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College student support funds: outcome of the in-year management of student support funds for AY 2012-13

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This circular announces the outcome of the in-year management of student support funds for AY 2012-13 together with the announcement of the clawback of unspent funds for AY 2010-11.

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College student support funds: outcome of the in-year management of student support funds for AY 2012-13

Purpose

- 1 This circular provides information on:
 - the outcome of the in-year management of student support funds for academic year (AY) 2012-13; and
 - the clawback of unspent student support funds for AY 2010-11.
- 2 Colleges were informed that the unspent funds which are to be clawed back from AY 2010-11 will be used for the in-year management of student support funds in AY 2012-13.

In-year management of student support funds AY 2012-13

- 3 The in-year management of student support funds is an on-going feature of the funding cycle, giving colleges the opportunity to request additional funds for bursary, Further Education (FE) discretionary funds as well as Further and Higher Education childcare funds.
- 4 Full details of the outcome of the exercises undertaken for AY 2012-13 are announced in Annex A of this circular. Table 1 provides a summary of the total funds to be clawed back, funds that colleges have relinquished in-year and the distribution of allocated funds. Table 2 breaks down the amount of funds awarded to colleges as a result of this exercise. A detailed model to accompany this circular is available to download in excel format from our website: http://www.sfc.ac.uk/news_events_circulars/Circulars/2012/SFC1712.aspx

Clawback of unspent AY 2010-11 student support funds

- 5 Funds that are allocated for student support purposes in any year if not used are subject to recovery by the Scottish Funding Council. On 4 October we emailed college Principals and Directors of Finance with details of the amounts to be clawed back to enable them to review the calculations.
- 6 The method used to calculate the clawback varied slightly from previous years and is explained in more detail in Annex B of this circular. Table 1 gives a breakdown of the total student support funds to be clawed back from each college. A detailed model in excel

format also accompanies this circular and is available on our website:
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Relinquished funds, recovery of unspent funds and adjusted payments

- 7 Colleges who have requested additional funds will have the available funds paid to them in full in January 2013. We have been able to fund around 73 per cent of funds requested.
- 8 We intend to recover the relinquished funds for both AY 2011-12 and AY 2012-13 from those colleges who have indicated that they have funds available, together with the unspent student support funds from AY 2010-11 clawback exercise.
- 9 We intend to recover all of the funds, where possible, from college bursary funds. However, where there are insufficient bursary funds, we have checked that colleges will receive sufficient overall programme funds in January 2013 to allow us to still recover these funds in full. However, should you consider this to be a particular problem for your College you can contact Catherine Atkinson, Senior Budgeting/Reporting Officer, Tel: 0131 313 6540, email: catkinson@sfc.ac.uk.

Further information

- 10 Please contact Jane Scott, Policy Officer, Funding Policy, for further information, Tel: 0131 313 6660, email: jscott@sfc.ac.uk.

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MTS Batho
Chief Executive

Outcome of the in-year redistribution process

- 1 Demand for student support is unpredictable and, in order to match our funding to demand as closely as possible, we carry out an in-year redistribution of student support funds in October each year. We do not allow colleges to automatically carry-forward funds, they have to relinquish unspent funds or these funds are clawed back. This allows us to provide funds for colleges that need an in-year uplift.

Funding requests

- 2 The total amount of funds colleges are seeking is £8.2 million, an increase of eight per cent on the total allocation announced in circular [SFC/15/2012](#). The breakdown of this figure is shown below:

Total funds requested				
Bursary	FE Childcare	HE Childcare	Discretionary	Total
£5.9 m	£1.4 m	£0.4 m	£0.5 m	£8.2 m

- 3 We have noted that a few colleges have requested a significant amount of funds which accounts for 52 per cent of the total sum claimed. We have engaged with these colleges in order to understand the drivers for this demand.

Relinquished and clawed back funds

- 4 The total amount of relinquished funds from this exercise is £5.3 million from 19 colleges. The table below show the breakdown of these figures.

