



The Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (W&RSETA) invites all public and private TVET and HET institutions, bursary administrators, employers and Retail Chairs to apply for bursaries for retail and related qualifications. Preference will be given to students enrolled for the 2024 academic year and that are studying towards qualifications that address the <u>Sectoral Priority Occupations and Interventions</u>, <u>Emerging Occupations</u> and <u>Hard to Fill Vacancies</u> identified in the <u>Sector Skills Plan 2024/25</u>. Retail Related Qualifications as listed below may also be considered:

- Food Technology / Food Security
- Financial Accounting / Management
- Human Resources
- Operations Management
- Supply Chain Management
- Business Management / Administration
- Credit Management
- Clothing Technology / Production

1. Qualifying Academic Programmes:

Applications for academic programmes (higher certificate, degree and diploma) that address the skills at **NQF levels 5-7** indicated above will be considered for unemployed students, as well as **NCV Levels 2-4** and **NATED N4-N6** qualifications at TVET colleges.

Applications for Occupational Qualifications registered by the QCTO and has an allocated NLRD number.

2. Qualifying 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
- Employers
- Trade Unions

3. Submission Requirements

- Entities must upload the following documentation on 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 entities 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 provide the W&RSETA with the following documents upon the acceptance of the Award Letter to confirm the allocation:
 - List of selected registered students as aligned to the field of studies listed above
 - Cost schedule per course and student
- Entities will be responsible for the recruitment and registration of qualifying students on the W&RSETA Management Information System (MIS).

4. Bursary Beneficiaries:

- South African citizens (below 35 years if unemployed)
- Accepted or registered with the institution in relation to 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-line via the stakeholder portal on 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 provincial offices will provide guidance for first time applicants to access MIS.
- W&RSETA is unable to receive applications from individual students and all applications must be made via the Institution of learning or employers.
- This funding window deadline is 28 February 2024.
- Allocations will be based on first come first serve basis, depending availability of funding.

Funding Structure:

- Funding will be awarded at the discretion of the W&RSETA, based on the availability of funds.
- Funding will be awarded to students for the 2024 academic year.
- Funding will be towards tuition and books / stationary fees.
- W&RSETA may consider allowances towards accommodation, transport or incidental costs for deserving 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 the relevant provincial office below:

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