



2026/27 Discretionary Grant Briefing Session

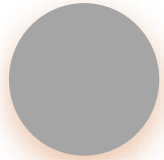
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Background

DEVELOP AND GROW

Services SETAs' Vision, Mission and Values



Vision

A flourishing services sector that creates economic growth and inclusive opportunities for all South Africans.



Mission

To facilitate skills development for employment and entrepreneurship in the services sector, fostering economic growth.



Values

- ★ Accountability
- ★ Innovation
- ★ Integrity
- ★ Professionalism
- ★ Inclusiveness

OUR CHAMBERS



CLEANING & HIRING SERVICES



SUB-SECTORS

1. Hiring services
2. Household services
3. Cleaning services
4. Domestic services

COMMUNICATION & MARKETING SERVICES

SUB-SECTORS

1. Marketing services
2. Contact centre services
3. Postal services



LABOUR & COLLECTIVE SERVICES



SUB-SECTORS

1. Labour recruitment services
2. Collective services

MANAGEMENT & BUSINESS SERVICES

SUB-SECTORS

1. Business Services
2. Project Management Services



PERSONAL CARE SERVICES



SUB-SECTORS

1. Hair care services
2. Beauty treatment services
3. Funeral services
4. Fashion services

REAL ESTATE & RELATED SERVICES

SUB-SECTORS

1. Real estate services



PART B



Discretionary Grants Funded Interventions on offer

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PIVOTAL INTERVENTIONS TO BE FUNDED



- LP01 Learnership unemployed (18.2)
- LP02 Learnership employed (18.1)
- LP03 Artisans: Apprenticeships and trade tests
- LP04A Artisan Recognition of Prior Learning (ARPL) (Unemployed)
- LP04B Artisan Recognition of Prior Learning (ARPL) (Employed)
- LP10 Adult Education & Training (AET)
- LP11A Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) (Unemployed)
- LP11B Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) (Employed)
- LP12 Skills Programme employed
- LP13 Skills Programme unemployed
- LP14 Candidacy

**Details of all
qualifications and trades
to be funded are listed in
the application form**

LP01: LEARNERSHIP UNEMPLOYED (18.2)



Definition

Learnership: A period of workplace-based learning culminating in an **occupational qualification or part qualification**.

Number of learners
6 270

Funding								
Level	Level 1-2		Level 3-4			Level 5-6		
Duration	Part Qualification (6months)	Full Qualification (12months)	Part Qualification (6months)	Full Qualification (12months)	Full Qualification (18months)	Part Qualification (6months)	Full Qualification (12months)	Full Qualification (18months)
Total Budget Cost Per Learner	R 31,500.00	R 63,000.00	R 37,500.00	R 75,000.00	R112,500.00	R 43,500.00	R 87,000.00	R130,500.00
Stipend Cost	R 18,000.00	R 36,000.00	R 24,000.00	R 48,000.00	R72,000.00	R 30,000.00	R 60,000.00	R90,000.00
Lead Employer Cost (incl. EISA)	R13,500.00	R 27,000.00	R 13,500.00	R 27,000.00	R40,500.00	R 13,500.00	R 27,000.00	R40,500.00



LP02: LEARNERSHIP EMPLOYED (18.1)



Definition

Learnership: A period of workplace-based learning culminating in an **occupational qualification or part qualification**.

**Number of
learners**
1200



Funding								
Level	Level 1-2		Level 3-4			Level 5-6		
Duration	Part Qualification (6months)	Full Qualification (12months)	Part Qualification (6months)	Full Qualification (12months)	Full Qualification (18months)	Part Qualification (6months)	Full Qualification (12months)	Full Qualification (18months)
Total Budget Cost Per Learner (incl. EISA)	R 12,500.00	R 25,000.00	R 12,500.00	R 25,000.00	R37,500.00	R 12,500.00	R 25,000.00	R37,500.00

LP03: ARTISANS: APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRADE TESTS



Definition

Artisan: A person certified as **competent, via a trade test**, to undertake a listed trade in accordance with relevant legislation.

