

# Government welcomes new figures on positive destinations for university graduates



Higher Education Minister Shirley-Anne Somerville has welcomed the publication of new statistics showing 91 per cent of Scotland's university graduates are going into positive destinations.

Statistics released by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) show that Scotland's graduates have maintained a high percentage of leavers going into work or further study and a higher median salary for full-time first degree leavers compared to the other nations of the UK.

The report also highlights that 93 per cent of those that studied a 'Science subject' have gone on to employment, further study or a combination of the two, the highest level of all the UK countries.



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Ms Somerville, said: "These are very positive statistics with 91 per cent of our university graduates are going into positive destinations, either work or further study.

"I am in no doubt that the thousands of students who are graduating this summer and completing their courses can take

heart in these findings, knowing that their hard work and determination has been worth it and that they have positive opportunities to look forward to.

“The statistics also show a very optimistic story for those who studied Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM) qualifications which shows our commitment to increasing participation in these subjects is delivering real results.”