Total funds relinquished				
Bursary	FE Childcare	HE Childcare	Discretionary	Total
£3.8 m	£0.8 m	£0.3 m	£0.4 m	£5.3 m

- 5 In addition to the relinquished funds, £0.7 million has been clawed back in respect of unspent AY 2010-11 funds from 15 colleges.
- 6 This provides a total of £6 million to be allocated.

SFC response to increased demand

- 7 In recognition of continuing demand the Scottish Government provided an additional £11.4 million which enabled the Scottish Funding Council to increase the student support budget to £95.6 million (as announced in [SFC/02/2012](#) which excludes HE childcare).
- 8 The total amount of student support funds is £99.5 million; this includes the £3.9 million of HE childcare funds announced in circular [SFC/15/2012](#).
- 9 From the funds relinquished and clawback we have £6.0 million of student support funds available for reallocation. We have allocated the funds in proportion to the requests from colleges, colleges who have requested funds will get at least 73 per cent of what they requested. The allocations are set out in Table 2.
- 10 Two colleges provided evidence of a significant and distinctive shift in student support and we have provided a small uplift for these colleges.

Clawback of unspent AY 2010-11 student support funds

Identifying unspent funds

- 1 The student support funds available to a college in AY 2010-11 were:
 - its allocations announced in circular [SFC/14/2010](#);
 - plus any funds awarded from the announcement of additional £5 million announced in circular [SFC/06/2011](#);
 - includes any funds received or minus any fund relinquished in the redistribution for AY 2010-11 (see [SFC/36/2010](#)); and
 - any funds received for economic downturn and or from European Social Funds Priority 1 programme.
- 2 Unspent funds are available in AY 2010-11 less the relevant audited spend for that year. For clawback purposes, FE discretionary and FE childcare funds are shown as separate allocations.
- 3 A cap was applied on the use of bursary funds for study expense allowance and for AY 2010-11 this was reduced to 15 per cent of the total bursary allocation as announced in [SFC/17 /2011](#). Spend beyond this level on the study expense allowance must be met from other college resources and will not have been considered as qualifying spend.
- 4 For this year only colleges will be allowed to carry forward funds totalling the amount of additional student support awarded in March 2011 (as announced in [SFC/06/2011](#)) in recognition of the lateness of the award.

Summary

In-year redistribution AY 2012-13/Clawback AY 2010-11

Table 1

			In-year redistribution 2012-13	
		Remaining funds from AY 2010-11 to be clawed back (£)	Funds Relinquished (£)	Total Funds Allocated (£)
Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire	Aberdeen College	53,155	1,112,595	0
	Banff & Buchan College	0	35,441	172,958
Ayrshire	Ayr College	0	103,000	258,100
	James Watt College ¹	0	0	482,621
	Kilmarnock College	0	555,576	268,930
Borders	Borders College	126,043	588,985	0
Forth Valley	Forth Valley College	0	97,544	218,051
Dumfries and Galloway	Dumfries and Galloway College	10,713	18,900	130,831
Edinburgh and Lothians	Edinburgh' Telford College	0		
	Jewel and Esk Valley College	103,409		
	Stevenson College	0		
	Edinburgh College		1,709,063	971,852
Fife	Adam Smith College	0	125,000	0
	Carnegie College	20,258	0	196,246
	Elmwood College ¹	6,437	55,084	47,608
Glasgow	Anniesland College	0	0	54,513
	Cardonald College	0	0	109,026
	City of Glasgow	0	0	185,344
	John Wheatley College	0	95,123	25,439
	Langside College	0	0	0
	North Glasgow College	0	81,326	489,889
	Stow College	8,938	173,181	138,099
Highlands and Islands	Inverness College	0	0	145,368
	Lews Castle College	0	0	0
	Moray College	0	0	196,973
	Perth College	0	0	273,291
	North Highland College	41,428	0	0
	Orkney College	96	95,344	0
	Shetland College	20,282	0	0
Lanarkshire	Coatbridge College	76,425	269,268	72,684
	Cumbernauld College	0	0	0
	Motherwell College	77,794	0	65,415
	South Lanarkshire College	0	18,737	384,151
Land Based	Barony College	15,000	101,953	0
	Elmwood College ¹		0	0
	Oatridge College	0	0	66,142
Tayside	Angus College	21,383	0	0
	Dundee College	42,092	0	635,257
West	Clydebank College	0	71,328	130,831
	James Watt College ¹		0	0
	Reid Kerr College	32,338	0	127,197
West Lothian	West Lothian College	0	68,243	210,783
	Newbattle Abbey College	17,116	0	0
	Sabhal Mor Ostaig	9,000	0	0
Total		681,907	5,375,691	6,057,598