Apprenticeship: A **learning programme towards the achievement of a listed trade**, which includes a trade test in respect of that trade. It covers **theory, practical and structured workplace learning** (on the job training).

Number of learners
500

Duration
36 months



Funding	
Total Budget Cost Per Learner	R 206,290.00
Stipend Cost	R 108,000.00
Lead Employer Cost (incl. EISA)	R 98,290.00

LP04: ARTISAN RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (ARPL)



Definition

Artisanal Recognition of Prior Learning (ARPL): Assessing & recognising prior knowledge or skills of people that did artisanal trades for the purposes of **admission to a formal course of study or recognition and trade test certification**.

Number of learners

980

**Unemployed
Employed**

980

Duration

4 months



Funding - Unemployed

Total Budget Cost Per Learner	R 55,000.00
Stipend Cost	R 16,000.00
Lead Employer Cost (incl. EISA)	R 39,000.00

Funding - Employed

Total Budget Cost Per Learner	R 35,000.00
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LP10: ADULT EDUCATION & TRAINING (AET)

Definition

Number of
learners

221

Adult Education and Training (AET): A formal learning/training by an accredited assurance body for adults to **improve their knowledge and skills on numeracy and literacy, including vocational skills.**

Duration
6 months

Funding
R8 000

Stipend
N/A



LP11: RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) (Unemployed)



Definition

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL): Principles and processes through which the prior **knowledge and skills acquired by a person are identified, mediated, and assessed** for purposes of admission to a formal course of study or recognition and certification to a formal qualification.

**Number of
learners
1100**

Funding				
Level	Level 1-2	Level 3-4	Level 5-6	Level 7
Duration	(4 months)	(4 months)	(4 months)	4 months
Total Budget Cost Per Learner	R 20,000.00	R 24,000.00	R 28,000.00	R 32,000.00
Stipend Cost	R 12,000.00	R 16,000.00	R 20,000.00	R 24,000.00
Lead Employer Cost (incl. EISA)	R 8,000.00	R 8,000.00	R 8,000.00	R 8,000.00

LP11: RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) (Employed)



Definition

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL): Principles and processes through which the prior **knowledge and skills acquired by a person are identified, mediated, and assessed** for purposes of admission to a formal course of study or recognition and certification to a formal qualification.

**Number of
learners**

1100

**Duration
4 months**

**Funding
R8 000**

**Stipend
N/A**



LP12: EMPLOYED SKILLS PROGRAMME



Definition

This is a **short-term learning intervention or programme** that is occupationally based. When successfully completed by the learner, it **constitutes credits towards a qualification** registered on the National Qualifications framework (NQF).

The Skills Programme **comprises of a cluster of unit standards totaling 25 to 60 credits** derived from the same qualification. Applications for this intervention are for any NQF-aligned unit standards from one qualification with a legitimate SAQA ID.

**Number of
learners**
2 780



Funding				
Duration	1 month	2 months	3 months	4 months
Total Budget Cost Per Learner (incl. EISA)	R 2,500.00	R 5,000.00	R7 500,00	R 10,000.00

LP13: UNEMPLOYED SKILLS PROGRAMME



Definition

This is a **short-term learning intervention or programme** that is occupationally based. When successfully completed by the learner, it **constitutes credits towards a qualification** registered on the National Qualifications framework (NQF).

The Skills Programme **comprises of a cluster of unit standards totaling 25 to 60 credits** derived from the same qualification. Applications for this intervention are for any NQF-aligned unit standards from one qualification with a legitimate SAQA ID.

**Number of
learners**

1 150



Funding				
Duration	1 month	2 months	3 months	4 months
Total Budget Cost Per Learner	R4 500,00	R 9,000.00	R13 500,00	R 18,000.00
Stipend Cost	R2 000,00	R 4,000.00	R6 000,00	R 8,000.00
Lead Employer Cost (incl. EISA)	R 2,500.00	R 5,000.00	R7 500,00	R 10,000.00



LP14: CANDIDACY PROGRAMME

Definition

Candidacy: A period of workplace-based learning undertaken by a graduate as part of requirement to **register as a professional in the required professional designation** as stipulated by a professional body.

