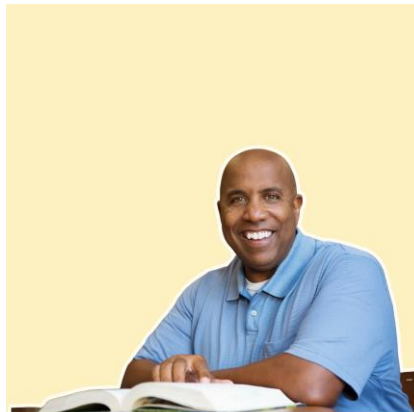


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Having better education and skills after people have left school

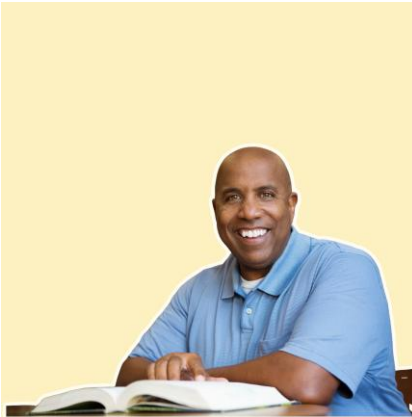
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Education and skills after people have left school means learning and training in:

- college
- university
- the workplace



It is really important because it:

- helps people of all ages into work
- makes sure Scotland has people with the right skills for now and for the future



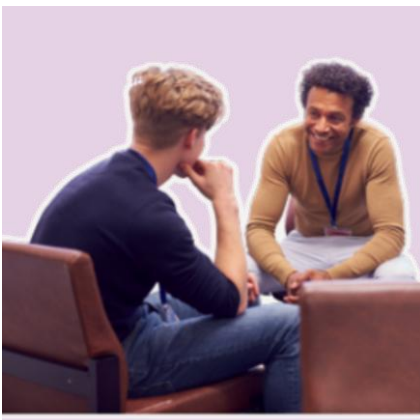
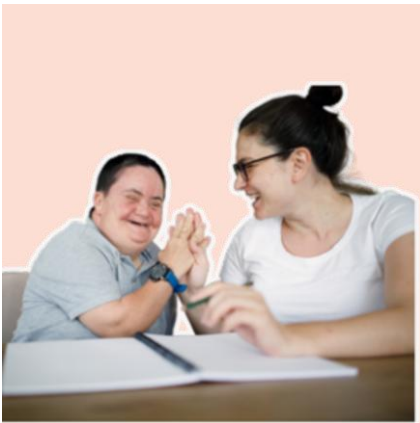
More than 3 billion pounds is spent on this every year.

Now the Scottish Government wants to create a simpler, accessible system for learning and training after people have left school.



Colleges and universities do not have enough money so the Scottish Government has 5 projects about:

- how courses and learners get funding
- the skills Scotland needs for the future
- the qualifications available after young people leave school
- **apprenticeships** – these are jobs where you learn and gain experience
- **career advice** – this means advice to help you find a job that is right for you



A new law was agreed by the Scottish Parliament in March 2026.

This is a big step in changing the system.

But progress has been slow.



The Scottish Government has not planned well enough for how these projects will be done.



It is not clear how much the changes will cost.



It is not clear how the Scottish Government will be able to tell if the changes have made a difference.



There needs to be clear links between the changes the Scottish Government wants to see, and the skills and education we need for the future.



This is important in many areas like:

- helping to grow Scotland's **economy**
– this means how much money Scotland has and how we spend that money as a country



- dealing with **climate change** – this means the way the world's weather and temperature are changing because people are using oil, gas and coal

We need more people to be skilled in dealing with climate change.



It is important that the Scottish Government works with everyone affected by the changes.

This means talking to:

- students and staff working across our colleges and universities
- businesses and employers

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