

LandSkills Eligibility

1. Geography: Yorkshire and Humber region - North, East, South and West Yorkshire, North and North East Lincolnshire.

2. Who is eligible?

- Farmers and growers
- Forestry owners and contractors
- Agricultural contractors
- Farm and forestry employees (including migrant workers)
- Young men and women entering farming see below for further clarification
- Persons aged 17 years already employed in the eligible industries and undertaking agricultural, horticultural or forestry related courses such as NVQ's, Apprenticeships and PT tuition at an FE college

3. Key business sectors

- Forestry
- Livestock – beef, sheep, dairy, pigs and poultry
- Arable and non-food crops
- Production horticulture
- Food – in relation to supply chain

4. Priorities identified through Industry Consultation

- Animal health and welfare
- Supply chains and marketing including assurance and traceability
- Business and management including succession and risk management
- Environmental sustainability including land and resource management, climate change, nitrates, pesticides and waste management

5. Grant levels

- Maximum grant will generally be 70%

6. Match funding

- Generally must be cash from the trainee
- In-kind time is not an acceptable form of match funding
- Private sponsorship may be acceptable but for invoicing purposes must represent 'real cash' changing hands

7. Eligibility of Trainees

- Forestry sector – trainees must be engaged in a business, organisation or social enterprise which is dependent upon woodland or utilises any woodland or forestry products. NB this is **not** a diversification measure and thus training and trainees in areas such as tree surgery and landscaping would not be eligible.
- New entrants to the forestry sector would be expected to have some basic level of skills already and provide a business plan concerning their proposed entry in to the sector. This may relate in particular (but not exclusively to) tree surgeons. New entrants are **not** defined as a person who has no knowledge and or experience of the forestry sector i.e. a career changer.
- Agricultural sector – trainees must be engaged in a business, organisation or social enterprise which is dependent upon agriculture or uses agricultural products.
- New entrants to the agricultural sector would be expected to have commenced work in the sector and have completed some form of basic agricultural skills training/education. New entrants are **not** defined as a person who has no knowledge and or experience of agriculture i.e. a career changer.

- It is the training provider's responsibility to check eligibility of trainees, particularly those who are aged 17 to 18. Any queries must be raised with the Programme Manager before a trainee attends any LandSkills course.

8. Eligible Activities

A sample of activities includes:

- Seminars
- Business clubs
- Workshops and farm demonstrations
- Support and mentoring
- Technical and management information
- Support for knowledge and technology transfer networks
- Class room based activities
- Discussion Groups
- Study Tours
- Farm walks

9. Eligible Costs

A sample of eligible costs includes:

- Trainers/facilitators
- Training venues and refreshments
- Course materials and exam fees
- Course evaluation costs
- Reasonable project management costs
- Knowledge transfer workshops
- Training needs assessments
- Small scale capital costs
- Legislative training* (* when part of an integrated approach to skills development, with planned progression onto vocational options)

10. What training is not eligible?

- Legislative course assessment costs
- Skills training/knowledge transfer lasting longer than 3 years
- Large scale infrastructure for training
- Courses which form part of normal systems of agriculture at secondary/higher level
- Training for individuals
- Diversification training
- Training for minors – those under 17 years of age
- Advice and consultancy
- Insurance costs unless they are additional, due to the specific nature of the LandSkills training delivery

11. What output is required?

All funded activity should lead to improved business performance. Evidence could include:

- Proof of improved business performance (progression on Skills Manager)
- Qualification/test certificate
- Certificate of attendance
- 70% of all beneficiaries must be the principle drivers of eligible businesses

12. Who do we contact?

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