IMPORTANT NOTICE

merSETA
MANUFACTURING, ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES SETA

MANDATORY GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION AND DISCRETIONARY APPLICATION EXTENSION NOTICE

01 February 2022- 30 April 2022

TThe merSETA informs all stakeholders and all Skills Development Facilitators (SDFs), about an opportunity to apply for Mandatory and Discretionary Grants. The Mandatory Grant application will open from 1 February 2022 and close 30 April 2022.

The MerSETA has also taken a decision to extend the application for Discretionary Grant which was opened in November 2021 and will remain open until 30 April 2022. The guideline and the call for applications for Discretionary Grant application and guidelines remain the same and are still on the merSETA website **(www.merseta.org.za)**.

Key submission information is as follows:

1. **Mandatory Grants:** merSETA levy paying entities are informed that there is no provision made for combined Mandatory and Discretionary Grant applications. The mandatory grant application will therefore consist of the Workplace Skills Plan (WSP), Annual Training Report (ATR) and related forms.
2. **OFO Codes:** Stakeholders are advised that the Department of Higher Education and Training has implemented the 2021 OFO Code version for the implementation during this current reporting period. The Workplace Skills Plan will require the usage of the 2021 OFO code version whilst the Annual Training Report will be against the 2019 OFO code version. The 2021 OFO Code version can be accessed on the merSETA website and NSDMS.

Skills Development Facilitators are reminded that the reporting periods are as follows:

- **The annual training report will be for the period 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2021**
- **The workplace skills plan period will be 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2022**
- **PIVOTAL report will be 1 April 2020 until 31 March 2021**

The merSETA Roadshows

The merSETA will organize and conduct roadshows from February 2022 – 30 April 2022. The roadshows are meant to provide a platform for stakeholder engagement on Mandatory and Discretionary Grants application processes. Details of the roadshows will be advertised on the merSETA website (www.merseta.org.za).

HOW TO APPLY

Discretionary Grant applications must be submitted through NSDMS via the project portal and the normal grant initiation platform.
Mandatory Grant applications must be submitted through the NSDMS application platform within the stipulated timeframes. All Mandatory Grant applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with the application requirements as stipulated in the Grant Policy and Criteria obtainable from the merSETA website **(www.merseta.org.za)**.

For assistance, please contact the merSETA regional offices or the call centre on 010 219 3000 or 086 163 7738

Only submission received by deadline date and via the stipulated application platform will be considered.