

GIVING SMALL BUSINESSES A HAND UP (NOT HAND OUT) TO GROW

What is a Small, Medium and Micro Enterprise (SMME)?

In a SETA context, an SMME is a company that employs 0-49 people

There are over 100 000 wholesale and retail companies registered with the Wholesale and Retail SETA (W&RSETA) of which more than 90% are small businesses. These businesses have the potential to grow and provide much-needed employment in South Africa with the right support.

The W&RSETA is committed to supporting small businesses to grow through skills development and implements projects to assist these businesses. These include short courses and learnerships.

How does the W&RSETA assist small businesses?

Eligible companies can apply to the W&RSETA for Discretionary Grants for these programmes:

- Short programmes (short courses) and learnerships
- Placement of students to obtain workplace experience
- Bursaries up to PhD level
- Management and international executive development programmes
- Entrepreneurship development for youth-owned businesses

How can SMMEs benefit from the W&RSETA programmes?

Companies with an annual salary bill of R500 000 and above must complete a workplace skills plan to indicate their training needs each year by 30 April. The SETA assists companies to submit this document at no cost.

Benefits of participating in skills development

- Claim 20% of levies paid to SARS
- Apply for Discretionary Grant programmes
- Receive grants of up to R9500 for training to suit your business
- Increase profitability and economic growth
- Receive tax rebates for learnerships

ABOUT THE W&RSETA

The W&RSETA is one of the 21 entities of the Department of Higher Education that were established to facilitate skills development in the economic sectors that they service. The SETA develops qualifications, disburses grants, quality assures education and training, provides bursaries.

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