

Organic Farming Processes

Applying for this course

This course is targeted at those learners who wish to learn more on organic farming. Either emerging organic farmers who would like to further enhance their existing skills or individuals who are passionate about organic produce and would like to find a related job. Eligible individuals would be **persons who completed compulsory schooling** up to 64 years of age, who know how to communicate in Maltese or English.

Course Duration

This course is of 40 hours duration and consists of one Module.

General pedagogical guidelines and procedures for this course:

The delivery of this course will be mainly held through a series of presentations, discussions, case studies, visits and hands-on training.

General assessment policy and procedures for this course:

The learner will be assessed through an ongoing assessment in the form of discussion, oral questions, multiple choice questions, assignments and/or case studies depending on the learners' ability. The ongoing assessment does not carry any marking but rates the performance of the learner in class.

Module 1 Learning Outcomes – Organic Farming Processes

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Define common terminology used in different organic processes✓ Describe and comply with no dig farming✓ Describe and carry out crop rotation✓ Discuss and carry out the process of composting and vermicomposting✓ Describe and ensure fertigation✓ Describe and follow the Ruth stout method✓ Describe the Maria Thun biodynamic calendar✓ Identify what to plant in terms of 'seasonality' | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Explain the term and manage herb propagation✓ Carry out Tree grafting✓ Describe and follow different soil amendment strategies✓ Describe and follow different pruning techniques✓ Describe and carry out the process of mulching✓ Describe the importance of applied health and safety; PPE when using machinery or solutions, precautions when mixing solutions or using machinery, following instructions and recognising different labels |
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Module 1 Assessment: There is no assessment for this module.

This course was designed in collaboration with MCCA, MOAM and various organic farmers. This course is not accredited through MFHEA and hence it is not pegged at an MQF level. Learners who attend at least 80% of the course, will receive a confirmation of attendance. This confirmation of attendance can be used to eventually apply for the certificate of achievement once all modules of the *Organic Farming* course are complete.