



## **merSETA DISCRETIONARY GRANT: 2ND FUNDING WINDOW FOR 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR APPLICATION: SPECIFIC INITIATIVES**

Opening Date: **11 July 2022** and Closing **10 August 2022**

The Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (merSETA) invites relevant stakeholders to apply for discretionary grants for the 2022/23 financial year (2nd Funding Window). The second funding Window aims to invite applications to address specific national and sector needs for the initiatives below listed.

1. Skills development programmes through partnerships with levy-paying and non-levy-paying employers/companies to address Occupations in Demand PIVOTAL List/occupational shortages/skills gaps as identified in the merSETA Sector Skills Plan (SSP) and Annual Performance Plan
2. Skills development programmes for ERRP skills and occupations as identified in the Annual Performance Plan. Please refer to merSETA mwebsite ([www.merseta.org.za](http://www.merseta.org.za)) for SSP 2022-23 (i.e. Occupational Shortages and Skills Gap in the Sector pp. 34 - 45 and annexure 2: merSETA Priority Skills List) and Annual Performance Plan for occupations in demand inclusive of those for merSETA chambers/sub-sectors and the ERRP (APP 2022-23 pp 54 – 58).
3. Candidacy programmes for engineering graduates registered to acquire professional registration
4. TVET and HEI WIL programmes to facilitate/support TVET and HEI students acquire national qualifications
5. Cooperative enterprise development programmes for both mer occupations in demand and supporting business/organisation develop skills
6. Skills development for trade union membership
7. Development of Black leadership and management skills/capacity, with particular emphasis on females within the merSETA industries
8. Skills development for Black Industrialists
9. Retrenchment assistance programmes for workers retrenched from merSETA companies
10. Skills development for township and rural small and micro enterprises offering MER services and products
11. Green skills development programmes for mer sector
12. Entrepreneurship training for youth to support self-employment within merSETA sector industries
13. Skills development programmes for people with disability for occupations in demand and skills gaps as identified in the merSETA Sector Skills Plan (SSP) and Annual Performance Plan.
14. Community Education and Training (CET) and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) College Managers receiving training on curriculum-related studies.
15. Community Education and Training (CET) and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) College Lecturers exposed to the industry through skills programmes.
16. Community Education and Training (CET) and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) College funded for merSETA occupational programmes, equipment and workshop infrastructure.
17. Bursaries for employed and unemployed learners entering, continuing and completing studies.

In addition, preference will be given to applications from the following stakeholder groups:

### **Who can apply?**

- a) merSETA levy-paying employers/companies
- b) Non-levy paying employers/companies/enterprises operating within the mer-sector
- c) SMEs operating within the mer sector
- d) Cooperatives operating within the mer sector
- e) Trade Unions
- f) Employer Associations
- g) Higher Education Institutions
- h) TVET Colleges
- i) CET Colleges
- j) Accredited Skills Development Providers

### **Mandatory compliance documents**

- Proof of company registration
- Valid Certificate Tax Clearance – must not have expired
- Valid B-BBEE Certificate or a sworn B-BBEE affidavit, where applicable

### **Failure to submit any of the above-listed documents will result in the disqualification of the application.**

New Applicants must provide proof of/track record of education & training/ skills development capacity to deliver learning programme/s for which application addresses.

**How to Apply?** (All applicants who submitted DG applications during the period November 2021 and April 2022 need not reapply as the evaluations are underway)

- a) All applications must be submitted through NSDMS via the Projects Portal Platform [www.merseta.org.za](http://www.merseta.org.za)
- b) The funding window opens on 11 July 2022 and closes on 10 August 2022.
- c) merSETA reserves the right to request supplementary information where applicable, and applicants will be given 7 working days to submit the information or address any queries that merSETA may have concerning the applications submitted. Failure to submit the supplementary information within the stipulated timeframe would lead to disqualification of that application.
- d) The due date for submission will not be extended, and any late or incomplete application will not be considered.
- e) No email applications will be accepted.