

Teagasc Protection for Learners Policy and Practice

Teagasc (the national agency with responsibility for integrated research, advisory and training services to the agriculture and food industry and to rural communities) was established in 1988 under the Agriculture (Research, Training and Advice) Act 1988. Under the Act one of the statutory responsibilities of Teagasc is “To provide, or procure the provision of educational, training and advisory services in agriculture.....” Teagasc Statement of Strategy sets out the implementation of strategic actions which support the Department of Agriculture and Food’s Strategic Plan. Teagasc’s commitment to education and training is highlighted under strategy number 6.1.10 “Develop and deliver vocational and third level education and training programmes for adults and new entrants to agriculture and horticulture”.

In keeping with its statutory responsibility Teagasc has and will continue to protect learners, in the event of a private college or Teagasc college/centre ceasing to provide training programmes, by arranging for an adjacent college or local centre to deliver the outstanding education and training programme requirements.