

FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN 2021

Funding, planning and co-ordinating the Further Education and Training (FET) Sector

116,556 Full-time Places

172,584 Part-time Places

35,962
Community Education
Beneficiaries

47,652
eCollege Places

14,522
Apprenticeship
Places

8,373
Skills to Advance
Places

€928.5m FET Grants
€32.5m Capital Investment

325,102
Beneficiaries
of FET

241,621
New Entrants

33
Skills Clusters

16 Education
& Training Boards

21 State Agencies
& Bodies

25 Voluntary
Secondary &
Community
Comprehensive
Schools

FET Outcomes

FET into employment

Beneficiaries (learners) who will enter employment post-course participation.

FET progressing to another course in FET or Higher Education

Beneficiaries who complete their course and progress to a FET or HET course.

FET personal progression

Beneficiaries who progress on a personal level e.g. through either voluntary work or an employment scheme.

Types of Programmes

Full-time Provision	Beneficiaries
Apprenticeship Training	14,522
Blended Training	1,685
Bridging and Foundation Training	165
Community Training Centres	2,564
Employment	1,189
Justice Workshops	209
Local Training Initiatives	2,295
PLC	56,927
Progression	637
Specialist Training Providers	3,371
Specific Skills Training	9,158
Skills to Advance (Full Time)	3,023
Traineeship Training	3,799
Traineeship Employed	1,247
VTOS Core	6,431
Youthreach	6,779
ETB Full-time Programmes Total	114,001
Part-time/Variable-time Provision	
Adult Literacy	26,851
BTEI Groups	28,743
Core Skills	4,606
ESOL	15,580
Evening Training	12,150
FET Co-Operation Hours	19,886
FET Pathways from School	200
ITABE	1,853
Libraries Training	8
RPL	219
Refugee Resettlement	1,201
Skills for Work	4,909
Skills to Advance (Part Time)	5,350
Voluntary Literacy Tuition	375
Community Education (Variable Time)	35,962
ETB Part-time/Variable Time Programmes Total	157,893
VSCCS Provision	
VSCCS PLC	2,016
VSCCS BTEI	805
VSCCS Provision Total	2,821
National Programmes Provision	
On-line Learning (eCollege) (p/t)	47,652
National Programmes Provision Total	47,652

Other Programmes Provision	Beneficiaries
Irish Deaf Society (f/t)	500
NALA Write on (p/t)	2,196
Trinity Centre (f/t)	39
Other Programmes Provision Total	2,735
Total All Programmes	325,102

Skills Clusters

Labour Market Skills Focus	Beneficiaries
Agriculture, Horticulture and Mariculture	2,832
Animal Science	2,506
Arts & Crafts	7,056
Built Environment	6,933
Business, Administration	27,616
Engineering	1,000
Engineering (Electrical)	5,683
Engineering (IT)	201
Engineering (Mechanical)	3,584
Engineering (Transport)	3,616
Entrepreneurship	630
Financial Services	1,869
Food and Beverage	3,152
Hairdressing, Beauty and Complementary Therapies	6,760
Health, Family other Social Services	37,912
Information Technology	16,169
Management	12,561
Manufacturing	1,815
Media Graphics Communications	6,854
Natural Resources	16
Research and Education-Training	1,257
Sales & Marketing	5,304
Science and Technology	1,807
Security, Guarding & Emergency Services	785
Sport and Leisure	4,561
Tourism	2,442
Transport, Distribution & Logistics	2,325
Web Development & Design	1,193
Total Labour Market Skills Focus	168,439
Transversal Skills Focus	
Core ICT	20,442
Core Personal	81,384
General Learning	53,916
Language	75
Skills Sampling	846
Total Transversal Skills Focus	156,663
Total All Skills Clusters	325,102