farmers Category

To be considered eligible under the National Reserve Young Farmer an applicant must have successfully completed an agricultural qualification at Level 6 or its equivalent on the National Framework of Qualifications by 15th May 2024 and must submit a copy of such qualification/Teagasc letter of equivalence in support of their application.

A list of acceptable courses is set out in Appendix A. Where the qualification is not included at Appendix A, a letter of equivalence from Teagasc confirming the educational qualification held by the applicant fulfils the requirements of the scheme must be submitted.

Where an applicant has completed the course by the 15th May 2024 but has not received final certification, please submit Confirmation of Education Form which is available for downloading on the online application facility and on the Department's website.

Section 3: National Reserve – New Farmer Category

3.1 Who is Eligible for the 2024 New Farmer Category of the National Reserve?

A “New Farmer” is defined as:

- ✓ S/he has submitted a valid 2024 Basic Income Support for Sustainability application under a herd number on which the applicant is included;
- ✓ S/he must have commenced the present agricultural activity during the three years preceding the first submission of the National Reserve application;
- ✓ S/he did not have any agricultural activity in his/her name and at his/her risk prior to the present agricultural activity;
- ✓ S/he has successfully completed a recognised course of education in agriculture giving rise to an award at Level 6 or its equivalent on the National Framework of Qualifications by 15th May 2024 (See section 3.3);

Where a herd number that is registered on behalf of a group applies under the ‘new farmer’ category, **all persons** in the group must meet **all conditions** of the ‘new farmer’ category set out above, including the educational requirement.

3.2 Documents Required in Support of an Application – New Farmer Category

Depending on the farming entity applicants will be required to submit certain documents in support of their application as follows:

Individual New Farmer Applicant

- ✓ Copy of the Educational Qualification where same is included in Appendix A or where the qualification is not included at Appendix A, a letter of equivalence from Teagasc confirming the educational qualification held by the applicant fulfils the requirements of the scheme (see section 3.3 below).
- ✓ In the event that the name of the applicant differs from that on the educational certificate, a copy of a marriage certificate/deed poll etc shall be required

New Farmer Group – Joint Herd number/Registered Farm Partnership/Company

- ✓ Copy of the Educational Qualification or Teagasc letter of equivalence for all members of the group (see section 3.3 below);

Submitted applications that do not have all the required supporting documentation by the closing date may be subject to penalties and after 25 calendar days will be deemed inadmissible.

Please note that during the processing of applications it may be necessary to request additional documentation from applicants.

3.3 Educational Qualification Requirements – National Reserve New Farmer Category

To be considered eligible under the National Reserve New Farmer category an applicant must have successfully completed an agricultural qualification at Level 6 or its equivalent on the National Framework of Qualifications by 15th May 2024 and must submit a copy of such qualification/Teagasc letter of equivalence in support of their application.

A list of acceptable courses is set out in Appendix A. Where the qualification is not included at Appendix A, a letter of equivalence from Teagasc confirming the educational qualification held by the applicant fulfils the requirements of the scheme must be submitted.

Where an applicant has completed the course by the 15th May 2024 but has not received final certification, please submit Confirmation of Education Form which is available for downloading on the online application facility and on the Department's website.

Section 4: National Reserve – Allocations

4.1 Allocation/Top-Up to the Value of Entitlements from the National Reserve

Successful applicants under the National Reserve will be eligible for an allocation of entitlements on land for which they hold no entitlements and/or a top up to the value of existing entitlements held by them, where such entitlements have a value below the National Reserve National Average subject to a maximum allocation of 50 payment entitlements/top-ups. Allocation of new entitlements will be on the basis of one entitlement for one hectare of eligible land declared on the Basic Income Support for Sustainability application for which the applicant(s) holds no entitlements.

Successful applicants who already hold existing owned entitlements with a value below the National Reserve national average value will receive a top-up whereby the value of those entitlements will be increased to the national average value.

Successful applicants who hold leased entitlements that have a value below the National Reserve national average will qualify for a top-up to the value of these leased entitlements. A top-up to the value of existing low value leased entitlements shall remain for the duration of the lease.

