

**THE EDUCATION (FURTHER EDUCATION BURSARIES) (SCOTLAND)  
DIRECTION 2025**

**DIRECTION MADE BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS UNDER SECTION 73ZA OF  
THE EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 1980 TO ADMINISTER SUMS FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF PAYING GRANTS TO COLLEGES OF FURTHER EDUCATION**

The Scottish Ministers have chosen to pay grants to colleges of further education under section 73(c) and (f) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (“the 1980 Act”) in accordance with the Student Support (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (“the 2022 Regulations”) for the purpose of providing financial assistance to students undertaking a course of education in the academic year 2025-26.

The Scottish Ministers have chosen to direct the Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council and University of the Highlands and Islands to administer and pay those grants on their behalf in accordance with section 73ZA of the 1980 Act with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

**Direction to administer sums**

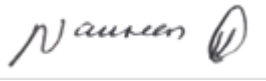
1. The Scottish Ministers direct—
  - (a) the Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council; and
  - (b) University of the Highlands and Islands,to administer and pay sums applied by the Scottish Ministers for the purpose of providing financial assistance for students receiving education by a college of further education under section 73(c) and (f) of the 1980 Act and the 2022 Regulations to colleges of further education in accordance with the conditions set out below.

**Conditions**

2. Payments may only be made in connection with the provision of financial assistance for students undertaking a course in the 2025-26 academic year.
3. Payments may only be made by the Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council to colleges of further education which are fundable post-16 education bodies within the meaning of section 6(2) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005 (“the 2005 Act”).
4. Payments may only be made by University of Highlands and Islands to a college which is assigned to it as a regional strategic body by order made under section 7C of the 2005 Act.
6. The Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council and University of the Highlands and Islands must ensure that any college in receipt of a payment complies with the provisions of the 2022 Regulations, noting that regulation 4(2) of the 2022 Regulations provides that any sum payable in respect of a person who is eligible for support only by virtue of Part 2 of schedule 1 (EU nationals etc with protected rights who have not been in the UK for 3 years and children of asylum seekers and young asylum seekers) may include sums only in respect of tuition and other fees payable in respect of that person.

## **Revocation**

7. This direction supersedes the Education (Further Education Bursaries) (Scotland) Direction 2024 which is revoked.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Naureen" followed by a stylized circular flourish.

Dr Naureen Ahmad  
Deputy Director Head of Lifelong Learning and Skills Division  
29/07/2025