



**DISCRETIONARY GRANT: 3RD FUNDING WINDOW FOR 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR APPLICATIONS:  
PIVOTAL PLAN AND SPECIFIC INITIATIVES**

**Opening Date: 01 October 2024**  
**Closing Date: 18 October 2024**

The Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (merSETA) hereby invites relevant stakeholders to apply for discretionary grants for the 2024/25 Financial Year (3rd Funding Window). Only grant applications for training that is being implemented within the 2024/25 (01 April 2024 - 31 March 2025) financial year will be considered. This funding window aims to invite applications to address national and sector needs for the initiatives listed below:

No.	PROJECT/INDICATOR	DESCRIPTION
1.	<b>Unemployed Learners registered for bursary programmes (new and continuing)</b>	Bursary funding for unemployed learners who are in need of a bursary with a qualification New entries – (1 <sup>st</sup> year study) Continuing entries – (Year 2-4 of study)
2.	<b>Qualifications Design, Development &amp; Review Projects</b>	Develop qualifications as per industry requirements
3.	<b>Development of the Qualification Assessment Specification (QAS) Document</b>	Develop QAS on templates in line with QCTO requirements
4.	<b>Development of Assessment Tools</b>	Theory and practical as applicable and memos/rubrics per qualification/programme using the QCTO approved QAS Addendum
5.	<b>Sector research agreements signed for TVET growth, occupationally directed programmes</b>	Detailed Terms of Reference attached
6.	<b>TVET colleges funded for merSETA occupational programmes, equipment and workshop infrastructure</b>	Funding targeted at TVET colleges in need of equipment and workshop infrastructure to offer Occupational Qualifications
7.	<b>Metal Chamber GBV Safe Circle Toolkits Action Research Pilot Project</b>	Detailed Terms of Reference attached
8.	<b>CET colleges funded for merSETA occupational programmes, equipment and workshop infrastructure</b>	Funding targeted at CET colleges in need of equipment and workshop infrastructure to offer Occupational Qualifications
9.	<b>Career development Project</b>	Targeted Career Awareness for Students with Special Education Needs in STEM Fields
10.	<b>Learners registered for trade or artisan qualifications - new registrations</b>	Funding targeted at learners who will be registered for apprenticeship programmes related to the mer sector
11.	<b>CET learners accessing AET programmes</b>	Funding for adult learning programmes at a CET college, which may include ABET or AET or Foundational Learning Certificate (FLC) or short courses

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

- merSETA levy-paying and non-levy-paying employers;
- Community Based Organisations (CBOs) / Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) / Non-profit Organisations (NPOs);
- Cooperatives operating within the merSETA sector;
- Trade Unions;
- Higher Education Institutions;
- TVET / CET Colleges;
- Research Organisations;
- Skills Development Providers; and
- Bursary Management Organisations.

**Mandatory Compliance Documents**

- Proof of company registration.
- Valid Tax Clearance Certificate – 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.

**How to Apply?**

- All applications must be submitted through the National Skills Development Management System (NSDMS) via the Projects Portal Platform on <https://nsdms.merseta.org.za/> before the closing date. **Note:** Registration of new organisation and SDF on NSDMS takes at least 48 hours.
- The funding window opens on 01 October 2024 and closes on 18 October 2024.
- The merSETA reserves the right to request supplementary information where applicable, and applicants will be given seven (7) working days to submit the information or address any queries that the merSETA may have concerning the applications submitted. Failure to submit the supplementary information requested within the stipulated period will lead to disqualification.
- The due date for submission will not be extended, and any late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- No email applications will be accepted.