



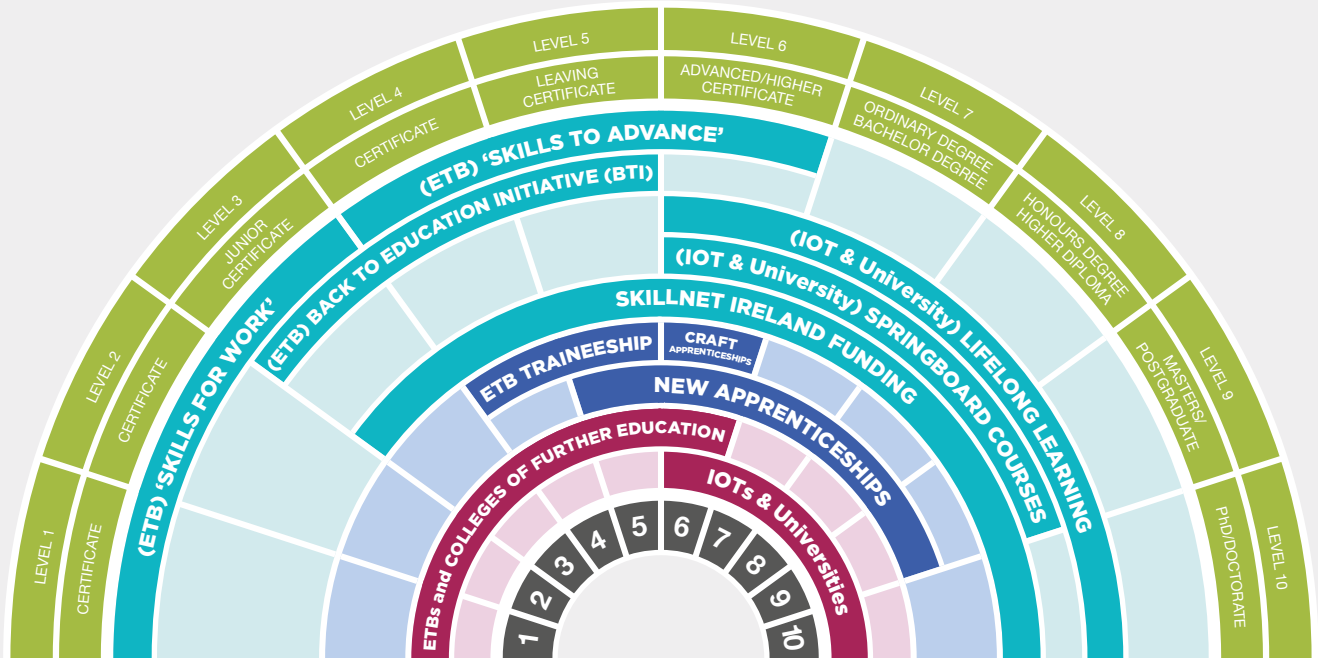
Regional Skills

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Partnerships for Skills

www.regionalskills.ie

Funded Education & Training for Industry



FULL-TIME STUDY

WORK & LEARN

Traineeships: 6 to 20 months, in-work training courses; levels 4-6; ETBs

Craft Apprenticeships: 4 years, combining "On-the-job" and "Off-the-job" training, level 6; ETBs & IOTs

New Apprenticeships: multiple new areas; levels 6-9; ETBs & IOT

PART-TIME COURSES FOR EMPLOYEES

Springboard: funded upskilling courses; levels 6-9; IOTs & Universities

Skillnet Ireland: funded training for private business; all levels; Skillnet Networks

Lifelong Learning: multiple courses including evening, blended & outreach modes; levels 4-6 - ETBs; levels 6-10 – IOTs & Universities.

Skills to Advance: training programmes tailored to employer skills needs; Levels 4 - 6; delivered by ETBs

Back to Education Initiative: training programmes for persons without Leaving Cert.; delivered by ETBs

Skills for Work: training for employed to meet lower level skills needs Levels 1-3; delivered by ETBs

West Region Education & Training Providers

Universities: www.nuigalway.ie

Institutes of Technology (IOTs): www.gmit.ie

Education & Training Boards: www.gretb.ie | www.msletb.ie

Skillnets: www.itag.ie/itag-skillnet | www.greasannamean.ie

www.galwayexecutiveskillnet.com | www.roleskillnet.com

Course Databases

ETB & Further Education (FE) College Courses: www.fetchcourses.ie

Craft Apprenticeships & New Apprenticeships: www.apprenticeship.ie

Traineeships: www.traineeships.ie

Springboard – Funded Courses: www.springboardcourses.ie

Skills to Advance: www.solas.ie/skillstoadvance and each ETB website

Skillnet Ireland – Funded Courses: www.skillnetireland.ie



An Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna
Department of Education and Skills

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the West Regional Skills Forum?

We are your skills solution partner! We are an independent team, funded by the Department of Education, to provide a FREE learning and talent development service for companies of any size, based in Galway, Mayo or Roscommon.

Members of our Forum who support companies in the West include NUI Galway, Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology, the Education and Training Boards and the Skillnets (more details overleaf).

Email deniserocks@regionalskills.ie or sign up to our E-zine on www.regionalskills.ie to learn more.

What can Regional Skills do for my company?

We offer a range of free services for your business. We can:

- Meet with you on-site to do a **Skill Needs Analysis**
- Provide a **customised report on the training solutions and funding available**
- **Connect you to the right people** at each of the education and training providers for upskilling of your team
- If needed, help **develop new training programmes** to respond to specific skills gaps faced by your company

Why should I get involved?

The pace of change has never been faster, and investing in talent is key. Upskilling your team can help you:

- Support **talent development and retention**
- Boost **employee engagement**
- Increase **productivity**
- Gain or maintain a **competitive edge**
- Access to **information and business events**

State-subsidised training is funded by a levy on your business – make sure you benefit from it!

