

Teagasc Protection of Enrolled Learners Policy

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1. Background

Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) was established in November 2012 by the

Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012 (the 2012 Act). The 2012 Act sets out (in Part 6) legal requirements for QQI and providers of education and training (providers) regarding the Protection of Enrolled Learners (PEL).

Reference: In drafting this policy, the main reference document is “*Protection of Enrolled Learners: Protocols for the Implementation of Part 6 of the 2012 Act*” September 2013/2-V2.

2. Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of the policy is to outline Teagasc commitments to the Protection of Learners.

3. Applicability

The Policy applies to all Teagasc training programmes.

This Policy will be:

- Referenced in the Teagasc Learner Handbook
- Published on the Teagasc public website

4. Policy Statement

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.

5. Definitions and Terms

QQI	Quality Qualifications Ireland
Private College	Private partner college delivering Teagasc programmes (Gurteen College, Mountbellew Agricultural College, Salesian Agricultural College Pallaskenry)