The National Reserve allocation based on a maximum of 50 entitlements/top-ups applies to sole herd owners, joint herd owners, single herd number Registered Farm Partnerships and Companies.

Where two or more young farmers are registered on separate herd numbers within a multi-herd number Registered Farm Partnership, and the land is declared under the separate herd numbers on which the individual young farmers are registered, the National Reserve allocation will be calculated based on eligible land up to a maximum of 50 entitlements/top-ups for each young farmer herd number.

Where two or more new farmers are registered on separate herd numbers within a multi-herd number Registered Farm Partnership, and the land is declared under the separate herd numbers on which the individual new farmers are registered, the National Reserve allocation will be calculated based on eligible land up to a maximum of 50 entitlements/top-ups for each new farmer herd number. All members of the multi-herd number Registered Farm Partnership must meet the new farmer definition.

Where a new young farmer or new farmer, with his/her own herd number and own lands, joins a multi-herd number Registered Farm Partnership in a subsequent year after the RFP was successful under the National Reserve, the new young farmer or new farmer under the RFP may be eligible to receive an allocation from the National Reserve up to a maximum of 50 entitlements/top-ups based on the hectares declared under his/her herd number within the RFP. All members of the multi-herd number Registered Farm Partnership must meet the new farmer definition.

4.2 Current and Future Value of National Reserve Entitlements.

The value of entitlements allocated from the National Reserve, and the value to which existing entitlements are increased, shall be fixed at the National Reserve national average in the year of allocation and shall be subject to annual modifications.

Section 5: General Conditions

5.1 Applications

Applications and supporting documentation for both the National Reserve and the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers must be submitted on-line.

Where the Department identifier (Herd number/Registered Farm Partnership number) is registered in multiple names, applications submitted quoting that identifier are deemed to be submitted with the consent of all registered owners, e.g. in the following cases:

- ✓ where the Department identifier is registered in more than one name, i.e. Joint herd number,
- ✓ in the case of registered farm partnerships, by all Partners,
- ✓ in the case of Companies, by the Company Directors.

Where a registered farm partnership wishes to submit an application for the National Reserve or Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers, the application must be submitted using the registered farm partnership number as designated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Applicants for whom there has been a change of registration to the herd number for the new Scheme year and who intend to apply for continued participation in the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers are required to submit a new application online via iNET.

5.2 Correspondence from the Department

All correspondence from the Department relevant to an application will be online via iNet. The applicant will be notified by text message to advise that correspondence from the Department is available on iNet. The Agricultural Agent registered for the applicant will also receive notification via e-mail to confirm that correspondence is available in iNet in respect of his/her client.

5.3 Responsibility of Applicant and/or Agent

The Department and/or its officials shall not accept any responsibility for errors or omissions contained in application for these Schemes or any required supporting documentation.

It is the responsibility of applicants to familiarise themselves with the Terms and Conditions of these schemes and to ensure applications are submitted in full and on time.

Applicants shall immediately notify the Department of any change to the applicant/farming entity that may impact on his/her eligibility for the scheme applied for. Failure to do so may result in the recoupment of National Reserve allocations/Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers payments if it is later determined that such a change rendered the applicant ineligible.

5.4 Amending a Submitted Application

Applicants will not be able to amend applications following submission, with the exception of the uploading of required supporting documentation up to the 9th June 2024. For this reason applicants are advised to ensure that the application is completed fully and accurately prior to submission.

An applicant may not withdraw their application under the scheme in the event of receiving notification of an inspection or by being otherwise notified of an irregularity by the Department.

5.5 Multiple Applications

Applicants may only benefit once under the Basic Income Support for Sustainability National Reserve. Therefore, a successful applicant under the Basic Income Support for Sustainability National Reserve in 2024 will not be able to benefit from a subsequent BISS National Reserve allocation. In addition, a successful applicant under the Basic Payment Scheme National Reserve from 2015 to 2022 is excluded from the BISS National Reserve from 2024.

