

## DISCRETIONARY GRANTS DISBURSMENTS 2007 – 2008

### 2. LEARNERSHIP AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME (47)

#### 2.1 OBJECTIVE

This grant was established to incentivise Companies who register 18.1 and 18.2 Learners in the core MQA Learnerships and who register Apprentices in Apprenticeships.

#### 2.2 COMPANY CRITERIA

- Companies should be paying their skills development levy to the MQA.
- Companies who are exempted from paying the skills development levy (R500 000+) are also eligible for this grant. NB: Exempted companies are however required to be registered with SARS and have a Skills Development Levy Number.
- The Provider of Training used must be accredited with an ETQA Body.
- Learners must be on the South African payroll of companies.
- Capacity to train (infrastructure, Trainers and Assessors) will be evaluated.
- Applications must be submitted to the MQA office by the closing date on the MQA prescribed application form.

### 2.3 DISBURSEMENT MODEL

- All Company applications received before 08 March 2007 will be evaluated in terms of the criteria stipulated above.

Additional focus will be placed on:

- Critical Skills within the Core Learnerships.
- Equity profile and geographical distribution of learners
- Companies that are applying for the first time will be evaluated by the Learnerships Unit.

### 2.4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Financial Status

The following should be the financial status of companies applying for the discretionary grants:

- The company must be financially viable
- The company must be solvent.

### 2.5 APPLICATION FORM

### 2.6 LIST OF CORE LEARNERSHIPS