



merSETA

MANUFACTURING, ENGINEERING
AND RELATED SERVICES SETA

merSETA DISCRETIONARY GRANT: 2nd FUNDING WINDOW FOR 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR APPLICATION: SPECIFIC INITIATIVES

Opening Date: **27 November 2023** and Closing **08 Dec 2023**

The Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (merSETA) invites relevant stakeholders to apply for discretionary grants for the 2023/24 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, to address the following (PIVOTAL)
 - **Trade/ artisan qualifications (new learner registration)**
 - **Skills Programmes for employed learners**
 - **Learnerships for employed learners**
 - **Bursaries for employed learners (New and Continuing)**as identified in the merSETA Sector Skills Plan (SSP) and Annual Performance Plan
 2. Skills development programmes through partnerships with Higher Education Institutes (Public), TVET Colleges (Public) and CET Colleges (Public), to address the following
 - **Bursaries for unemployed learners (New and Continuing)**
 - **Learners registered for WIL Programmes from TVET**
 - **AET programmes for CET learners**
 3. **Cooperative enterprise development** programmes for both mer occupations in demand and supporting business/organisation develop skills
 4. Skills development for **trade union** membership
 5. CET and TVET College funded for merSETA occupational programmes, equipment and workshop infrastructure.
 6. Research – **TVET Growth Occupationally directed programmes**
 7. Retrenchment assistance programmes for workers retrenched from merSETA companies
 8. Corporate Social Initiatives and Sponsorships
 9. Skills development in renewable energy; the provision of for solar component manufacturing, installation, maintenance, repair and service of equipment.
 10. People trained on entrepreneurship supported to start their business.
 11. Rural Development Projects supported through skills development.
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In addition, preference will be given to applications from the following stakeholder groups:

Who can apply?

- a) merSETA levy-paying and non-levy-paying employers
- b) Cooperatives operating within the mer sector
- c) Trade Unions
- d) Higher Education Institutions
- e) TVET Colleges
- f) CET Colleges
- g) Private Skills Development Providers
- h) Research Organisation
- i) Public entities or departments.

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 April 2023 and May 2023 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
- b) The funding window opens on 27 November 2023 and closes on 08 December 2023
- 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.
- f) Please note that you can only apply once for of eleven (11) initiative on NSDMS.

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