5.6 Penalties for Late Applications

There will be a 25-calendar day period after the closing date for the acceptance of late applications. However, a fixed percentage penalty of 1% per working day that the application is received late will apply during this period. Please note that penalties are applied to payments resulting from successful application to the scheme in question and not a permanent reduction in the number/value of entitlements.

Please note that applications are considered in their entirety.

Except in cases of force majeure, as defined in accordance with the relevant EU Regulations, applications will be inadmissible after this 25-calendar day period has ended.

5.7 Withdrawal of Approval

Approval under these schemes may be withdrawn if the applicant fails to abide by the terms and conditions of the Scheme or in the event of any material change in the circumstances of the applicant or of the farm business or in any other respect, which would be in conflict with the terms or the conditions of the Scheme(s). In such event any allocation from the National Reserve, monies paid on such entitlements and/or monies paid under the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers shall be recouped.

5.8 Recovery of Unduly Allocated Entitlements

Where it is established that an incorrect number of entitlements has been allocated to an applicant from the National Reserve such incorrectly allocated entitlements and the associated payments shall revert to the National Reserve.

5.9 Circumvention Clause

In accordance with EU Regulation 2021/2116, no allocation of entitlements, top-up to the value of entitlements or Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers payment shall issue to applicants for whom it is established that they artificially created the conditions required for obtaining such allocation/top-up/payment with a view to obtaining an advantage contrary to the objectives of the National Reserve and/or Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers. One example of circumvention is the removal of existing entitlements from land for the purpose of creating 'naked land' upon which a National Reserve allocation may be made.

5.10 Review of Terms and Conditions/Procedures

The Minister reserves the right to alter the terms and conditions and procedures of the Schemes at any time. The decision of the Minister on any matter relating to these schemes shall be final.

5.11 Statutory Instrument – False Declarations

The Minister for Agriculture, Food & the Marine has implemented Regulations, which will make it an offence for an applicant to knowingly make a false declaration. It is also an offence for a person to assist an applicant to commit an offence under the Regulations. Applicants should familiarise themselves with the European Communities (Direct Support Schemes) Offences and Control Regulations S.I. No 169 of 2016.

5.12 Contact Details

Enquiries in relation to the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers or the National Reserve may be made to [057 8674422](tel:0578674422)

Alternatively e-mail queries can be submitted to NationalReserveYFS@agriculture.gov.ie

Section 6: Data Protection Notice

Part A:

Information applicable to all Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine customers:

- 6.1 The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) is fully committed to keeping all personal data submitted by its customers, fully safe and secure during administrative processes. All necessary technical measures have been put in place to ensure the safety and security of the systems which hold this data. Department staff are also considered as customers of the Department from a Data Protection perspective and may exercise their data protection rights in the same way.
- 6.2 Transparency and openness in the use of personal data held is important to the Department and therefore we aim to fully inform all our customers about the purpose(s) for which their data will be used and why, where it may be shared elsewhere and why and how long their data may be held by the Department. Information on the rights of the customers will also be provided.
- 6.3 The current legislation for Data Protection in Ireland is the Data Protection Act 1988 as amended by the 2003 Data Protection Act, The Data Protection Act 2018 and The General Data Protection Regulations (EU 2016/679) which came into effect on 25 May 2018. (It should be noted that the 1988 Data Protection Act as amended in 2003 will likely be repealed in full, in due course).
- 6.4 Under Data Protection Legislation, The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, as a data controller is responsible for the collection and processing of all personal data under its administration.
- 6.5 The Data Protection Officer can be contacted via the email address;
dataprotectionofficer@agriculture.gov.ie
- 6.6 Personal data processed by the Department will only be used for the specific purpose (s) as outlined when the data is collected, or in later communications, and will only be used in accordance with the Data Protection legislation in force.

