

W&RSETA FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SKILLS PROGRAMMES FOR VOCATIONAL: RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

1. OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

The Wholesale and Retail SETA (W&RSETA) has approved funding for 800 unemployed persons in rural areas to be trained on relevant Skills Programmes in the 2025/26 financial period. Relevant programmes will include Vocational Skills Programmes on hands-on skills for a particular trade or profession. This opportunity aims to promote self-development as well as entrepreneurship development for unemployed people in rural areas. The programme will include Work Readiness Programme and training in Vocational Skills Programmes.

Applicants must select only one province on the application.

2. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

This advert therefore invites applications from **the Accredited Skills Development Providers, Public and Private TVET and HET, and Traditional Councils** with scope to offer vocational skills programmes (e.g. hands-on skills).

Note: The applicant can be accredited for any vocational programme by any of the SETAs or QCTO.

3. METHOD OF APPLICATION

Applications must be made on the W&RSETA MIS by **07 February 2026** accompanied by the below documentation to be uploaded on MIS:

- Fully completed application form.
- Two reference letters for similar programmes implemented
- Proof of accreditation or program approval
- Roll out plan (implementation plan) in line with the stipulated deadline date as per below implementation requirements

4. IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Recruit unemployed persons in rural areas by **06 March 2026**
- Conduct work readiness programme for recruited learners by **15 March 2026**
- Assist participants to complete learner agreements and ensure the validity of their IDs and supporting documentation.
- Register learners on the W&RSETA System in accordance with the Award Letter that will be issued to successful applicants by **20 March 2026**.
- Contract with the W&RSETA for the implementation of the Programme.
- Train, assess learners and facilitate certification processes. (Training must be completed by **30 September 2026**).
- Entire programme roll out including certification to be completed by **30 December 2026**.

5. FUNDING STRUCTURE (per learner):

Management & Delivery Fee: **R6 600.00**

Stipends (4 months)- R3500 x 4: **R14 000.00**

Work Readiness Programme: **R3 000**

TOTAL PER LEARNER: **R23 600**

EISA (If Applicable): **To be funded by W&RSETA**

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