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**Comment on the Latest Labour Market Statistics**

Commenting on the labour market statistics published today, a spokesperson for Colleges Scotland, said:

“Scotland’s college sector makes a crucial contribution to supporting the labour market, and ensuring that students of all ages have the right skills and training to succeed in the workplace. College education helps to boost the quality as well as level of employment, with 97 per cent of all learning hours leading to a recognised qualification.

“One of our priorities is ensuring that students are work-ready and able to meet the challenges of the employment market. That means an ongoing commitment to enhancing engagement with employers – which happens right across the country, with colleges supporting the economic needs of their regions.”

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