6.7 Rights of the individual in relation to personal data held by the Department:

When you, as a customer, provide personal data to the Department you have certain rights available to you in relation to that data. However, it should be noted that not all rights listed shall be applicable in every circumstance. These rights are outlined below and can be exercised by contacting the Data Protection Officer, as detailed above, indicating which right(s) you wish to exercise:

Our customers have the following rights:

- access to their data

- rectification of their data
- erasure of their data
- right to lodge a complaint with the Supervisory Authority
- restriction of processing
- data portability
- objection to processing
- withdraw consent if they previously gave it in relation to processing of their personal data
- relating to automated decision making, including profiling.

Part B – Information specific to the personal data being collected:

The following data is specific information in relation to the personal data processed for the National Reserve and the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmer schemes.

This sets out the ways in which the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (the Department) collects, stores and uses personal data. Such data may be received directly from data subjects, authorised agents acting on their behalf or indirectly from third parties where there is a legal basis to do so. This section should be read in conjunction with the privacy notice associated with this scheme.

The rights of data subjects may be exercised pursuant to the Data Protection Acts 1988 to 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation. Further information in respect of data protection may be accessed on the Department's website: <https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/ef9f6-data-protection/>

6.8 Specified purpose:

The personal data provided is required to implement the National Reserve and the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers schemes. The personal data sought is required for the purpose of processing, including data testing, an application under these schemes.

DAFM may wish to use data provided by the data subject under the National Reserve and the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers for statistical, research or analysis purposes. Data used for such purposes will be pseudonymised (masked) or anonymised as appropriate to protect the security and confidentiality of the data in compliance with the Data Protection legislation in force. The use of such data for statistical, research or analysis purposes may facilitate the

Department in informing policy decisions and negotiations under the CAP for the benefit of Irish farmers and the Irish agriculture sector.

6.9 Legal basis:

The National Reserve and the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers are implemented pursuant to EU Regulations 2021/2115, 2021/2116 and associated Delegated and Implementing Acts, and operated by DAFM.

DAFM will use existing customer data held for the purpose of aiding administrative efficiencies and the use of the data in this way is considered compatible with its original purpose of collection.

6.10 Recipients:

In processing the application under the National Reserve and/or Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers, DAFM may use data held within DAFM which is required for the same purpose of processing, testing, assessment or verification of the application and/or eligibility under the Scheme. The data now submitted may be shared within DAFM where this data may support an application by the data subject (applicant) in another area of DAFM. Data has been provided by the data subject and the use of this data is to avoid the requirement for the data subject to re-submit the data and also in the interest of administrative efficiency to facilitate the prompt processing of applications for payment.

Such data includes:

- Details provided by the data subject at the time of application for a herd number or to amend a herd number;
- Details submitted as part of an application under the Basic Income for Sustainability scheme or associated schemes;
- Details relating to payment entitlements held by the data subject or applications to transfer payment entitlements;
- Land parcel details;
- Details of animals held, moved or tested;
- Bank Account details submitted for receipt of DAFM payments and payments made;
- Agricultural Consultant or Advisory Service authorised by data subject to act on their behalf;
- Inspections and results.

Where appropriate, S.I. No. 628/2023 - European Union (Cap Strategic Plan, Information Sharing) Regulations 2023, enables the sharing and exchange of personal data, with other public authorities, where it is necessary for the achievement of the CAP Strategic Plan.

6.11 Transferred outside the EU:

The personal data collected is not transferred outside the EU.

6.12 Retention Period:

The data submitted in support of the application by the data subject under the National Reserve and/or the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers will be retained by DAFM for a

period of time to be determined by DAFM based on business needs and will be destroyed in time but not prior to the coming into effect of the post 2027 Common Agricultural Policy reform measures. After this time, it will be marked for destruction and will be destroyed in line with internal guidelines or guidelines for destruction received from the National Archives Office or associated permissions received from them.

6.13 Data provision being statutory or contractual obligation:

Personal data is provided pursuant to EU Regulations 2021/2115, 2021/2116 and associated Delegated and Implementing Acts, and is required to implement the National Reserve and the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers schemes as provided for under the regulations. The personal data sought is required for the purpose of processing, including data testing, an application under these schemes. Failure to provide all the personal data required to facilitate the processing of the application under the scheme will result in DAFM being unable to process the application.

