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Closure of Funding Windows 1 to 6 and Opening of Funding Window 7

The Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (merSETA) thanks all stakeholders who participated in the 2026/27 Discretionary Grant (DG) Funding Windows process.

1 Closure of Funding Windows 1 to 6

Stakeholders are advised that Funding Windows 1 to 6 have now officially closed in accordance with the published DG Funding Window Schedule.

These windows covered applications from levy-paying and non-levy-paying employers, SMMEs, government entities, SEZs and industrial development entities, HEIs, TVET/CET colleges, NGOs, CBOs, trade unions and co-operatives.



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Discretionary Grant applications received
across Funding Windows 1 to 6.

2 Next Steps in the Application Process

All submitted applications will now proceed through the merSETA verification, evaluation, adjudication and approval processes.

Submission of an application does not constitute automatic approval. Funding awards remain subject to applicable requirements, governance processes and availability of funds.

Applicants will be notified of the outcomes within the prescribed 90-day period following the closure of the relevant funding window.

3 Funding Window 7: SDPs and Assessment Centres

Skills Development Providers (SDPs) and Assessment Centres are reminded that Funding Window 7 is currently open.

Window	Opening Date	Closing Date
Window 7: SDPs & Assessment Centres	21 Jul 2026	17 Aug 2026

Eligible SDPs and Assessment Centres are encouraged to submit their applications through the NSDMS before the closing date.

4 Appreciation

The merSETA appreciates the continued partnership and commitment of all stakeholders in advancing skills development, employment creation, artisan development, workplace-based learning and sector growth.

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