

W&RSETA FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VOCATIONAL SKILLS PROGRAMMES AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

1. OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

The Wholesale and Retail SETA (W&RSETA) has approved funding for 600 unemployed persons with disabilities to be trained on relevant skills programmes in the current financial period. These programmes include vocational skills programmes that teach hands-on skills for a particular trade or profession. This opportunity aims to promote inclusivity, accessibility, and self-development as well as entrepreneurship development of persons with disabilities and will include training in vocational skills programmes, business mentorship as well as business support grants

Applicants are required to select only one cluster from the table below to train 100 beneficiaries each.

2. ELLIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Applications are invited from the following stakeholders:

- b) Accredited skills development providers with scope to offer vocational skills programmes (e.g. sewing, cellphone repairs, etc.)
- c) Associations representing persons with disabilities (must have an SLA in place with an accredited provider to offer vocational programmes)

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

3. METHOD OF APPLICATION

Applications must be submitted on the W&RSETA MIS by **15 December 2025** and accompanied by the documentation below as a single submission:

- Fully completed [application form](#).
- Project proposal, budget breakdown and references of similar projects implemented.
- Proof of accreditation of the appointed SDP
- Implementation plan to adhere to stipulated deadline dates

4. IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Successful applicants will be required to:

- a) Recruit unemployed persons with disabilities who are aspiring entrepreneurs.
- b) Assist participants to complete learner agreements and ensure the validity of their IDs and supporting documentation.
- c) Register learners on the W&RSETA LMS in accordance with the award letter that will be issued to successful applicants by **28 February 2025**.
- d) Contract with the W&RSETA for the implementation of the programme.
- e) Train, assess learners and facilitate certification processes. Training must be completed by **30 June 2026**.
- f) Manage the disbursement of business support grants to successful beneficiaries.
- g) Mentor learners in growing their businesses and provide reports to the W&RSETA as per contract deliverables.
- h) Implementation of the entire programme to be completed by **30 September 2026**.

5. FUNDING STRUCTURE (per learner):

FUNDED ELEMENTS	UNIT STANDARD BASED SKILLS PROGRAMME	OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS PROGRAMME
Management & Delivery Fee	R8 250,00	R8 950,00
Stipends per Learner for 6 months	R21 000,00	R21 000,00
Reasonable Accommodation per Learner (Once Off)	R4 000,00	R4 000,00
Business Support Grant	R8 000,00	R8 000,00
Mentorship	R7 000,00	R7 000,00
TOTAL	R48 250	R49 410,00

- QCTO skills programme funding capped at **54 credits at R165 per credit**)
- Occupational skills programme capped at **5 unit standards at R1650 = R8 250**)
- EISAs will be funded by the W&RSETA for occupational skills programmes

For further information please contact the relevant Senior Regional Manager in the area of your application:

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