6.14 Automated Decision Making:

Automated decision making may be used for the purposes of selecting Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers applications for inspection in accordance with EU Regulations 2021/2116.

6.15 Technical information on data collected:

Technical information on the cookies used on the Gov.ie website is available at the following link:
<https://www.gov.ie/en/help/privacy-policy/?section=cookies>

6.16 Publication of Payment Details/Data Protection/Freedom of Information:

In accordance with Regulation 2021/2016 of the European Parliament and of the Council data of beneficiaries of funding under the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), it is a legal obligation on Member States that they inform beneficiaries that their data will be made public and that the data may be processed by auditing and investigating bodies of the European Union and the Member States for the purpose of safeguarding the Union's financial interests. Member States shall also inform the beneficiaries of their rights under data protection legislation and of the procedures applicable for exercising those rules.

You should be aware that all the information supplied on your application form and in any supporting documentation shall be made available to any other Department or Agency or Local Authority for the purpose of audits, Cross Compliance controls, controls relating to the legislation underpinning Cross Compliance and all Rural Development measures, and, as appropriate, in accordance with the requirements under the Freedom of Information Act.

The rights of data subjects and how they may be exercised, in this respect, are currently laid down in the Data Protection Acts, 1988 to 2018. This publication of payment details is a requirement of EU law. The data therein may be processed by auditing and investigating bodies of the Communities and the Member States for the purposes of safeguarding the Communities' financial interests. The data therein cannot be used for direct marketing or other purposes and this will be made clear on the website.

Subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, the Data Protection Acts 1988 to 2018, and any enquiries, all aspects of applicants and the processing of same, to the extent that they are managed by the Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine or employing organisation, are treated in strict confidence and are not disclosed to anyone outside those directly involved in the process.

Appendix A: Educational Qualifications

Educational Award Titles at Level 6 or its equivalent on the National Framework of Qualifications for the purpose of the National Reserve and the Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers

1. GENERAL AGRICULTURE	<p>1.1. ACOT/Teagasc Certificate in Farming or NCVA Certificate in Rural Enterprise</p> <p>1.2. FETAC Certificate in Farming</p> <p>1.3. FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Farming</p> <p>1.4. FETAC Level 3 Vocational Certificate in Agriculture</p> <p>1.5. FETAC Level 6 Vocational Certificate in Agriculture</p> <p>1.6 FETAC/QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Agriculture</p> <p>1.7 FETAC/QQI Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farm Administration</p> <p>1.8 FETAC/QQI Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farming</p> <p>1.9 Teagasc Diploma in Pig Production</p> <p>1.10 Teagasc Diploma in Poultry Production</p>
2. EQUINE	<p>2.1 FETAC (Teagasc) Certificate in Horse Breeding and Training (Part 2)</p> <p>2.2 FETAC Level 3 Vocational Certificate in Horse Breeding and Training</p> <p>2.3 FETAC Level 6 Vocational Certificate in Horse Breeding & Training – Equitation or Stud Management</p> <p>2.4 FETAC/QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Horsemanship</p> <p>2.5 FETAC/QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Stud Management</p> <p>2.6 FETAC/QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Equine Breeding (Stud Management)</p>
3. HORT	<p>3.1. FETAC Level 3 Vocational Certificate in Horticulture</p> <p>3.2. FETAC Level 6 Vocational Certificate in Horticulture</p> <p>3.3. FETAC/Teagasc Diploma in Horticulture</p> <p>3.4. FETAC/QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Horticulture</p> <p>3.5 Teagasc Diploma in Amenity Horticulture/Commercial Horticulture</p>
4. FORESTRY	<p>4.1 FETAC Level 3 Vocational Certificate in Forestry</p> <p>4.2 FETAC Level 6 Vocational Certificate in Forestry</p> <p>4.3 FETAC/QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Forestry</p>
5. DAIRYING	<p>5.1 Teagasc/FETAC Advanced Certificate in Agriculture– Dairy Herd Management</p> <p>5.2 FETAC Diploma in Agriculture (Teagasc) – Dairy Herd Management/Dairying</p> <p>5.3 FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificate (Teagasc) in Agriculture - Dairy Herd Management</p> <p>5.4 FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Dairy Herd Management/Dairying</p>
6. MACHINERY	<p>6.1 Teagasc/FETAC Advanced Certificate in Agriculture– Farm Machinery</p> <p>6.2 Teagasc Diploma in the Operation, Care and Maintenance of Farm Machinery</p> <p>6.3 Teagasc/FETAC Diploma in Agriculture – Farm Machinery</p> <p>6.4 FETAC Diploma in Agriculture – Machinery (Teagasc)</p>

