

# Suckler Carbon Efficiency Programme (SCEP) Training Technical Document

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## Overview

### What is SCEP?

The objective of SCEP is to provide support to beef farmers to improve the environmental sustainability of the national beef herd.

One of the requirements for participants of the programme is completion of SCEP training, in full, by **15 November 2024**. The other requirements and actions of the programme are set out in the terms and conditions of the scheme available to view at [gov - Suckler Carbon Efficiency Programme \(SCEP\) \(www.gov.ie\)](http://gov.ie/SucklerCarbonEfficiencyProgramme)

### Who are CAP Network Ireland?

CAP Network Ireland aim to support the networking of a diverse range of stakeholders across the fields of agriculture, rural development and innovation. This is done through four areas: Research, Communications & Networking, Management & Implementation, and the Innovation Hub. CAP Network Ireland is co-funded by the European Union and the Government of Ireland Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

## Introduction

The Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine, with the assistance of ICBF and Teagasc, and with contributions from Bord Bia and the Health & Safety Authority (HSA), have developed the mandatory SCEP training course. Further assistance is being provided by CAP Network Ireland to produce training aids such as this technical document and the SCEP Training Guide Video (Link), available on their website.

The online training course will help you successfully implement the actions within SCEP and advise on best practices in farm safety and livestock handling. You **must** complete all SCEP online training modules by **15 November 2024** to remain in the programme.

Failure to complete all modules of the online training course by 15 November 2024 will result in you being removed from SCEP and any monies paid under the programme plus the cost of your genomics tests will be recouped.

## How to Access the SCEP training

The training is available to access online at [www.sceptraining.ie](http://www.sceptraining.ie).

When you log in for the first time, you must activate your account using your herd number and your pin number. This information was sent to you from the Department via post and a copy of the letter is available to view online on [www.Agfood.ie](http://www.Agfood.ie). A step-by-step video guide is available through the CAP Network Ireland website.

You will need to provide a password when activating your account – this password should be retained in a safe place as you will need it each time you log in. Your password must be 6-12 characters long, contain uppercase and lowercase letters and numbers. It must not contain spaces or special characters. You should retain this password in a safe place, as it will be required each time you log into the training portal.

You will also need to provide an email address – it is important that this is an email address that you have access to, as password recovery emails will be sent to this in the event you need to reset your password.

## SCEP Training Contents

There are 7 modules in the SCEP training programme. All of these must be completed in full, together with a short quiz at the end of modules 2–7 to fully comply with the training requirements.

You must complete all 7 modules by **Friday 15th November 2024** to ensure you receive your SCEP payment and are not removed from the programme.

- Module 1\* – Introduction
- Module 2\* – Programme Eligibility
- Module 3 – Breeding Strategies
- Module 4 – Genotyping
- Module 5 – Weight Recording
- Module 6 – Calving Details and Surveys
- Module 7 – Farm and Livestock Safety

\*Module 1 must be completed first, followed by Module 2. The other 5 modules can be completed in any order of your choosing.

Each module should take around 30 minutes to complete. You can do all the modules at once or complete them in stages. It is possible to partially complete a module and pick up where you left off the next time you log in. However, you must complete all modules in full by **15th November 2024** to be deemed compliant with the training requirement.

## Online Browser - Access

The training can be completed on a desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone. The best browsers to use for optimal experience are **Microsoft Edge** or **Google Chrome**. If you are having access issues on one browser, it is recommended that you try another.

Safari browser on iPhone, iPads and other Apple devices can be used to access the training, but it may be necessary to deactivate a setting on your Safari settings to access full functionality of the training. The following steps should be taken to turn off 'prevent cross-site tracking' temporarily whilst accessing the training on Safari:

### **Safari on macOS**

1. Open the Safari menu.
2. Select Settings...
3. Select the Privacy tab.
4. Make sure 'Prevent cross-site tracking' is not ticked.
5. Close the Settings window.

### **Safari on iOS**

1. Open phone Settings.
2. Select the Safari app.
3. Scroll down to 'Privacy & Security'.
4. Make sure 'Prevent Cross-Site Tracking' is off.
5. Return to the Safari browser app.

## Support & Assistance

If you are having any technical difficulties with logging into the training which this document does not cover, please contact [support@sceptraining.ie](mailto:support@sceptraining.ie) or (074) 970 7756.

Screenshot instructions on the process of activating your account, logging into your account and progressing through the training modules are available to view at [gov -Suckler Carbon Efficiency Programme \(SCEP\) \(www.gov.ie\)](http://gov.ie).

For general queries on the SCEP training or the SCEP programme, contact the Department's Helpdesk by phone at (057) 8674422 or by email at [scep@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:scep@agriculture.gov.ie).