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Four new colleges for Scotland

Twelve colleges across Scotland have today merged to form four new institutions, marking a major milestone in the sector's regionalisation process.

The four new colleges – Ayrshire College, Fife College, Glasgow Clyde College and West College Scotland – all have principals, new boards of management and are overseen by a regional lead. They will form part of the 13 new college regions in Scotland.

John Henderson, chief executive of Colleges Scotland, said: "Colleges across Scotland have been working on mergers and the regionalisation project for almost two years now and today marks a major milestone.

"The new colleges will serve communities across Ayrshire, Dunbartonshire, Fife, Glasgow and Renfrewshire, providing invaluable services to their learners, employers and economies.

"Each of the colleges should be congratulated for completing these mergers while carrying on with 'business as usual'.

"Regionalisation will be taken a further step forward by the end of the year with the creation of an additional four new colleges from mergers. The college sector is committed to delivering the very best for our learners and the Scottish economy."

The colleges still to merge include Cumbernauld and Motherwell colleges; John Wheatley, North Glasgow and Stow colleges; Aberdeen and Banff & Buchan colleges and Angus and Dundee Colleges..

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Notes to editors

About the new colleges

Today's four new regional colleges have been formed through the merger of existing institutions.

Please contact your local college's marketing team for interview requests or for additional local information. Contact details available on request.

Regional college	Merged colleges	Principal
Ayrshire College	Ayr College James Watt College (Kilwinning campus) Kilmarnock College	Heather Dunk
Fife College	Adam Smith College, Kirkcaldy Carnegie College, Dunfermline Elmwood College (non land- based element), Cupar	Hugh Logan
Glasgow Clyde College (part of Glasgow region)	Anniesland College Cardonald College Langside College	Susan Walsh
West College Scotland	Clydebank College James Watt College (Inverclyde campus) Reid Kerr College, Paisley	Audrey Cumberland