	<p>6.5 FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificate (Teagasc) in Agriculture – Farm Machinery</p> <p>6.6 FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Agricultural Mechanisation</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>MACH/CROPS</p>	<p>7.1 FETAC Advanced Certificate in Agriculture– Machinery and Arable Crops</p> <p>7.2 FETAC Advanced Certificate in Agriculture– Machinery and Crops</p> <p>7.3 FETAC Diploma in Agriculture (Teagasc) – Machinery and Arable Crops</p> <p>7.4 FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificate (Teagasc) in Agriculture – Machinery and Arable Crops</p> <p>7.5 FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Machinery and Crop Management</p>
<p>8.</p> <p>DRYSTOCK</p>	<p>8.1 FETAC Advanced Certificate in Agriculture – Drystock Management</p> <p>8.2 FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Agriculture – Drystock Management</p> <p>8.3 FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Drystock Management/Drystock Production</p>
<p>9.</p> <p>FARM MANAGEMENT</p>	<p>9.1 Teagasc/FETAC Advanced Certificate in Agriculture– Farm Management</p> <p>9.2 FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Farm Management</p> <p>9.3 FAB First Farm Management Certificate/Certificate in Farm Management</p> <p>9.4 FAB/FETAC Certificate in Farm Husbandry</p> <p>9.5 FAB Trainee Farmer Certificate</p> <p>9.6 FAB/FETAC Certificate in Applied Farm Management</p> <p>9.7 FAB/FETAC Certificate in Farm Business Management</p>
<p>10.</p> <p>GENERAL AGRIC</p>	<p>10.1 NCEA/HETAC/Individual IT College National Certificate in Agriculture</p> <p>10.2 HETAC/Individual IT College Higher Certificate in Agriculture</p> <p>10.3 HETAC/Individual IT College National Diploma in Agriculture</p> <p>10.4 HETAC/Individual IT College Bachelor of Science in Agriculture</p>
<p>11.</p> <p>HORT</p>	<p>11.1 NCEA/HETAC/Individual IT College National Diploma in Horticulture</p> <p>11.2 HETAC/Individual IT College Ordinary Bachelor Degree in Horticulture</p> <p>11.3 HETAC/Individual IT College Bachelor of Science in Horticulture</p> <p>11.4 Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Horticultural Management</p>
<p>12.</p> <p>ATHLONE IT</p>	<p>12.1 NCEA/HETAC National Certificate in Business in Equine Studies</p> <p>12.2 HETAC Higher Certificate in Business in Equine Studies</p> <p>12.3 HETAC Bachelor of Business in Equine Studies</p>
<p>13.</p> <p>LIMERICK IT</p>	<p>13.1 HETAC National Certificate in Technology in Agricultural Mechanisation</p> <p>13.2 HETAC Higher Certificate in Technology in Agricultural Mechanisation</p> <p>13.3 Higher Certificate in Engineering in Agricultural Mechanisation</p>

