

W&RSETA 2026 BURSARY SCHEME FOR UNEMPLOYED STUDENTS (CONTINUING BURSARS IN THE 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR)

FUNDING WINDOW OVERVIEW

The Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (W&RSETA) invites **public and private TVET and HET institutions, bursary administrators, W&RSETA levy-paying entities and Retail Chairs** to apply for bursaries on behalf of students who were funded by the W&RSETA for the 2025 academic year and have continued or will be continuing into the next level of their qualifications in the 2026 academic year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

This funding window is only for students that were funded by the W&RSETA in the 2025 academic year and have not yet applied for continued funding for their 2026 academic year studies. These students must meet the requirements as listed below:

- a) They must have been funded by the W&RSETA for the 2025 academic year and are currently enrolled for their qualification in the 2026 academic year; OR
- b) They must have been funded by the W&RSETA for the 2025 academic year studies; commenced their studies in the second semester of the 2025 academic year and will be enrolling for the 2026 studies in the second semester of the 2026 academic year.
 - **N.B. Funding for continuing bursars who will be enrolled in the second semester will be confirmed on submission of their results.**

APPLICATION PROCESS

- a) Applications must be made online via the stakeholder portal on the W&RSETA website: www.wrseta.org.za
 - Applicants must select the 2026 Unemployed Continuing Bursary Project.
 - The W&RSETA will not accept applications from individual students. All applications must be made by HET/TVET colleges or bursary administrator that had entered into MOAs with the W&RSETA for the 2025 academic year
- b) The documents listed below must be uploaded as part of the application:
 - Previous MOA with the W&RSETA
 - List of students funded under the 2025 MOA indicating their results, continuing status as well as the reconciliation of funds disbursed to each bursar through the W&RSETA Bursary Scheme for the 2025 academic year.
- c) Successful applicants/institutions will be required to submit 2025 academic year Statements of Fees and Statements of Results for each student upon acceptance of the Award Letter to confirm allocations.
- d) The deadline for submission of applications is **30 May 2026**.

CONTRACTING BETWEEN W&RSETA AND FUNDED INSTITUTIONS

- Allocations will be made to successful applicants in the form of an Award Letter that will be generated from the MIS by no later than **30 June 2026**.
- Upon acceptance of the Award Letter, the applicant should conduct bursar registrations on the MIS within the timeframes that will be indicated in the Award Letters.
- Contracts will be concluded with Institutions based on bursar registrations that are approved by the W&RSETA on the MIS.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDING:

- Funding for students for the 2026 academic year will be as per the funding rates of the initial contract that the institution had entered into with the W&RSETA.
- Contracts will be concluded after bursar registrations are approved by the W&RSETA on the MIS.
- Payments will be processed upon receipt of a compliant Grant Claim form and invoice once the contract is concluded.

Please contact the relevant provincial office for assistance to access MIS and submit your applications:

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