

FÁS, the National Training and Employment Authority, provides a range of training and employment courses aimed at employers, employees and unemployed people. Its aim is to promote a more competitive and inclusive knowledge-based economy, in collaboration with its stakeholders, by enhancing the skills and capabilities of individuals and enterprises.

FÁS offers a wide range of training courses, including industrial, vocational and foundation courses. FÁS has responsibility for the organisation and control of apprentice training in the designated occupations. Courses are available at a diverse range of locations throughout the country, including FÁS training centres, in-company sites, community training workshops and specialist training centres. Please apply directly to FÁS for course details and entry procedures and requirements.

IN

- Administration and Clerical • Apprenticeship • Construction • Electronic/Service
- Engineering/Service • Environmental Protection • Foundation/Personal Development • General Industrial Servicing • Health and Safety/Childcare
- Information and Communication Technology • Media/Marketing/Sales
- Self-Employment/Enterprise • Sport/Leisure and Tourism

AT

- Community Training Workshops • FÁS Net College-Interactive Learning Online
- FÁS Training Centres • In-Company Sites • Institutes of Technology
- Specialist Training Centres



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## How would a FETAC award benefit me?

FETAC awards:

- are quality assured
- are nationally and internationally recognised
- offer access to further and higher education and training opportunities
- are recognised by employers
- are placed on the National Framework of Qualifications

## What type of courses are available and where?

There are hundreds of courses to choose from in the further education and training sector which lead to FETAC awards. So, whether you are interested in childcare or catering, aquaculture or horticulture, e-business or electronics, there is a FETAC award to suit you.

There are approximately 1500 centres offering courses leading to FETAC awards, there is bound to be a course provider near you. Contact your local centre to find out what courses are running and how to apply. Contact details for providers of courses leading to FETAC awards are contained in this leaflet and on [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)

## Can I use my FETAC award to progress to 3<sup>rd</sup> level education?

The Higher Education Links Scheme (HELs) facilitates progression to a variety of higher education courses via specific FETAC level 5 and level 6 awards. Access is via Post Leaving Certificate/Further Education (PLC/FE) courses leading to specific level 5 and level 6 awards, formerly made by the NCVA, now placed as FETAC awards on the National Framework of Qualifications. Under this scheme a number of places are reserved by higher education institutions for FETAC applicants seeking entry to a broad range of third level courses.

In addition, The Pilot Scheme facilitates progression to Higher Certificate (level 6) courses and Ordinary Degree (level 7) courses via FETAC level 5 and level 6 awards and to Honours Degree (level 8) courses (with the exception of Nursing Degree courses). Under this initiative most course places are open to FETAC applicants, along with Leaving Certificate applicants. As with the HELs Scheme access is via Post Leaving Certificate/Further Education (PLC/FE) courses leading to level 5 and level 6 awards, formerly made by the NCVA, now placed as FETAC awards on the National Framework of Qualifications

To date over forty higher education institutes including universities, institutes of technology and private colleges participate in these schemes. For full details of participating institutions, application processes and scoring systems for both schemes see [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) or [www.fetac.ie](http://www.fetac.ie). In addition you are advised to contact the admissions office of the individual higher education institutions for their specific admission requirements.

To find out more about FETAC log on to [www.fetac.ie](http://www.fetac.ie)



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**One Award**

## What is FETAC?

FETAC is the national awarding body for all further education and training in Ireland. FETAC represents a new era for learners in further education and training by unifying former certification agencies (Fáilte Ireland, FÁS, NCVA and Teagasc) under one banner. In so doing, FETAC guarantees the value of all certificates issued by these bodies.

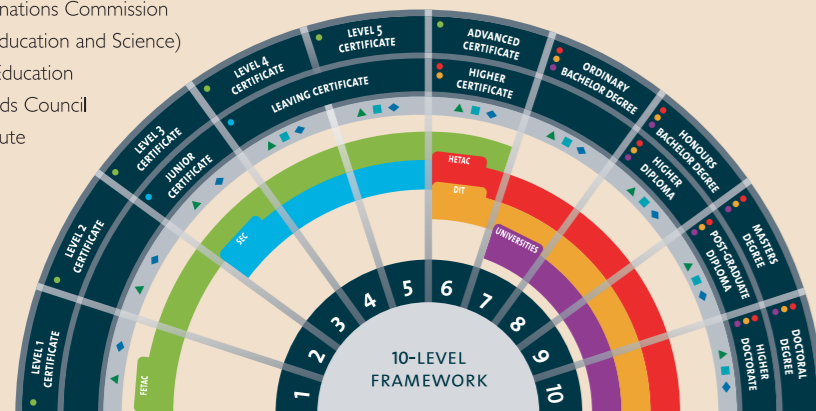
## The National Framework of Qualifications

FETAC is also responsible for developing a new system of qualifications for the further education and training sector. This system is part of the overall development of the 10-level **National Framework of Qualifications** which includes all awards available in the State from the most elementary (level 1) to the most advanced (level 10) levels of learning. FETAC has specific responsibility for providing a range of awards at levels 1-6 on the national framework.

