

(A) Financial Year 2026 / 2027 Discretionary Grants Application

Application period 09 March 2026 to 31 March 2026 at 23h59

AgriSETA was established as the Sector Education and Training Authority for the economic sub-sectors that include primary and secondary agriculture through the Skills Development Act of 1998 as amended.

Agriculture Sector Education Authority (AgriSETA) hereby invites eligible stakeholders within the agricultural sector to apply for Discretionary Grant funding. The Grant is intended to meet the AgriSETA skills needs as set out in the Sector Skills Plan (SSP), Strategic Plan, priorities in the National Skills Development Plan, Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan (ERRP) as well as the Master Plans in Agriculture. In addition, the allocation of discretionary grant funds intends to improve the supply of qualified and competent workers in line with the Sector Priority list.

Please note: Due to the high volume of applications received by AgriSETA in the past, stakeholders are advised to limit applications to projects in line with the [Sectoral Priority Occupations list for 2026 / 2027 programmes](#)

AgriSETA invites all levy and non-levy paying employers, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's), Community Based Organisations (CBO's), Non-Profit Organisations (NPO's), Cooperatives, TVET Colleges, , Agricultural Colleges, Universities, Universities of Technology, SMME's, Community Education and Training Colleges (CET's), Agricultural Trade Unions / Federations, Companies, Land Reform beneficiaries, and small BEE companies to forward applications for the respective Learning Programmes.

SUB-SECTOR	SIC CODE	SIC DESCRIPTION
Aquaculture	13000	Fishing, operation of fish hatcheries and fish farms
Fibre	30118	Grading, ginning and packing of wool and cotton raw material
Pest control	99003	Pest control
Tobacco	11142	Manufacture of tobacco products
	62208	Processing and dispatching of tobacco

SUB-SECTOR	SIC CODE	SIC DESCRIPTION
Sugar	11122	Sugar plantation including sugar cane and sugar beet
	30420	Manufacture of sugar including golden syrup and castor sugar
Seed	11140	Seed production and marketing
Poultry	11220	Other animal farming, production of animal products (not elsewhere classified)
	11221	Ostrich farming
	30114	Poultry and egg production including the slaughtering, dressing and packing of poultry
Milling, pet food and animal feed	30311	Manufacture of flour and grain mill products including rice and vegetable milling, grain mill residues
	30330	Manufacture of prepared animal feeds
	30331	Manufacture of pet foods
	30332	Manufacture of starches and starch products
Horticulture	11120	Growing of vegetables, horticultural specialties and nursery products
	11121	Growing of vegetables, horticultural specialties (including ornamental horticulture) and nursery products
	11130	Growing of fruit, nuts, beverage and spice crops
	11301	Growing of coffee and tea including coconuts, cocoa, nuts, olives, dates, etc.
	12109	Growing of trees as second crop by farmers
	30132	Fruit packed in cartons, fruit juice concentrate drummed and fruit juice in container ready for consumption
	30133	Fruit exporters and importers
	30493	Processing and marketing of coffee and tea including coconuts, cocoa, nuts, olives, dates, etc.
	62112	Service to nut farmers and companies
	Grains and cereals	11110
30300		Manufacture of grain mill products and starches
30313		Handling and storage of grain
61502		Wholesale and retail trade in agricultural machinery
62111		Sale and distribution of agricultural raw materials and other farming inputs
Red meat	11141	Production and animal products (not elsewhere classified)

SUB-SECTOR	SIC CODE	SIC DESCRIPTION
	11210	Farming of cattle, sheep, goats, horses, asses, mules and hinnies; dairy farming
	11222	Game farming
	11300	Growing of crops combined with farming of animals (mixed farming)
	11400	Agricultural and animal husbandry services except veterinary activities
	11402	Other animal farming (not elsewhere classified)
	30115	Production, sale and marketing of agricultural by-products (e.g., bones, hides)
	30117	Slaughtering, dressing and packing of livestock including small game for meat and processing of ostrich products
	61210	Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock
	74136	Transport of livestock as supporting activity
	87120	Agricultural and livestock research

AgriSETA Interventions that will be advertised for 2026 / 2027 Financial Year:

Learning Programme	Email address for submission of applications
Internship Programmes (WIL)	2026INT@agriseta.co.za
TVET and University Graduates Placement Programme	2026GP@agriseta.co.za
Bursaries for Employed Learners Bursaries for Unemployed Learners	2026BU@agriseta.co.za

Please click on the Interventions to download the Application Forms

1. Bursaries

- Please note that only agriculture related qualifications shall be supported for unemployed learners while levy paying companies can apply for other qualifications aligned to sector priority occupation list.
- Bursary funding is from NQF Level 6 upward, except for Nated courses offered by public TVET and ATVET Colleges.
- AgriSETA will not fund short courses e.g., National Certificate and Certificates.
- They should have acquired a minimum 50% achievement of registered modules.
- Repeat modules shall not be funded
- The bursary value for - Undergraduate and Postgraduate is R70 800.00 / per learner
- All fees will be paid at **actual cost** up to R70 800/ learner
- First year learners are encouraged to apply

2. Internships (Work Integrated Learning (WIL))

- Funding for Internships (WIL) shall only be for learners who require practical experience to obtain a qualification from a TVET, Agricultural colleges and university of technology
- No funding shall be provided to students who have been in an internship (WIL) before.
- University of Technology and Agricultural Colleges shall be funded for R60,000 at a maximum of 12 months per learner.
- N6 learners from TVET Colleges shall be funded for 18 months at R90,000 per learner

3. Graduate Placement

- Funding shall only be for **graduates** who require workplace experience to increase their chances of employment / self-employment
- Placement shall be for 12 months
- R60 000.00 per learner.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS

1. All applications must be submitted through AgriSETA designated emails for each learning intervention as stipulated in the advertisement.
2. No hand delivered/hard copies/ We Transfer/Dropbox applications will be accepted.
3. Applications are open from Monday, 09 March 2026 to Tuesday 31 March 2026.
4. Late applications will not be considered.
5. Only **fully** completed applications with the required supporting documents shall be considered for evaluation.
6. AgriSETA reserves the right not to appoint an applicant.
7. Graduate Placement, Internships and Bursary programmes must be implemented in April 2026
8. No funding shall be provided to students who receive funding from other sources,
 - i. e.g. NSFAS, NSF, other SETAs, Funza Lushaka and other Funders.
9. AgriSETA shall not take responsibility for Learning programmes that commence before the enrolment of learners on the system and without the applicant receiving written confirmation of commencement.
 - a. 13. The duration of the internship allocations shall be guided by requirements of the qualification.
10. Only South African citizens shall be eligible for funding of learning programmes.
11. **COMPULSORY** documents/information that should be provided.
 - Copy of Company registration documents must be submitted.
 - A valid SARS Tax Clearance Certificate or Tax Compliance Status Pin should accompany all applications.
 - Proof of submission of the current year's Workplace Skills Plan (WSP) and Annual Training Report (ATR) (for large and medium companies).
 - Small companies that are levy paying must submit proof of the current year's WSP and ATR.
 - EMP 201 form from SARS (employers).
 - Learning interventions applied for must be selected from the [Sectoral Priority Occupations list for 2026/2025](#).

For further enquiries, please contact the Learning Programmes Officers below.

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Bursaries (New)	Ms Vuyokazi Mathiane/Ms Andani Sengani - Mphepu	andani@agriseta.co.za vuyokazi@agriseta.co.za