<p>13.1</p> <p>Other Approved IT Programmes</p>	<p>13.1.1 BA of Science in Sustainable Agriculture- Dundalk Institute of Technology</p> <p>13.1.2 Higher Certificate in Science Applied Agriculture- Letterkenny Institute of Technology</p> <p>13.1.3 Bachelor of Science in Agriculture- Cork Institute of Technology</p> <p>13.1.4 Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science- Tralee Institute of Technology</p> <p>13.1.5 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Agriculture – Dundalk Institute of Technology</p> <p>13.1.6 Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Farm Management and Agribusiness – Carlow IT</p> <p>13.1.7 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Sustainable Farm Management and Agribusiness – Carlow IT</p> <p>13.1.8 Bachelor of Science in Agriculture - Letterkenny Institute of Technology</p> <p>13.1.9 Higher Certificate in Science in Agriculture – Letterkenny Institute of Technology</p> <p>13.1.10 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Agri-Food Production - Dundalk Institute of Technology</p> <p>13.1.11 Bachelor of Science Honours in Agriculture with Animal & Crop Science – Letterkenny Institute of Technology</p> <p>13.1.12 Bachelor of Science Honours in Agriculture with Environmental Science – Letterkenny Institute of Technology</p> <p>13.1.13 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Agricultural Science – Institute of Technology Tralee</p> <p>13.1.14 Higher Certificate of Science in Sustainable Farm Management and Agribusiness – Carlow IT</p> <p>13.1.15 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Sustainable Agriculture – Dundalk Institute of Technology</p>
<p>14.</p> <p>WATERFORD IT</p>	<p>14.1 NCEA/HETAC National Certificate in Science in Agricultural Science</p> <p>14.2 HETAC/Individual IT College Higher Certificate in Science in Agricultural Science</p> <p>14.3 NCEA/HETAC National Diploma in Science in Agricultural Science</p> <p>14.4 HETAC/WIT Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science</p> <p>14.5 HETAC/WIT Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Land Management, Agriculture</p> <p>14.6 HETAC/WIT Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Land Management, Horticulture</p> <p>14.7 HETAC/WIT Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Land Management, Forestry</p> <p>14.8 HETAC/WIT National Diploma in Forestry</p> <p>14.9 HETAC/WIT Bachelor of Science in Forestry</p> <p>14.10 WIT Bachelor of Science in Horticulture</p> <p>14.11 WIT Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Agricultural Science</p>

15. GALYWAY-MAYO IT	15.1 NCEA/HETAC National Certificate in Business in AgriBusiness 15.2 HETAC/GMIT Higher Certificate in Business Studies (Agri-Business) 15.3 HETAC/GMIT Bachelor of Business in Rural Enterprise and Agri-Business 15.4 HETAC/GMIT Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Environmental Management 15.5 Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Agricultural Engineering 15.6 National Certificate in Business Studies in Agri-Business 15.7 National Diploma in Business Studies in Rural and Agri Enterprise 15.8 National Diploma in Business Studies in Rural Enterprise and Agri-business 15.9 Higher Certificate in Rural Enterprise and Agri-Business 15.10 Higher Certificate in Business in Agriculture 15.11 Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Rural Enterprise and Agri-Business 15.12 Bachelor of Engineering in Agricultural Engineering 15.13 National Certificate in Science in Agriculture 15.14 Higher Certificate in Science in Agriculture 15.15 Higher Certificate in Science in Agriculture and Environment Management 15.16 Higher Certificate in Science in Agriculture 15.17 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Rural Enterprise and Environment Management 15.18 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Agriculture and Environmental Management
16. UCD UCC (NUI)	16.1 Degree in Agriculture/Horticulture/Forestry awarded by UCD, the Faculty of Agriculture at UCD – NUI 16.2 Bachelor of Agricultural Science degrees awarded through the College of Life Sciences in UCD 16.3 Professional Diploma in Dairy Farm Management 16.4 Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Honours) as awarded by the National University of Ireland (NUI) through University College Cork
17. VETERINARY	17.1 Degree in Veterinary Science/Veterinary Medicine - such awards must be accompanied by details confirming that the holder of this qualification is registered with the Veterinary Council of Ireland. 17.2 Bachelor of Veterinary Science/Veterinary Medicine – UCD
18. LIMERICK	18.1 Bachelor in Science in Equine Science Degree – UL 18.2 Diploma in Equine Science – UL

