

## Differential Validation Report Form

### Report of the Review Panel

Reference AQAE046 *Procedure for Approving and Implementing Changes to Programmes* and AQAE047 *Procedure for Approving and Implementing Changes to Modules*. Used for Major Changes to Programme(s) (Type A).

<b>Programme Reference Number:</b>	M150
<b>Faculty/School(s):</b>	School of Business
<b>Department(s):</b>	Department of Organisational Development

#### Details of Programme(s) Reviewed

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Award Type:</b>	<b>NFQ Level:</b>	<b>ECTS:</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Delivery Mode:</b>
Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Rural Enterprise and Agri-Business	Major	8	240	8 Sems	Full-Time Part-Time
Bachelor of Business in Rural Enterprise And Agri-Business	Major	7	180	6 Sems	Full-Time Part-Time
<b>Date of Review:</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025				

#### Review Panel

<b>Panellist Role</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Job Title</b>
Chair	Prof	Graham Heaslip	ATU Galway	Head of College & School of Engineering
External Industry	Mr	Micheál Larkin	Land Mobility	Facilitator & Mediator / Farmer/Consultant
Academic/HoD	Mr	Des O'Reilly	ATU Galway	HoD of Electronic and Electrical Engineering
(VPAAR) Secretary	Dr	Simon Stephens	ATU	Assistant Registrar

All external members of the panel have declared that they are independent of ATU (Atlantic Technological University), and all have declared that they have no conflict of interest.

#### Programme Board

The panel met the staff listed below during the review of the proposed modifications.

Seamus Lennon and Michael Gill

## Summary of Proposed Modifications

1. Minor edits to MLOs of six modules
2. Change the title and MLOs and syllabus of *Farm Management Safety and Law* (to Farm Safety)
3. Replace New Venture Creation BUST07052 5 ECTS with Agricultural Enterprise Diversification 5 ECTS AGFF0711 in Semester 5
4. Replace Sustainable Agriculture AGRI07005 5 ECTS with Forest and Woodland Management 5 ECTS AGFF07012 in Semester 5
5. Move Market Research from Semester 5 to Semester 6

## Rationale for Modifications

The changes to module LOs, revised title, reduced syllabus and replacement of 2 modules are required following extensive engagement with Teagasc concerning approval for the above-mentioned programmes under the Trained Farmer Status (TFS) scheme. LOs were mapped to the TFS requirements (See Appendix 1) and both HoDs, programme chairs, and head of Mountbellew Agricultural College met with Teagasc to review alignment. The revised module LOs, title and syllabus reflect the feedback received from Teagasc and subsequent review with approval.

## Findings

### Overall Finding

Approved without changes	YES
Approved subject to condition(s) and/or recommendation(s)	
Rejected	

### Reason for Overall Finding

The changes are necessary to retain alignment with the requirements for the *Young Farmers Certificate* for future graduates. The revised programme structure maximises the programme value to graduates.

### Recommendations

N/A

### Report Approval

This report has been agreed by the evaluation panel and is signed on their behalf by the chairperson.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Graham Heaslip', on a light yellow background.

**Professor Graham Heaslip**

22.05.2025