



## **CATHSSETA STRATEGIC PROJECTS APPLICATION**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**1. *Do I need to be a levy paying company to apply for Strategic Projects funding?***

No, but an organisation would have to be operating within the CATHSSETA sub-sectors or apply for a qualification within the CATHSSETA sector.

**2. *If I applied for the Strategic Projects funding in the previous window, can I still apply again?***

Yes, all applicants who fulfil the criteria set out in the Strategic Projects advert may apply regardless of their application outcome in the previous window.

**3. *If I currently have a contract with the CATHSSETA, may I apply?***

Yes, however your current performance may be taken into account when evaluating your application.

**4. *Our organisation has operations in all the provinces how do we apply for all our provincial branches?***

The authorised representative should complete 1 application form and indicate in the application the number of learners to be funded per province.

**5. *Can I apply for more than 1 learning programme?***

Yes, you may, however you need to create an application form for each learning programme applied for.

**6. How do I identify the documents that must be completed?**

The application guidelines contain instructions which will guide the applicant through each stage of the application. A step-by-step guideline on how to complete the application form is also available on the CATHSSETA website should applicants require additional clarification.

**7. Can I nominate someone to make enquiries and/or apply for the Strategic Projects on my behalf?**

Yes, CATHSSETA requires written authorisation from the applicant nominating a representative of the company to conduct dealings with CATHSSETA in relation to the Strategic Projects process. A template (Declaration of Authorised Person) is provided for this purpose.

**8. When will we know about the outcome of our application?**

The internal processes of evaluating the applications including conducting workplace validation will take place before allocations can be made. Since this might not happen at the same time for all entities, no communication on your status of the application can be made until all applications have been evaluated and approval has been made by the Accounting Authority.

**9. What are the implications of not having a valid BEE Certificate or exemption certificate?**

This does not deem your application non-compliant, but it may have an effect your evaluation scoring.

**10. Are the unit costs per learner open for negotiation?**

No, the unit cost cannot be amended.

**11. Does CATHSSETA help in recruiting learners?**

No, CATHSSETA is not equipped to assist in recruiting learners for your organisation. It is the responsibility of the organisations to recruit learners once funding is awarded.

**12. What is a project implementation plan (PIP)?**

A project implementation plan informs CATHSSETA on what training plan you intend to follow relating to the grant application. It should typically include the duration of theoretical training, practical training and workplace experience. It should also indicate who will be doing the training and what materials would be needed to implement the learning programme.

**13. Does the period for Learnerships include theory and the workplace components?**

Yes it does.

**14. Can I nominate my company as a Training Provider as we are an accredited training provider?**

Yes, however, if you are not accredited by CATHSSETA, our Quality Assurance Department will need to verify your status as a training provider and ensure that you are accredited for the respective qualifications aligned to the occupational shortages and skills gaps you are intending to train on, and you also need to partner with a host employer operating within the CATHSSETA sub-sectors for the practical components. Verification of the host employer will be conducted.

**15. Can the CATHSSETA assist Employers in appointing Accredited Training Providers?**

Yes they can by providing the list of accredited training providers, however this remains the responsibility of the applicant.

**16. If I have not signed a contract with a Training Provider, will it affect my application?**

No, however you will need to indicate which Training Provider will be conducting the training and submit the training provider accreditation certificate.

**17. My host employer is not in the culture, arts, tourism, hospitality and sport sector.**

***May they host learners?***

No, the learners must be placed in a workplace relevant to the qualification, with employers operating within the CATHSSETA sub-sectors.

**18. What is Workplace validation (due diligence)?**

Workplace validation (due diligence) is an evaluation phase which CATHSSETA conducts to verify the information provided in the application.