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Scotland's Colleges welcomes charitable status announcement

Scotland's Colleges has welcomed yesterday's move by the Scottish Parliament to introduce the final piece of legislation to safeguard the charitable status of Scottish Colleges.

The passing of the draft Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 Modification Order 2009 brings to an end a four-year campaign by Scotland's Colleges to retain charitable status, which is essential for them to fulfil their missions in the communities they serve, and avoid a £50 million penalty from the loss of charitable status.

Scotland's Colleges now require the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) to ensure that the change to the legislation is fully enacted.

Chris Travis, Chief Executive of Scotland's Colleges, said: "We welcome the announcement that the final legal amendments have been made to safeguard the charitable status of Scotland's Colleges.

"The campaign by Scotland's Colleges to retain charitable status has been ongoing for four years, so today's announcement will provide peace of mind for the entire sector. Retaining charitable status is vital to the future of the college sector in Scotland and the Government's resolution means that individuals, businesses and communities across the country can continue to benefit from the first-class educational opportunities provided by Scotland's Colleges."

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Notes to Editors

Scotland's Colleges is the single organisation dedicated to providing strategic support and development for the college sector in Scotland. Scotland's Colleges was formed following the merger of the Scottish Further Education Unit (SFEU), the Association of Scotland's Colleges (ASC), College Open Learning Exchange Group (COLEG) and Scotland's Colleges International (SCI).

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