

**EXTENTION!!**

**REQUEST FOR THE DISCRETIONARY GRANTS APPLICATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MICT SETA RURAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (2018/19).**

**Closing Date: 15 January 2019**

The Media, Information and Communication Technology Sector Education and Training Authority (MICT SETA) hereby invites qualifying levy paying companies within the MICT Sector to submit applications for Discretionary Grants for the implementation of the Rural Skills Development Strategy for the 2018/19 financial year. With South Africa pushing to be an E-Skilled economy as outlined in the National Development Plan, Vision 2030. The MICT SETA has identified key change drivers that affect the MICT sector in the 2018/19 financial year:

- Cloud Computing
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Virtual and augmented reality
- Big data analytics
- Information Security.

With key trends identified above, the MICT SETA encourages all qualifying applicants to align their applications with Professional, Vocational, Technical and Academic Learning (PIVOTAL) programmes that address scarce and critical skills. The table below provides guidance in terms of the areas in which prospective learners must be trained: Interventions to be considered for funding for the 2018-2019 financial year:

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Specialisation/Alternative Title</b>
Software developer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Information Architect</li> <li>– ICT Risk Specialist</li> </ul>
Computer Network and Systems Engineer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Computer Systems Integrator</li> <li>– Systems Engineer</li> </ul>
ICT Security Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Database Security Expert</li> <li>– ICT Security Architect</li> </ul>
Advertising Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Creative Director</li> <li>– Advertising Coordinator</li> </ul>
Copywriter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Copywriter Editor</li> </ul>
Graphic Designer/Digital Artist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Industrial Graphic Designer</li> </ul>
Multimedia Designer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Instructional Designer</li> <li>– Interactive Media Designer</li> <li>– Digital Media Designer</li> </ul>
Telecommunications Network Engineer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Telecommunications Specialist</li> <li>– Telecommunications Network Planner</li> </ul>
Database Designer and Administrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Database Administrator</li> <li>– Database Analyst</li> <li>– E-Commerce Technical Architect</li> </ul>

Film and Video Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Art Director</li> <li>– Film and Video Graphic Designer</li> <li>– Film Producer</li> </ul>
Sound Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ultra Sound</li> </ul>

**APPLICATION CRITERIA:**

**Please Note:** Discretionary Grants are allocated at the sole discretion of the MICT SETA, subject to the availability of funds as well as meeting specific criteria outlined in the MICT SETA Funding Policy. In summary; the criteria is as follows:

- Approved WSP/ATR
- Up-to-date levy payments
- Alignment of programme applied for with the MICT SETA priority skills list
- Accreditation or licencing for programme applied for
- Compliance with the B-BBEE Codes
- Successful completion of the previous programme
- Submission of valid Tax Clearance Certificate.

A Levy-Paying Employer intending to apply for Discretionary Grants should have submitted its **Work Place Skills Plan and Annual Training Report (WSP/ATR)** to the MICT SETA Indicium system before the closing date. Applications to support rural areas, women, youth and people with disabilities are encouraged; this is to ensure transformative imperatives.

For more information; please refer to the MICT SETA website under ‘Learning Programmes/Discretionary Grants/funding’: [www.mict.org.za](http://www.mict.org.za)

**METHOD OF SUBMISSION:**

A Levy-Paying Employer or Institution intending to apply for ‘Discretionary Grant’ should submit a ‘Letter of Intent (LoI)’ as provided on the MICT SETA website (Please email the completed form to: [LOI@mict.org.za](mailto:LOI@mict.org.za)), click here for the [Application Form](#). However, submission of the letter would mean that the employer has already submitted the aforementioned documents.

**Please Note:** The MICT SETA will host compulsory briefing sessions in each province, prospective applicants are therefore advised to watch out for the dates and venues on the MICT SETA website.

**All submitted applications will be evaluated by the MICT SETA EXCO.**