



## Scotland's Colleges Media Statement

### Increased Government Funding

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Chris Travis, Chief Executive of policy and development agency Scotland's Colleges said: "The Scottish Government's continued commitment to Scottish education is clearly demonstrated by this hugely important announcement today.

"Scotland's colleges are often best placed to respond to the effects of economic downturn by offering retraining and reskilling opportunities to those finding themselves out of work. Equally important is the big rise in demand for college places from school leavers. The Scottish Government has set out the high standards it expects of colleges and we are determined to respond in a manner which yields maximum benefit to learners across Scotland."

Linda McTavish, Convenor of Scotland's Colleges Principal's Convention said: "The announcement today is simply great news for the sector. Colleges across Scotland have seen big increases in applications for places this year, and without this additional investment, they would have struggled to cater to the increased demand.

"The real winners from this extra funding are the thousands of Scottish students who will now be able to access high quality education and training at their local college."

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