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Issue Date:	19 March 2026
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Summary:	Announcement of additional funding for colleges to support National Insurance costs in FY 2025-26.
FAO:	Principals, Chairs, Finance Directors and Board Secretaries of Scotland's colleges, and the general public.
Further Information:	funding@sfc.ac.uk

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Purpose

1. The Scottish Government has provided £1.7 million of additional resource funding to the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) to allocate to colleges in Financial Year (FY) 2025-26 to support the increase in National Insurance (NI) costs. This funding, along with the £5.5m allocated in the [College Final Funding Allocations 2025-26](#) in May 2025, is part of the Government's commitment to cover 60% of the increase in NI costs.
2. I am therefore writing to announce the allocation of this additional funding to colleges.

Additional funding allocations to support NI costs

3. Funding has been allocated on the basis of NI cost figures provided by colleges/regions.
4. A breakdown of funding allocations for individual colleges/regions is shown in the [Annex](#) to this announcement.

Payment of funds

5. Funds will be paid in one lump sum in March 2026.

Conditions of funding

6. This funding must be used for the purpose for which it is being allocated.

Fair Work

7. The Scottish Government expects that all public bodies and those in receipt of public funds should be exemplars, and be able to demonstrate practices, of [Fair Work](#). Recipients of public sector grants are required, as a minimum standard, to comply with the following mandatory criteria:
 - Pay at least the Real Living Wage
 - Provide appropriate channels for effective workers' voice, i.e. collectively (e.g. through trade union recognition) and individually (e.g. through staff surveys).
8. Recipients of public sector grants are expected to commit to working towards the remaining five desirable [Fair Work First criteria](#).

Further information

9. If you require any additional information, please email: funding@sfc.ac.uk, in the first instance.

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Annex

Breakdown of additional NI funding allocations for FY 2025-26

College/Region	Initial allocation for NI costs (May 2025) (£)	Additional allocation for NI costs (March 2026) (£)	Total funding for colleges to support NI costs for FY 2025-26 (£)
Ayrshire College	349,692	100,724	450,416
Borders College	101,614	33,220	134,834
Dumfries & Galloway College	103,463	31,241	134,704
Dundee & Angus College	333,323	108,391	441,714
Edinburgh College	483,623	94,073	577,696
Fife College	401,886	78,393	480,279
Forth Valley College	271,300	46,367	317,667
City of Glasgow College	519,049	162,755	681,804
Glasgow Clyde College	370,342	228,752	599,094
Glasgow Kelvin College	229,567	74,093	303,660
Highlands & Islands Region	722,880	282,744	1,005,624
New College Lanarkshire	404,892	111,814	516,706
South Lanarkshire College	140,528	1,264	141,792
Newbattle Abbey College	13,654	2,426	16,080
North East Scotland College	349,596	58,808	408,404
Sabhal Mór Ostaig	40,130	16,238	56,368
SRUC	109,497	31,382	140,879
West College Scotland	448,560	102,486	551,046
West Lothian College	116,405	134,827	251,232
Total	5,510,001	1,699,998	7,209,999