

W&RSETA 2024 BURSARY SCHEME

The Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (W&RSETA) invites **public and private TVET and HET institutions, bursary administrators, employers and Retail Chairs** to apply for bursaries towards qualifications in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and 4IR fields. Applications may be made on behalf of unemployed students enrolled on ICT qualifications for the 2024 academic year.

1. Qualifying Academic Programmes:

The W&RSETA will consider applications for ICT skills defined as all technical means used to handle information and aid communication. Examples of these skills will include:

- Information Systems: Managing data and information
- Control systems
- Communication systems: Transport of data / Multimedia / Telecommunications / Cloud Computing
- Hardware
- Software Development
- Computer network
- Cyber Security

The following programmes that lead to any of the above qualifications to be obtained in the IT/ICT fields will be considered:

- Academic programmes (higher certificate, degree and diploma) at NQF levels 5-7.
- Occupational qualifications registered by the QCTO with an allocated NLRD number.

2. Qualifying Entities / Institutions:

The following institutions are eligible to apply for bursary funding:

- Public HETIs and TVET colleges
- Private HETIs and TVET colleges
- Bursary service providers/administrators
- Retail Chairs
- Wholesale and Retail Employers
- Trade Unions

3. Submission Requirements

- Applicants must upload the following documentation on the W&RSETA Management Information System (MIS) to conclude their application as proof of registration and programme accreditation:
 - SAQA registration number for the programme/qualification
 - CHE registration approval letter for institution offering programme
 - DHET registration certificate for institution offering programme
 - Proof of Accreditation with QCTO (occupational qualifications)
- Successful applicants will be expected to enter into an agreement with the W&RSETA for the duration of the study period of the funded students.
- Institutions must submit the following documents upon the acceptance of the Award Letter to confirm the allocation:
 - List of selected students registered for the field of studies listed above
 - Cost schedule per course and student
- Applicants will be responsible for the recruitment and registration of qualifying students on the MIS.

4. Eligibility Criteria for Bursary Beneficiaries:

- South African citizens (below 35 years)
- Accepted or registered with the institution in the study areas listed above
- Preference will be given to students classified as “missing middle” based on parental income between R350 000 – R600 000 as identified by the Institution.

5. Application Process:

- Applications must be made on the MIS accessible via the W&RSETA website: www.wrseta.org.za
- Proof of Institutional registrations and programme approval with the relevant quality assurance body to be uploaded with the application on MIS. (As per section 3 above)
- The W&RSETA provincial offices will provide guidance for first time applicants to access the MIS.
- No applications from individual students will be accepted. All applications must be made through the institution of learning or employers.
- Deadline for applications is **31 August 2024**.
- Allocations will be prioritised in the order of receipt, subject to availability of funding.

6. Funding Structure:

- Applications must be made on the MIS accessible via the W&RSETA website: www.wrseta.org.za

- Funding will be awarded to students for the 2024 academic year.
- Funding will be towards tuition and books / stationary fees.
- Incidental costs such as meals and travel costs may be funded at the discretion of the W&RSETA based on a criteria that proves the need of the students.
- All claims will be processed after bursar registrations are approved by the W&RSETA on the MIS system and contracts are fully signed with the institutions or employers.
- A Grant Claim form will trigger the payment of the bursary funding.

Please submit the costing schedule and requested documentation to **Ms Maria Mahlangu** at **012 622 9500** or mmahlangu@wrseta.org.za