Number of
learners
500

Funding		
Level	Level 4	Level 5-6
Total Budget Cost Per Learner	R 75,000.00	R 87,000.00
Stipend Cost	R 48,000.00	R 60,000.00
Lead Employer Cost (incl. EISA)	R 27,000.00	R 27,000.00



PART C



Application for Discretionary Grant

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2026/27 DISCRETIONARY GRANTS WINDOW



The application window opened on 28 April 2026 at 08:00 am and will close on 27 May 2026 at 14:00 pm.

The applications are open to:

- Services SETA Levy paying Employers and Non-Levy paying Employers.
- Business Associations within the Services SETA scope.
- Professional Bodies within the Services SETA scope
- Trade Unions within the Services SETA scope
- Accredited Skills Development Providers (SDPs) *

Note * SDPs should be the ones accredited

2026/27 DISCRETIONARY GRANTS WINDOW



Services SETA will be allocating Discretionary Grant funding for the Learning Programmes set out in the table below

Allocations are made at the sole discretion of the Services SETA

Code	Learning Programme Name	Province	Who can apply
LP01	Learnerships Unemployed	National	Levy paying Employers, Non-Levy paying Employers and Associations
LP02	Learnerships Employed	National	Levy paying Employers, Non-Levy paying Employers and Associations
LP03	Apprenticeships	National	Levy paying Employers, Non-Levy paying Employers and Associations
LP04A	Artisan Recognition of Prior Learning (ARPL) Unemployed	National	SDPs
LP04B	Artisan Recognition of Prior Learning (ARPL) Employed	National	SDPs
LP11A	Recognition of Prior Learning Unemployed	National	SDPs
LP11B	Recognition of Prior Learning Employed	National	SDPs
LP10	Adult Education and Training Employed	National	Levy paying Employers, Non-Levy paying Employers and SDPs
LP12	Skills Programmes Employed	National	Levy paying Employers, Non-Levy paying Employers, Associations, Unions and SDPs
LP13	Skills Programmes Unemployed	National	SDPs
LP14	Candidacy Unemployed	National	Professional Bodies

APPLICATIONS CAN ONLY BE SUBMITTED ONLINE



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 **27 May 2026**
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Call for Applications for Services SETA 2026/27-DG-02-Discretionary Grant Window



 **Call For Applications** **Guidelines** **Checklist** **Templates** **Application Portal** **FAQ** **Contact Us**

Email : dgenquiries@serviceseta.org.za
Tel No : 011 276 9600

APPLICATION FORM COMPRISES OF TWO SECTIONS



Section 1

The entity information will be auto populated upon signing into the application portal by repeat applicants from previous DG windows. Check box to confirm accuracy of information.

- Requires applicants to **complete and/or submit mandatory documents** such as **company registration, declaration (Form 1a) declaration/confirmation of authorised person (Form 1b) and POPI declaration (Form 1c) and Proof of accreditation.**

Section 2

To be completed for **learning interventions (LP01 to LP14).** Requires applicants to indicate which learning interventions and programmes they are applying for.

- Documents required include **proof of accreditation**

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS REQUIRED



Mandatory compliance documents

Document	Reference
Company registration documents	
Proof of relevant accreditation	
Declaration of Interest	Form 1a
Confirmation of Authorised Person	Form 1b
POPI Declaration	Form 1c

