



merSETA
MANUFACTURING, ENGINEERING
AND RELATED SERVICES SETA



IMPORTANT NOTICE

MANDATORY GRANT SUBMISSION WINDOW: 2026/2027

This notice serves to inform all the merSETA stakeholders that the NSDMS system will be open for the 2026/2027 Mandatory Grant applications from 2 February 2026 to 30 April 2026.

Skills Development Facilitators (SDF) are reminded of the following reporting periods:

- The Annual Training Report (ATR): 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.
- The Workplace Skills Plan (WSP): 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026.

Sign-Off Requirements

Stakeholders are advised to take note of the following requirements regarding the sign-off of Mandatory Grant applications:

- Where a recognition agreement exists between the organisation and labour/ labour union, regardless of the size of the workforce, a Labour SDF who is a member of the Training Committee is required to sign-off the grant application on or before the deadline date.
- Where a recognition agreement does not exist and the company employs 50 or more employees, an Employee SDF who is a member of the Training Committee is required to sign off the Mandatory Gant application on or before the deadline date.
- Organising Framework for Occupations (OFO) Codes: Stakeholders are further advised that the 2021 OFO Code Version will be applicable for the current reporting period for both the ATR and WSP submissions.

How to Apply:

Mandatory Grant applications must be submitted electronically through the NSDMS (<https://nsdms.merseta.org.za/login.jsf>) application platform within the stipulated timeframes.

All applicants are encouraged to to familiarise themselves with the application requirements as outlined in the Grant Policy and Criteria Guideline, which is available on the merSETA website at: www.merseta.org.za.

For Assistance

Stakeholders requiring support may contact the relevant merSETA Regional Offices as follows:

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Gauteng North	010 219 3007
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