Note 1: James Watt and Elmwood colleges figures are not split between regions for this exercise. The full allocations and subsequent calculations are shown at the first entry for each college on the table

In-year redistribution AY 2012-13
Funds Relinquished and Allocated

Table 2

			Breakdown of funds allocated				
		Funds Relinquished (£)	Funds Allocated (£)	Bursary allocation (£)	FE Childcare Allocation (£)	HE Childcare Allocation (£)	Discretionary Fund Allocation (£)
Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire	Aberdeen College	1,112,595	0	0	0	0	0
	Banff & Buchan College	35,441	172,958	116,351	56,607	0	0
Ayrshire	Ayr College	103,000	258,100	248,724	2,181	7,196	0
	James Watt College ¹	0	482,621	417,205	50,879	14,537	0
	Kilmarnock College	555,576	268,930	268,930	0	0	0
Borders	Borders College	588,985	0	0	0	0	0
Forth Valley	Forth Valley College	97,544	218,051	181,710	0	0	36,342
Dumfries and Galloway	Dumfries and Galloway College	18,900	130,831	109,026	21,805	0	0
Edinburgh and Lothians	Edinburgh College	1,709,063	971,852	353,664	419,944	138,207	60,037
Fife	Adam Smith College	125,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Carnegie College	0	196,246	145,368	29,074	0	21,805
	Elmwood College ¹	55,084	47,608	27,256	14,537	5,815	0
Glasgow	Anniesland College	0	54,513	18,171	0	0	36,342
	Cardonald College	0	109,026	72,684	21,805	0	14,537
	City of Glasgow	0	185,344	152,636	0	0	32,708
	John Wheatley College	95,123	25,439	25,439	0	0	0
	Langside College	0	0	0	0	0	0
	North Glasgow College	81,326	489,889	392,493	0	0	97,396
	Stow College	173,181	138,099	87,221	50,879	0	0
Highlands and Islands	Inverness College	0	145,368	145,368	0	0	0
	Lewis Castle College	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Moray College	0	196,973	69,776	116,294	10,903	0
	Perth College	0	273,291	167,173	54,513	36,342	15,264
	North Highland College	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Orkney College	95,344	0	0	0	0	0
	Shetland College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lanarkshire	Coatbridge College	269,268	72,684	0	43,610	21,805	7,268
	Cumbernauld College	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Motherwell College	0	65,415	65,415	0	0	0
	South Lanarkshire College	18,737	384,151	352,791	0	31,359	0
Land Based	Barony College	101,953	0	0	0	0	0
	Elmwood College ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Oatridge College	0	66,142	49,425	0	0	16,717
Tayside	Angus College	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dundee College	0	635,257	500,791	98,123	36,342	0
West	Clydebank College	71,328	130,831	130,831	0	0	0
	James Watt College ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Reid Kerr College	0	127,197	92,308	23,259	11,629	0
West Lothian	West Lothian College	68,243	210,783	109,026	50,879	0	50,879
	Newbattle Abbey College	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sabhal Mor Ostaig	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		5,375,691	6,057,598	4,299,782	1,054,387	314,134	389,295

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