



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SMALL AND MICRO ENTERPRISE ORGANISATION 2026 - 2027

The Health and Welfare Sector Education and Training Authority (“HWSETA”) invites all registered Small, Micro, and Medium Enterprise (SMMEs) of the Health and Welfare sector to participate in the implementation of a national SMME capacity-building project for the 2026–2027 financial year.

Details of the SMME Funding Project

The Small, Micro and Medium Enterprise (SMME) Grant is aimed at enabling SMMEs operating within the Health and Welfare Sector to strengthen business sustainability, governance, and operational efficiency.

This intervention identifies the need to strengthen sustainability, management capabilities, and financial resilience. By focusing on project management, the programme supports sector priorities relating to improved governance, service delivery, and the long-term viability of small enterprises.

This approach aims to capacitate owners or senior employees of qualifying organisations within the Health and Welfare Sector.

WHO CAN APPLY?

SMME businesses must be:

- Privately owned and operated
- Employing 11–50 paid employees (Small Enterprises)
- Employing 51–250 paid employees (Medium Enterprises)
- Emerging organisations with 1–10 employees (Micro Enterprises)

PROJECT FOCUS

The proposed QCTO-accredited Project Management Skills Programme will focus on strengthening: Business sustainability, Management of clients as projects, Operational efficiency through training in the following key areas:

Knowledge Component

- Introductory studies for project managers
- Project scope management
- Project time management

- Project cost management
- Project quality management

Practical Component

- Plan and develop a project timeline and schedule
- Control project delivery schedules and costs
- Apply soft skills to develop the required attributes to successfully facilitate project delivery within an organisation

Funding Requirements for Employers participating in the project:

- **The Employers (SMEs) must be registered with HWSETA.**
- Participating enterprises must be formally registered (e.g. Statutory Council registration certificate [practice number], and CIPC registration, whichever is applicable).
- The Registration status of the organisation must be valid at the time of application and throughout the implementation of the project.
- Valid tax clearance/PIN
- All applications must be submitted on the SETA application portal by the due date in line with the requirements of the grant as indicated under details of the funding, and must include all required supporting documentation

Qualifying Criteria:

- All employers must be registered with the Health and Welfare SETA and be in possession of a valid SDL number or T-Number.
- All employers must ensure that their applications fully comply with the funding requirements & submission guidelines
- All employers falling in this category that were approved for skills programme funding under learning programme expression of interest in 2026-2027 year will be excluded.
- Be compliant with all relevant legislation.
- Training must commence and be completed by no later than 15 January 2027.
- Training must be a minimum of 5 days.

Please note the following employment equity targets which the SETA will consider when allocating the grant to qualifying organisations:

- At least **85%** of all organisations funded must be **Black owned**
- At least **54%** of all organisations funded must be **Woman dominated**
- At least **5%** of all organisations funded must be **persons working with disabilities**

Financial Implications

The learners will be funded at the maximum of **R25 820** per participant and the funding is targeting **only employed persons**

Please Note:

The HWSETA reserves the right to withdraw the approval if:

- The information submitted within the application is found to be false, inaccurate, or misleading
- The employer fails to comply with any requirements, conditions, or regulations set out by HWSETA.

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