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QUESTION AND ANSWERS: SCMU 06 2025/26: SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES FOR ALL PROVINCES ON BEHALF OF THE ETDP SETA: TECHNICAL SKILLS TRAINING- UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE

Question: Under Skills Programme New venture Creation, provide the accurate breakdown per province and municipality.

Answer:

1.	New Venture Creation SP: 210401 (QCTO)	2	32	520	Eastern Cape: 300 (Mthatha 150, Buffalo City 150) Free State: 115 Maluti District (115) Mpumalanga: 105 (Ehlanzeni 35, Gert Sibande 35, Nkangala 35)
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Q: The tender document indicates the carpentry programme is accredited under the Construction SETA, we are accredited to offer furniture making and we have all the unit standards required, do we still qualify to apply?

A: Yes Any valid accreditation letter by a SETA listing the the unit standards that make up the SP is acceptable.

Q: In terms of proof of prior experience, would a contract be sufficient or you expect something specific?

A: ETDP SETA expects a reference letter from the clients where the rendered the training. The reference letter must be in the format as stated in the published Terms of reference.

Q: Will the learners have stipends?

A: Yes, but the stipends will be paid directly to the learners by ETDP SETA

Q: There is a line item indicated Breakfast and Lunch, who is going to fund this or should we make it part of our costing

A: The bidder must include costing for breakfast and lunch in the proposal. This requirement has been included in the costing model as published.

Q: Do we make separate quotation for catering?

A: Yes

Q: Because we based in limpopo and applying for New venture creation, on lease agreement do we use limpopo one?



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A: The venues must be in the provinces listed for New Venture Creation. Bidders can produce either a lease agreement or a letter of intent to lease for venues in (Mpumalanga, Free State, Eastern Cape)

Q: It is expected that the ETDP SETA will enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the successful service providers. The duration of the project will be six (06) months. The duration of the project will commence from date of last signature on the Service Level Agreement (SLA). Should the SDP include a quote for the venue for 6 months. Will you please be so kind as to clarify the 6-month SLA for the venue.

A: The SDP must have access to the venue for six months. But that will lapse as soon as the training is finalized in relation to the number of training days allocated for each SP.

Q: The laptop and data have been included as the list of Technical Skills Development Programmes Duration and Learner Support Material for New Venture Creation

I will be providing the training face to face; will I still need to include it.

A: Yes, the laptops will belong to the learner, even after conclusion of training.

Q: I just wanted to check if we qualify to apply for the NVC with QCTO ID 210401 as advertised and if you will also consider the Services Seta accredited one because it's still valid

A: ETDP SETA will only consider QCTO accredited training service providers.

Q: Costing Model

- The costing template appears to cover only one training intervention. If I am accredited for three qualifications, should I submit three separate costing models—one per qualification?

A: Bidders must submit complete separate bid documents for each of the qualification they intend to tender for.

- Should these be printed and submitted as individual documents?

A: Yes

Q: Training Venues and Delivery Format

- I am accredited to provide training both at an approved venue and online. Should I specify my existing accredited venue(s), or is it acceptable to indicate multiple delivery formats?

A: Delivery will be face to face, bidder must indicate proof of access to training facilities in provinces where training will take place.

- If my venue is outside the listed provinces, may I partner with venues in the relevant areas to deliver the programme? If so, do you require proof of these partnerships at this stage, or may that be submitted separately?

A: Yes, proof in the form of lease agreement or letter of intent to lease, must be submitted with the bids by the closing date.

Q: Catering

Does the catering budget apply to all learners attending the training, or only to the training/project team?

A: Yes, all learners

Q: Reference Letters

- The qualifications in the TOR are aligned to the new QCTO framework. My current reference letters are based on other accredited training programmes. Are general training-related reference letters sufficient to demonstrate organisational experience, or must they specifically reference the QCTO-aligned qualifications listed?

A: compliant reference letter demonstrating the bidder's experience in the delivery of an accredited learning programme is acceptable

Q: Credit Discrepancy – SP: 240202 Intermediate End-user Computing

- The TOR lists this programme as having 40 credits; however, the registered qualification reflects only 20 credits. This discrepancy has a direct impact on pricing and programme delivery. Kindly confirm the correct credit value and advise if the TOR will be amended accordingly.

A: The correct credits is 20 as per QCTO skills programme registration

Q: Briefing Session Recording

- Lastly, may you please share the recording of the briefing session for this bid, if available?

A: The recording remains the property of ETDPSETA and for confidentiality reasons will not be shared.

Q: Can accredited service providers quote for what they can accommodate in a particular province ?

A: Bidders must bid per skills programme, not per province as that will lead to disqualification from evaluation province.

Q: Can bidder with limited QCTO accreditation per province apply for SPs across other provinces:

A: Yes, However the bidder must request permission from the QCTO to offer training in another province and approval turnaround time is about 30 working days. Affected bidders are encouraged to request such permission before the tender closing date to allow for the QCTO processes to be finalised before the anticipated commencement date of the programme.

Q: Carpentry Unit standards are indicated as Construction Seta? This does not seem to be correct as on the website is shows that they belong to FP&M Seta. Clarity is needed.

A: The exclusion of other SETAs, it's a typo error. The most important point to note is that the SP is made up of pre-2009 registered unit standards that find expression in various qualifications that are quality assured by different SETAs.