

Potato Roguing Course 2024

Monday 17th June – Friday 21st June

Potato Roguing is an essential practice in the production of healthy seed potatoes. It is the process of identifying and disposing of abnormal plants, including tubers. The affected plants may be diseased, another variety or simply different.

The course includes instruction on:

- The identification of varieties of potatoes
- The identification of virus diseases and variations of potatoes
- The Scottish Seed Potato Classification Scheme (SPCS), with all grades and standards required
- General crop roguing practice, with a mixture of mostly practical, but with some theory sessions

The course is based at **Mains of Tertowie Farm, Kinellar, Aberdeen AB21 OTS**

A **5-day course** designed for those with limited, or no experience of roguing. It is likely to run from **Monday 17th June to Friday 21st June 2024**. Provisional dates are based on likely growth stage of the crop and may require delaying the course for one week. If there is sufficient demand (minimum 5 participants), a one-day refresher course will be run on Monday 24th June at a cost of £90 (VAT exempt).

Preference will be shown to applicants who are:

- Potato trade employers and their employees
- Farmers and their employees
- Applicants who are 18 years of age and over
- Applicants able to produce proof of having roguing work available to them

The examination consists of two parts:

1. Identification of varieties
2. Recognition of diseases

POTATO ROGUERS CERTIFICATE

Awarded to successful students on satisfactory completion of the course.

Funding is available for applicants to apply for through LANTRA – Skillshub Scotland in the Next Generation Practical Training Fund or the Women in Agriculture categories.

Cost (5 days): £440 (VAT exempt)