

Learner Expectations

Learners who participate on this programme must

- Work towards completing all modules offered.
- Turn up for class each day and arrive on time.
- Complete and submit work as per deadlines set down by programme staff and tutors.
- Participate in all activities.

All learners are required to complete a number of tasks in order to successfully pass each module. These tasks may include

- Skills Demonstration
- Assessment/Examinations/Tests
- Learner Record (Submission of Learner Portfolio)

All work completed must be individuals own work.

Entry Requirements:

- Be eligible to participate on a SOLAS (FÁS) LTI (please confirm your eligibility with a FAS information officer)
- Long Term Unemployed.
- In receipt of a Social Welfare Payment.
- Interested in the area of Horticulture.
- Aged between 18 and 35.
- Have a good level of written & verbal communication skills.
- Have good maths skills.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Reside in one of the priority areas that CLDC can work in Ennis, West Clare, North Clare, East Clare, Killenena & Newmarket
- Desire to progress to further learning and training.

Preferable if a learner has at least achieved a Level 4 education (Leaving Certificate Applied).

Note: All modules offered are subject to the availability of premises and tutors. Therefore, changes in programme content may occur.

Location:
Miltown Malbay,
Co. Clare



Expression of Interest Form

Horticulture

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ PPS: _____

1. Have you successfully completed a leaving certificate?

Yes No

If yes, at what level? Ordinary Higher

Other Qualifications:

2. Are you in receipt of a Social Welfare payment or are you a dependant of a SW recipient?

Yes No Type of Payment _____

Please complete and return to:

Samantha McCarthy,
Education Co-ordinator,
Clare Local Development Company, Kilrush Rd, Ennis, Co. Clare
065 6866800 or
Email: smccarthy@cldc.ie.
www.cldc.ie.

FETAC LEVEL 5:

HORTICULTURE

(MILTOWN MALBAY)

Taking Your Produce From Farm to Fork

Start Date: 20th January 2014

*18 to 35 years old
will be prioritised*



**Gardening requires lots of
water most of it in the form of
perspiration" - Lou Erickson**



Aims and Objectives

Programme

This 47 week course will contain a mix of practical and theory based subjects, and is designed to provide learners with the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to follow a career or pursue further education in Horticulture.

All participants will be supported by experienced coordinators and tutors, and will receive assistance on literacy, numeracy, IT etc. as necessary. Learners will also have access to qualified and experience CLDC Guidance Counsellor to assist in furthering their progression in education or employment.

About the course

- This course will start January 2014.
- It will take place in the offices of the Resource Centre, Ballard Road, Milltown Malbay.
- Classes will run each morning from 9.30am to 1.30pm from Monday to Friday.
- The course will run for 47 weeks.

Learners will be based in both classroom & workshop settings, providing a good balance of learning styles throughout. Participants will be encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning, encouraging an environment of self-motivation & the onus will be placed on each learner to achieve the best possible award that they can.

This course is offered by Clare Local Development Company in partnership with SOLAS (FÁS) Training services.

FETAC & The National Qualifications Framework

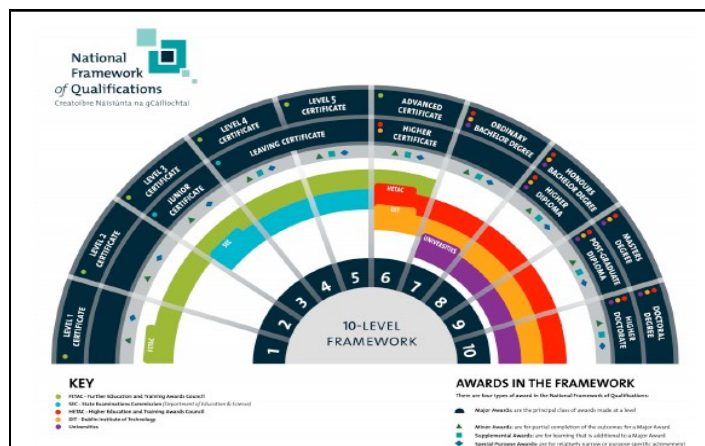


FETAC, the Further Education and Training Awards Council, was set up in 2001 by the Minister for Education and Science under the Qualifications (Education and Training) Act 1999.

It is the single national awarding body for the further education and training sector in Ireland. FETAC awards are designed to provide access to employment and to further and higher education and training.

A FETAC Level 5 qualification offers students the equivalent of a Leaving Certificate Qualification under the New Common Awards. On completion of the programme, students will have completed a minimum of 8 certified modules, and 4 - 5 non certified components that give a sound introduction to the area of Horticulture.

This combination of both academic and practical modules offers students an excellent foundation for further studies, as well as all the practical and technical skills to prepare them for full time employment in the workplace.



Modules Offered

Learners who want to gain the Major Award at FETAC Level 5 in Horticulture must complete 9 certified modules. These include;

1. **Work Practice** To facilitate learners to carry out 80 hours of practical work experience
2. **Plant Protection:** To equip the learners with the knowledge, skill and competence to protect horticultural plants and crops
3. **Plant Science:** To equip the learners with knowledge, skill and competence to understand plant structure, processes, growth and development in a horticultural context
4. **Plant Identification & Use:** To equip the learners with knowledge, skill and competence to identify a wide range of horticultural plants, their characteristics and their use in different horticultural situations
5. **Soil Science & Growing Media:** To equip the learners with knowledge, skill and competence to evaluate soils and growing media with regard to their utilisation in a horticultural context
6. **Team Working** To equip the learner with the relevant knowledge, skill and competence to work as an effective member of a team, operating independently while under general direction and within a range of diverse, team-oriented environments.
7. **Plant Propagation:** To equip the learners with knowledge, skill and competence necessary for plant propagation
8. **Fruit & Vegetable Production:** To equip the learners with knowledge, skill and competence to produce a range of fruit and vegetable crops
9. **Safety & Health at Work:** To equip the learner with the knowledge, skill and competence to promote and maintain safety and health in a work environment

Throughout the programme learners will also focus on developing skills in the areas of Enterprise Development, Food Production, Safe Pass, Manual Handling, Occupational First Aid, Chemical Awareness & Knapsack Use, First Impressions, Employment and Self Employment Skills.