19. DAIRY SCIENCE	19.1 Degree/Diploma in Dairy Science plus 80 hours of farm management (both awards made prior to 31 March 2008).
20. RURAL SCIENCE	<p>20.1 Degree/Diploma in Rural Science plus 80 hours of farm management (both awards made prior to 31 March 2008).</p> <p>20.2 Degree/Diploma in Science (Education) in Biological Science plus 80 hours of farm management (both awards made prior to 31 March 2008).</p> <p>20.3 Bachelor of Science (Education) in Biological Sciences plus 80 hours of farm management (both awards made prior to 31 March 2008).</p>
21.	<p>21.1.1 Non-agricultural major awards or qualifications (FETAC/HETAC/IT Colleges/Universities/foreign awards) placed at or equivalent to Level 6 or higher on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) in addition to FETAC awards for 100 and 80 hours Teagasc approved agricultural training programmes (namely FETAC Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Animal and Crop Production and FETAC Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farm Business) is acceptable proving that all three were completed/achieved prior 31 March 2008.</p> <p>21.1.2 Achievement of the required entry standard into the third year of a full-time course, in any discipline, of 3 years or more duration at a third-level institution in addition to FETAC awards for 100 and 80 hours Teagasc approved agricultural training programmes (namely FETAC Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Animal and Crop Production and FETAC Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Farm Business) is acceptable proving that all three were completed/achieved prior 31 March 2008.</p> <p>21.2 Non-agricultural awards or qualifications (FETAC/HETAC/IT Colleges/Universities/foreign awards) placed at or equivalent to Level 6 or higher on the National Framework of Qualifications must complete a FETAC Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in farm Administration.</p>
22. Atlantic Technological University	<p>22.1 Higher Certificate in Science in Agriculture</p> <p>22.2 Bachelor of Science in Agriculture</p> <p>22.3 Bachelor of Science Honours in Agriculture with Animal & Crop Science</p> <p>22.4 Bachelor of Science Honours in Agriculture with Environmental Science</p> <p>22.5 Higher Certificate in Business in Agriculture</p> <p>22.6 Bachelor of Business in Rural Enterprise and Agri-Business</p> <p>22.7 Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Rural Enterprise and Agri-Business</p> <p>22.8 Bachelor of Engineering in Agricultural Engineering</p> <p>22.9 Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Agricultural Engineering</p> <p>22.10 Higher Certificate in Science in Agriculture</p> <p>22.11 Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Environmental Management</p> <p>22.12 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Agriculture and Environmental Management</p>

23. Munster Technological University	23.1 Higher Certificate in Agriculture 23.2 Bachelor of Science in Agriculture 23.3 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Agriculture 23.4 Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science 23.5 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Agricultural Science
24. South East Technological University	24.1 Higher Certificate of Science in Sustainable Farm Management and Agribusiness 24.2 Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Farm Management and Agribusiness 24.3 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Sustainable Farm Management and Agribusiness 24.4 Higher Certificate of Science in Organic Agriculture 24.5 Bachelor of Science in Organic Agriculture 24.6 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Organic Agriculture
25. Technological University Dublin	25.1 Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Horticultural Management
26. Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest	26.1 Higher Certificate in Engineering in Agricultural Mechanisation 26.2 Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science and Sustainability 26.3 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Agricultural Science and Sustainability
27.	27.1 A letter from Teagasc certifying that the applicant holds a qualification that is deemed to be equivalent to any of the qualifications listed at 1 to 26 above.

Teagasc Applied Programme for individuals with learning difficulties

In addition to the list of educational awards set out in the table above, Teagasc approves courses of training for individuals with learning difficulties. This course of training is provided under the Teagasc Applied Programme (Agriculture, Horticulture, Equine or Forestry).

A letter from Teagasc confirming satisfactory attendance at such a course for the individuals concerned is accepted as meeting the required agricultural educational qualification for the National Reserve and/or Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers in respect of individuals who are required to undertake such courses.