



Course Title: Management of Invasive Plants and Biosecurity (7185)	
Duration: 1 Day	Certification: LASNTG Certification
Expiry Period: 3 Years	Award: Assessment Certificate

Aim of Programme:

To increase awareness of all Public Authority stakeholders as to their responsibilities in protecting our indigenous eco systems and to equip those with the knowledge of best practice to enable them prevent the spread of invasive species.

Target Learner:

This training programme is for learners who have worked with or have experience in Invasive Plants and Biosecurity. Learners can be Engineering Grades, Technicians, Supervisors, General Operatives, All Outdoor, Clerk of Works or Architects.

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this programme, the learner will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of invasive species, invasive terrestrial and bank side (riparian) plants and demonstrate an understanding of how biosecurity can minimise the impact of these species.
- To realise why invasive plants are so damaging and how they impact on biodiversity, the environment and recreational and commercial activities.
- To determine the routes that are most used by invasive plants to enter the island of Ireland and plan methods to close these pathways.
- To demonstrate knowledge of how invasive plants, grow, spread and overwinter, and use this information to target control methods against them.
- To demonstrate an understanding of the various methods that are available to control targeted invasive plant species and their modes of action.
- To source, read and understand the national and international legislation that imposes obligations on agencies and organisations within the country.
- To accurately predict what invasive plant species might next arrive in Ireland and how to prepare for their entry.
- To comprehend the meaning of biosecurity and how to best operate biosecurity in the work place in order to minimise the introduction and spread of harmful invasive plant species.

Assessment:

There is a **Theory Paper** of multiple-choice questions with a Standard Pass of 70% and duration time is 30 minutes.

Entry requirements:

- Applicants must be able to demonstrate a level of knowledge, skill and competence associated with Level 4 of the NFQ.

Enquiries and Booking:

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