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**Colleges Scotland's comment on Non Recognised Qualifications (NRQs)**

John Henderson, chief executive of Colleges Scotland, said: "The term 'non recognised qualifications' can be misleading. These can be an important route into vocational education for those furthest from the labour market.

"Part-time, evening and weekend courses are used by learners to get back into education and gain extra skills to help them in their job, in a way that doesn't impact their family or work commitments.

"These classes give people in the opportunity to build their skills and improve their employability, as well as improve social inclusion.

"Colleges have focused on delivering more full-time education for young people in the past few years, in response to the Scottish Government's priorities, and we've made great progress in this area.

"The college sector would welcome any additional funding to increase places for adults."

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