

2026/27 CATHSSETA DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATIONS



OPENING DATE: 11 December 2025

CLOSING DATE: 31 January 2026 at 16h00

The Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Sector Education and Training Authority (CATHSSETA) is a statutory body established in terms of the Skills Development Act (1998), as amended, to advance skills levels in accordance with the National Skills Development Plan (NSDP).

CATHSSETA hereby invites applications from stakeholders and legal entities who fall within its scope.

Applications are open for Discretionary Grants Funding for the following PIVOTAL Programmes:

LEARNING PROGRAMME	TARGET APPLICANTS	TARGET BENEFICIARIES	
		Employed	Unemployed
Learnership	❖ CATHSSETA Levy Paying Employers	350	790
Skills Programme	❖ Government departments operating within CATHSSETA sub-sectors	260	316
Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)	❖ TVET Colleges	—	47
Artisan	❖ Training providers accredited with CATHSSETA qualifications	—	600
Adult Education and Training (AET)	❖ Non-levy paying employers operating within CATHSSETA sub-sectors	36	—
Bursary Employed	❖ CET Colleges	155	
Bursary Unemployed	❖ Universities ❖ Universities of Technology (UoTs) ❖ TVET Colleges		210
Graduate Internship	❖ Universities ❖ Universities of Technology (UoTs)	—	370
Internship Category A (WIL university placement)	❖ CATHSSETA Levy paying employers ❖ Non-levy paying employers operating with CATHSSETA sub-sectors ❖ Government departments operating within CATHSSETA sub-sectors	—	250
Internship N-Diploma (WIL TVET college placement)	❖ TVET Colleges ❖ CATHSSETA Levy paying employers ❖ Non-levy paying employers operating with CATHSSETA sub-sectors ❖ Government departments operating within CATHSSETA sub-sectors	—	610
CET Internships		—	52
CET College lecturers awarded skills programmes	❖ CET Colleges	23	—
CET learners accessing AET programmes		35	—
TVET Lecturers exposed to the industry through Skills programmes	❖ TVET Colleges	16	—

Discretionary Grants are allocated at the sole discretion of CATHSSETA, subject to the availability of funds, specific criteria outlined in the CATHSSETA Discretionary Grants Policy and Guidelines, and approval from the CATHSSETA Accounting Authority.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- Application guidelines for the Discretionary Grant funding framework, including Occupational and Skills gaps, are available on the CATHSSETA website <https://cathsseta.org.za/>.
- The submission of applications is done online on the CATHSSETA Information Management System (CIMS), <https://cims.cathsseta.org.za>. Only applications with a submitted status will be evaluated.
- **CATHSSETA Applications must be received by CATHSSETA no later than January 31, 2026, at 4:00 PM.** No applications will be accepted after the deadline.