

EXECUTIVE NOTE TO
THE DESIGNATION OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION (THE
SCOTTISH AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2008
SSI 2008/ 163

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 44(1) and 60(3) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 (“the 1992 Act”). The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

In October 2006, The Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) applied to the First Minister to be designated as a higher education institution under the 1992 Act. Designation is granted by the Scottish Ministers on the basis of a designation audit based on a set of criteria. The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) Scotland were commissioned to advise the Scottish Ministers on SAC’s application and QAA’s audit found that SAC satisfied all the criteria.

The higher education sector and relevant stakeholders were consulted by the Scottish Government for their views on SAC being designated as a higher education institution. The responses to the consultation exercise were, in general, supportive.
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/04/SAC>

SAC is currently the last remaining Central Institution in Scotland and its designation as a higher education institution will bring it fully into the higher education sector.

Consultation

SAC has been consulted during the preparation of this instrument.

Financial Effects

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared as this instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

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