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merSETA to Host TVET Capacity-Building Event to Strengthen Collaboration and Funding Access

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Attention: News Editors/ Journalists / Manufacturing and Engineering Reporters

JOHANNESBURG, 14 November 2025 – The Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (merSETA) will host the TVET College Capacitation Event 2025 on Friday, 28 November 2025, at the Garden Court OR Tambo International Airport in Kempton Park, Gauteng.

The event, organised by the merSETA, aims to strengthen collaboration and improve access to funding between the merSETA and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges. The initiative responds to the recognition that many TVET colleges are not yet fully capacitated to engage effectively with the merSETA's funding opportunities and processes.

This capacity-building intervention is designed to enhance the skills and understanding of TVET college personnel responsible for applying for Discretionary Grant (DG) funding. In previous DG funding windows, several college proposals did not meet the required standards or align adequately with the Terms of Reference. This gap necessitated an engagement to share key information on the DG application process, compliance requirements and practical guidance to improve the quality and responsiveness of submissions.

The capacitation session will be attended by relevant representatives from TVET colleges, particularly those responsible for partnerships, linkages, and skills development initiatives. Attendance is limited to two delegates per college, focusing on personnel directly involved in the preparation and submission of DG proposals.

Participants will also receive technical guidance on the merSETA's funding models and systems, including practical training on the National Skills Development Management System (NSDMS) to help colleges navigate the online application and reporting platform accurately. This will enable colleges to make better use of available opportunities and contribute to the broader national goal of improving skills levels across the South African workforce.

The merSETA aims to build a stronger, more collaborative and responsive post-school education and training ecosystem that enables TVET colleges to become active partners in advancing industry-relevant skills development and employability.

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About merSETA

The Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (merSETA) is one of the 21 Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) established to promote skills development in terms of the Skills Development Act of 1998. The merSETA facilitates skills development for its sub-sectors, which include metal and engineering, auto manufacturing, motor retail and component manufacturing, tyre manufacturing, and plastics industries.