

2025/26 DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUNDING WINDOWS

The Wholesale and Retail SETA (W&RSETA) invites its stakeholder companies to participate in the Discretionary Grant programmes by applying for grants to implement interventions that address the [Sector al Priority Occupations and Interventions \(HTFVs\)](#), as well as Emerging Occupations outlined in the Sector Skills Plan for the 2025/26 financial year.

Applications may be made for the following interventions as per the approved Annual Performance Plan 2025/26:

Interventions	Number of learners	Eligible Entities
Employed bursaries NQF levels 5 - 8	900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W&RSETA levy-paying entities W&RSETA Associations CET, TVET and HET institutions
Employed Learnerships and/or Occupational Qualifications	4 800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W&RSETA levy-paying entities W&RSETA Associations Skills Development Providers TVET & HET Institutions
Employed Skills Programmes	3 200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W&RSETA levy-paying entities W&RSETA Associations Skills Development Providers TVET & HET Institutions
Unemployed Learnerships and/or Occupational Qualifications	10 000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W&RSETA levy-paying entities W&RSETA Associations HET & TVET Institutions
Unemployed Skills Programmes	2 000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W&RSETA levy-paying entities W&RSETA Associations HET & TVET Institutions
Work Integrated Learning programmes for TVET college learners	2 045	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W&RSETA levy-paying entities W&RSETA Associations TVET Institutions
Work Integrated Learning programmes for HET learners	900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W&RSETA levy-paying entities W&RSETA Associations HET Institutions

The following stakeholders are eligible to apply for funding in this funding window:

- W&RSETA levy-paying companies (submitted the 2024/25 Annexure II)
- W&RSETA Employer Constituency Associations
- CET, TVET and HET institutions
- Accredited Skills Development Providers
- Government organisations and entities intending to support the W&R Sector

Allocation Criteria:

- W&RSETA levy-paying employers will be prioritised on allocations.
- Levy-paying companies must have made Annexure II submissions for 2024/25.
- The W&RSETA will consider stakeholder track record on implementation of previously funded programmes in terms of:
 - Completion rate;
 - Absorption rate of unemployed beneficiaries;
 - Timeous completion of programmes as per learner agreements / implementation plans;
 - Sufficient capacity to administer and implement programmes in the organisation; and
 - Beneficiary feedback.



W&RSETA Key Focus Areas:

- The W&RSETA will prioritise unemployed programmes aimed at the following beneficiaries:
 - People living with disabilities (4%)
 - Learners from rural areas (12%)
 - Females (60%)
- The W&RSETA will verify the capacity of the applicant to deliver the training and/or host learners prior to implementation (due diligence / workplace approval).
- Sound financial standing of entities hosting unemployed beneficiaries to sustain stipends of learners during the registration, contracting and claims processing period

Method of Application:

- All applications must be made online through the W&RSETA Management Information System (MIS) using an SDL number to access the system.
- Stakeholders must consult the relevant provincial office where applicant is based for assistance to access to the MIS or related challenges.
- Applications will be made per NQF level per intervention type listed above.

Allocation process:

- Allocations will be approved by the W&RSETA on the MIS.
- Applicants must accept the allocations awarded on the MIS to generate the Award Letters.
- Award Letters will be issued to successful applicants upon acceptance of the allocations no later than 30 April 2025.
- Should stakeholders not receive an Award Letter by 30 April 2025, their application should be considered unsuccessful.
- The W&RSETA reserves the right to issue an award after this date should allocations be declined or not fully implemented.
- Award Letters must be signed and loaded on the MIS by the applicants within 10 working days.
- All learners for whom funding is awarded, must be registered by the W&RSETA on the MIS by **31 August 2025**, or as per the conditions set in the Award letter.
- Failure to register learners within the stipulated timelines will result in the re-allocation of funding awarded.
- All WBPL applications will be subject to workplace evaluation and approval for first time participants.

Application deadline date:

Applications will close at midnight on **14 March 2025**. No late applications will be considered

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