This framework makes it easy to compare and understand the different awards available and in particular see how they relate to one another.

- FETAC - Further Education and Training Awards Council
- SEC - State Examinations Commission (Department of Education and Science)
- HETAC - Higher Education and Training Awards Council
- DIT - Dublin Institute of Technology
- Universities

www.nfq.ie



## Further Education Centres

The further education sector in Ireland provides learning opportunities through a wide range of courses and programmes. There are approximately 1500 further education centres registered with FETAC encompassing a broad range of course providers such as:

- Adult and Community Education and Training Centres
- BIM Training Centres
- Centres for Learners with Special Needs
- Community Training Workshops
- Literacy Centres
- Post Leaving Cert (PLC) Centres/Further Education Colleges
- Secondary/Comprehensive Schools and Community Schools/Colleges
- Senior Traveller Training Centres
- Vocational Education Committees (VECs)
- Vocational Schools
- Vocational Training Opportunity Schemes (VTOS)
- Youthreach Centres
- Workplace Learning Centres

Course entry is by direct application to the centre of your choice. To obtain specific details of the courses available, contact your local further education centre, VEC or visit [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)

**IN** → • Art, Craft and Design • Business and Administration • Communications, Performing Arts and General Studies • Science, Technology and Natural Resources • Services, Leisure and Tourism

**AT** → • Colleges of Further Education • County and City VECs • BIM Training Centres • Private Providers

For information on courses in your area please visit [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie) or [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie). For information on courses run by BIM visit [www.bim.ie](http://www.bim.ie) or telephone 01 214 4100 and ask for the Training Services Section.

## Fáilte Ireland

Fáilte Ireland, the National Tourism Development Authority, established under the National Tourism Development Authority Act, 2003, brings together and builds on the functions previously carried out by Bord Fáilte and CERT. The organisation provides strategic and practical support to develop and sustain Ireland as a high-quality and competitive tourist destination. Fáilte Ireland works in strategic partnership with tourism interests to support the industry in its efforts to be more competitive and more profitable and to help individual enterprises to enhance their performance. Fáilte Ireland operates a one-stop-shop in Amiens Street, Dublin, called the People in Tourism Centre. Staff members are available from Monday to Friday to answer telephone and personal queries on all aspects of tourism training and education in colleges and training centres around the country. There is a wide variety of course literature available and school groups are encouraged to contact the centre and arrange for a careers talk, video presentation, and a cookery demonstration, if the numbers are large enough. Please apply directly to Fáilte Ireland for course details, entry procedures and requirements.

**IN** → • Accommodation • Bar • Cookery (Culinary Arts) • Hospitality • Reception/Hotel Front Office • Restaurant • Supervisory Development • Tourism • Travel Agency

**AT** → • Fáilte Ireland Training Centres • Institutes of Technology

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## Teagasc

Teagasc is the national association providing research, training and information for the agri-food industry in Ireland. All Teagasc training courses result in a FETAC award for candidates meeting the required standards. Teagasc also has a close working relationship with the Institutes of Technology and learners can progress from certificate up to honours degree level. Teagasc courses are suitable for people who wish to establish a career in agriculture, horticulture, livestock, agricultural mechanisation or forestry. Teagasc courses open up a wide range of career options for participants. Many will return to farming, either in a full-time or part-time capacity, but there are also excellent job prospects in the expanding horticulture, forestry and equine sectors. Paid work experience is an integral part of these courses where participants have the opportunity to develop skill and competence associated with their chosen career. In addition, Teagasc eCollege delivers online learning through the internet. Although the course content is primarily web based, all modules contain an element of practical training. Teagasc should be contacted directly to obtain further information on course details, entry procedures and other requirements.

**IN** → • Agriculture • Equine Studies • Forestry • Greenkeeping • Horticulture

**AT** → • Agricultural and Horticultural Colleges • Teagasc Training Centres

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