

20 March 2020

**W&RSETA Provider**

Dear Providers,

**RE: W&RSETA RESPONSE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROVIDER OPERATIONS IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL SECTOR**

On 15 March 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa declared a state of national disaster in South Africa as a result of the COVID-19 (corona virus) global pandemic. As part of the President's announcement and subsequent regulations in line with the Disaster Management Act, public gatherings of more than 100 are now prohibited. These developments, together with the general health concerns of the spread of the virus through human interaction have had an impact on the implementation of learning programmes.

I am writing to you to inform you of measures that the W&RSETA has implemented to address the impact on the implementation of learning programmes as follows:

- Providers should allot a time slot or period to COVID-19 awareness amongst learners. Credible sources, as available from the Department of Health, should form the basis for the awareness. Contact Department of Health on WhatsApp number: 060 0123 456, or visit NICD website [www.nicd.ac.za](http://www.nicd.ac.za) for current and credible information on COVID-19;
- Class sizes should be 1: 10 learners with adequate spacing between learners;
- Learners should maintain a minimum of 1 metre spacing between each other in a classroom;
- The use of gloves, masks and sanitizer with appropriate alcohol content must be encouraged and used regularly;
- Classrooms must be sanitized often and work spaces wiped down regularly with appropriate disinfectant during the course of the day.

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- Learners displaying flu-like symptoms should be excused immediately from class and it is recommended that they seek immediate medical attention for further medical diagnosis.

W&RSETA will make regular updates to these communications as requirements change according to Government pronouncements.

Stakeholders can contact their relevant regional office should the need arise.

Sincerely,



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