Failure to submit may lead to immediate disqualification

KEY TIPS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION FORM

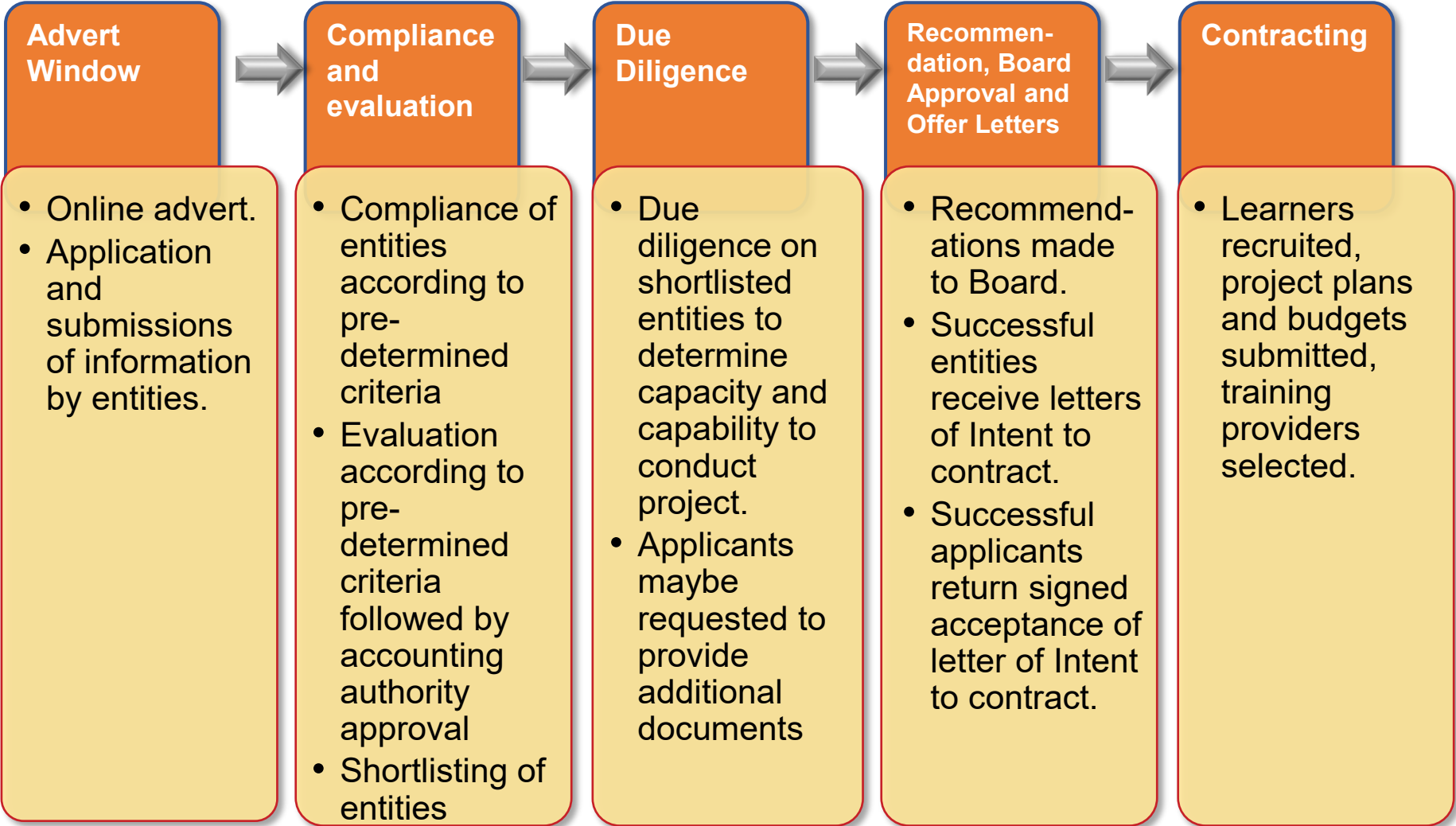


- Complete the application with enough time to spare, **we recommend at least 4 days prior to the close** of the application window to allow for any possible challenges/issues to be addressed
- Make **all queries prior to 27 May 2026** as responses to queries after this date will not be guaranteed to be responded to
- **No email or couriered applications** will be accepted in part or full
- **Only one application per Entity** will be accepted. Entities applying for multiple entities need to create an account for each of the applications.
- The form has **clear guidelines** on how to complete each section, what information to provide, what **templates** to complete and what **documents to upload**. Following these instructions will enable you to submit a complete application.





DISCRETIONARY GRANTS ALLOCATION PROCESS





Thank You Q&A

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