

COVID-19 SUPPORT INTERVENTION: ADDITIONAL STIPENDS FOR 18.2 (UNEMPLOYED) LEARNERS ENROLLED ON LEARNERSHIPS

The W&RSETA has approved grant funding for additional stipends to be paid to unemployed learners enrolled in various learnership interventions who have been receiving stipends during the COVID-19 national lockdown and whose training period was extended as a result of the lockdown.

This grant funding is available only to companies that continued to pay stipends during the lockdown when training did not take place, and subsequently extended the learning period of the learners with the number of months lost as a result of the lockdown. Learners whose learning period has not been extended will not qualify for the grant. Additionally, companies that applied for the Unemployment Insurance Fund's COVID-19 TERS, do not qualify to apply for this grant. The grant funding is intended for 18.2 learners who are currently enrolled in learnership programmes and are active on the SETA Management System. Learners on Skills Programmes do not qualify for additional funding.

Companies that are interested in applying for the grant must complete the attached application form that must be accompanied by an SMS report indicating the affected learners and training interventions. Application forms and supporting documentation must be submitted to the relevant W&RSETA Provincial Office. On receipt of an application forms, the W&RSETA will issue the company with an Addendum to reflect the additional stipends. Applications that are not compliant or are submitted after **29 January 2021** will not be considered.

Stakeholder are requested to contact their relevant provincial office for related queries.

Yours in skills development,

W&RSETA

