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**Colleges Scotland's Statement on Apprenticeship Levy**

Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

“Colleges play a key role in delivering and enhancing Scotland’s workforce, working in partnership with employers to deliver high quality Modern Apprenticeship programmes.

“We support the SNP’s ambition to increase the number of Modern Apprenticeships to 30,000 a year by 2020.

“Without the college sector being exempt from the Apprenticeship Levy, such an increase in costs cannot be met by the colleges from within existing resources, without a detrimental impact on students and the level of educational activity.”

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