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## Summary: The purpose of this publication is to provide information on transition from college to university and to provide figures for levels of accreditation for prior learning.

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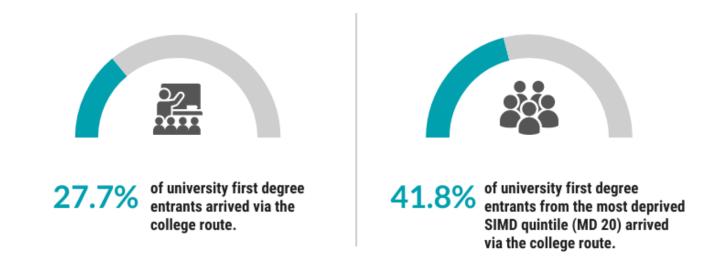


#### **Executive Summary**

- 1. This is the second publication on transition from college to university. It reports on academic credit across qualification at SCQF levels 7 & 8 (including internal movement within UHI and SRUC) as well as the articulation of college HNC/HND students. The focus is on levels of academic credit attained on this transition.
- 2. Measures are based on students who articulate within three years of completion of their college course in order to give a consistent measurement of progress. The key focus is on **Advanced Standing**, where a student gets full academic credit for the prior learning.
- 3. The headline figures for the Wider Articulation Measure (WAM) for year 2018-19 are as follows:
  - 57.0% gained Advanced Standing (4,926/8,636).
  - 69.7% gained Advanced Standing from SCQF 8 (3,281/4,705).
  - 41.8% gained Advanced Standing from SCQF 7 (1,645/3,931).
  - 27.7% of university first degree entrants arrived via the college route.
  - 41.8% of university first degree entrants from the most deprived SIMD quintile (MD 20) arrived via college route.
- 4. And for the Main Articulation Measure (MAM) 2018-19 highlights:
  - 55.4% gained Advanced Standing as measured for National Outcome Agreement Measure 7 (4,469/8,060).
  - 68.5% gained Advanced Standing from HNDs (3,027/4,418).
  - 39.6% gained Advanced Standing from HNCs (1,442/3,642).
- 5. Key observations on transition to university:
  - Academic credit and articulation levels have remained steady across the period.
  - The greatest numbers of Advanced Standing come from the most deprived areas, although the proportions who achieve Advanced Standing are lower for this group in comparison to the less deprived areas.
  - Transition from SCQF8/HND sees the greatest proportions gaining academic credit consistently across the years.



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#### Main Articulation Measure (MAM) 2018-19 highlights:

