

APPRENTICESHIPS & CANDIDACY PROGRAMME DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUNDING WINDOW

The W&RSETA invites its stakeholder companies to apply for the 2023/24 Discretionary Grant for apprenticeships. Participation of W&RSETA stakeholders in these programmes will enable the organisation to contribute to the National Development Plan targets and address the artisan priority trades in high demand that will contribute towards bridging the skills gap for artisans in the Wholesale and Retail Sector.

Professional bodies and W&RSETA companies are also invited to apply for Discretionary Grants to place and support candidates to achieve their professional designations that are aligned to the Hard-to-Fill Vacancies as identified in the Sector Skills Plan.

ELIGIBLE ARTISAN PROGRAMMES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

The W&RSETA will prioritise trades that are in high demand as per the attached Annexure:

INTERVENTIONS	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS
Apprenticeships Registration (Apprentices in various trade qualifications)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Skills Development Providers accredited by the QCTO, NAMB or and other related bodies (e.g. SAMSA) • W&RSETA levy-paying companies • W&RSETA Levy Registered Organizations • TVET Colleges
ARPL Registration (Employed or experienced artisans for Recognition of Prior Learning e.g. gap identification for further training and/or preparation for trade test), NCV L4, learnership L4	Trade test centres and accredited RPL centres
Completions / Trade Test Candidates Registration (Experienced/employed apprentices/candidates ready for trade testing and/or candidates who failed third trade test attempt)), NCV L4, Learnership L4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Skills Development Providers accredited by QCTO, the (NAMB) or and other related bodies (e.g. SAMSA) • W&RSETA levy-paying entities • Artisan Trade Centre • W&RSETA Levy Registered Organizations
Candidacy programme (registration)	Professional Bodies

ALLOCATION CRITERIA:

- Preference will be given to W&RSETA levy-paying employers when awarding grants.
 - W&RSETA levy-paying companies must have submitted their Annexure II documents for the 2022/23 financial year by 30 April 2022 .
- Other factors to be considered for each intervention are the following:
 - Intervention 1 (Enrolment of Apprentices): Applicant's track record in the successful implementation of Artisan/ARPL programmes and related administration (enrolment/registration) will be considered when awarding the grants.

- Intervention 2 (Enrolment of ARPL candidates): Applicant's track record in the successful implementation of apprentice programmes and related administration (enrolment/registration) will be considered when awarding the grants.
- Intervention 3 (Artisan Completions - Trade Test): Applicant's track record in the implementation of Artisan/ARPL programmes, trade tests and related administration will be considered when awarding the grants.
- Intervention 4 (Candidacy Programmes): Applicant's track record in the successful implementation and administration (enrolment/registration) of candidacy programmes will be considered when awarding the grants

METHOD OF APPLICATION:

- All applications must be submitted online through the W&RSETA Management Information System (MIS) using an SDL number to access the system.
- Where an entity does not have an SDL number, please consult the relevant provincial office for assistance.

ALLOCATION PROCESS:

- Award Letters will be issued to successful applicants after the closing date. Should stakeholders not receive an Award Letter by 31 August 2023, their application should be considered unsuccessful.
- Award Letters will be issued through the MIS which must be signed and be uploaded onto the system within 10 working days.
- All learners for whom funding is awarded must be registered by the W&RSETA by **30 November 2023** on the Learner Management System.
- Failure to register learners within the stipulated timelines will result in the re-allocation of funding awarded.
- Capacity to deliver the artisanal programme (Apprenticeship/ARPL and Completions/Trade Test) trade test centre accreditation letter, workplace approval letter /SDP accreditation Letters for trades applying for must be submitted during application stage or can be submitted before registering the beneficiaries with the W&RSETA.
- For Candidate Programme applications, the capacity of professional bodies to deliver the programme. Declaration of Workplace Placement must be submitted during application stage or can be submitted before registering the beneficiaries and contracting with the W&RSETA.
- Professional bodies must submit confirmation of host sites for the placement of their beneficiaries to gain relevant workplace experience.

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE:

Applications for funded interventions will close at midnight on **31 July 2023**. No late applications will be considered.

QUERIES

For enquiries related to these Funding Windows, please contact the respective W&RSETA official as depicted below:

Office Contact Details:			
Intervention	Contact Person	Contact Number	Provincial E-mail
Apprenticeship /Artisan/ARPL registration	Goodman Ndou	043 726 3281	gndou@wrseta.org.za
Artisan Trade Testing/ Completions	Goodman Ndou	043 726 3281	gndou@wrseta.org.za
Candidacy Programme	Maria Mahlangu	012 622 9500	mmahlangu@wrseta.org.za