



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

### RE: SERVICES SETA— TERMINATION/CANCELLATION OF ALL PRESCRIBED AND LAPSED DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROJECT CLAIMS

Effective 30 March 2026

1. The Services SETA wishes to address recent inquiries, concerns and correspondences in respect of claims associated with the Discretionary Grant funding, originally issued and applicable for the 2014 – 2022 DG windows.
2. After a thorough accounting and legal processes review, the Services SETA hereby confirms in line with the applicable statutory prescripts governing the administration of discretionary grants including the *Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) Grant Regulations regarding monies received by a SETA and related matters*, Government Gazette No. 35940, 03 December 2012 (“**DG Regulations**”) and Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999 (“**PFMA**”), that this notice serves to effectively terminate and/or cancel all Agreements and Offers of Intention to Contract issued and/or concluded between 2014 and 2022 (“**Legacy Projects**”), with immediate effect.
3. In light of the above termination and/or cancellation, the Services SETA shall therefore not accept any outstanding or newly submitted claims related to these Legacy Projects, as these have effectively prescribed. The Services SETA shall also no longer accept invoices submitted for learner training that was either never endorsed by the Accounting Authority through a duly signed Service Level Agreement, or invoices related to Service Level Agreements that have expired by effluxion of time or remain inactive without valid reasons. The Services SETA hereby places it on record that it shall not process, validate or reconsider any such prescribed claims.
4. The Services SETA shall not be liable for any alleged losses, obligations, defects, or commitments related to projects, Agreements and Letters of Intention to Contract that have expired by effluxion of time and Letters of Intention to Contract that remain unfulfilled. The Services SETA reserves the right to defend/oppose any claims brought by the Employers and Training Entities listed below and to seek a declaratory court order to the effect that these claims that are estimated to amount to **R2 355 089 294 (two billion three hundred and fifty-five million and eighty-nine thousand two hundred and ninety-four rand)** must be and are legally closed/terminated/cancelled and prescribed.
5. Any conduct aimed at forcing the Services SETA to engage in practices prohibited by the Public Finance Management Act, 1 of 1999, or legislation intended for the beneficiaries of Discretionary Grants, shall not be tolerated.
6. That said, the Services SETA wishes to invite and encourage all Employers and Training Entities listed below and affected by this public announcement to lodge their applications anew to benefit from other opportunities offered by the entity, to overcome the challenges identified

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above. The Services SETA remains committed to transparency, compliance, and responsible governance.

7. All stakeholders with general questions regarding the above are welcome to contact Duduzile Kelen at [duduzilek@serviceseta.org.za](mailto:duduzilek@serviceseta.org.za) and 011 276 9617 for further information by **no later than 14 April 2026**. All enquiries made after **14 April 2026** shall not be entertained.