DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

NO. R. 8151 **6 November 2026**

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

RE: SERVICES SETA— TERMINATION/CANCELLATION OF PRESCRIBED, DOMANT AND LAPSED DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROJECTS WITH PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Effective Immediately

1. The Services SETA wishes to address recent inquiries, concerns and correspondences in respect of claims associated with the Discretionary Grant funding allocated to public institutions.

2. After a thorough accounting and legal processes review, the Services SETA hereby confirms in line with the applicable statutory prescripts governing the administration of discretionary grants including the *Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) Grant Regulations regarding monies received by a SETA and related matters*, Government Gazette No. 35940, 03 December 2012 ("**DG Regulations**") and Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999 ("**PFMA**"), that this notice serves to effectively terminate and/or cancel all Agreements and Letters of Intention to Contract "Offer Letters" listed below, with immediate effect.

3. In light of the above termination and/or cancellation, the Services SETA shall therefore not accept any outstanding or newly submitted claims related to these Legacy Projects, as these have effectively prescribed. The Services SETA shall also no longer accept invoices submitted for learner training that was either never endorsed by the Accounting Authority through a duly signed Service Level Agreement, or invoices related to Service Level Agreements that have expired by effluxion of time or remain inactive without valid reasons. The Services SETA hereby places it on record that it shall not process, validate or reconsider any such prescribed claims.

4. The Services SETA shall not be liable for any alleged losses, obligations, defects, or commitments related to these projects, Agreements and Letters of Intention to Contract "Offer Letters" that have expired by effluxion of time and Letters of Intention to Contract "Offer Letters" that remain unfulfilled. The Services SETA reserves the right to defend/oppose any claims brought by the Employers and Training Entities listed below and to seek a declaratory court order to the effect that these claims must be and are legally closed/terminated/cancelled and prescribed.

5. Any conduct aimed at forcing the Services SETA to engage in practices prohibited by the Public Finance Management Act, 1 of 1999, or legislation intended for the beneficiaries of Discretionary Grants, shall not be tolerated.

6. The above notwithstanding however, in compliance with section 5(1)(b) read with section 40(1)(a) of the Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act, 2005 ("**IGRFA**"), which promotes cooperative governance and mandates organs of state *to coordinate their actions and resolve issues through intergovernmental mechanisms in an amicable manner*, the Services SETA still wishes to collaborate with public institutions to align its integrated skills development objectives through **new** training arrangements and/or initiatives.

7. To ensure compliance with the Services SETA Discretionary Grant Policies and other relevant legislative prescripts, including the IGRFA, the Services SETA wishes to invite and encourage public institutions to take advantage of future opportunities and indicate which specific skills development programmes and interventions are required, because this termination does not affect those future opportunities.

8. All stakeholders with general questions regarding the above are welcome to contact Sibongile Hlela at sibongileMf@serviceseta.org.za and 011 276 9726 for further information by **no later than 20th November 2026**. All enquiries made after **20th November 2026** shall not be entertained.

No.	Contract number	Entity Name	Year of Allocation	Invoice submission period	Offer/Agreement
1	SP- Internship LP05	Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality	2018+pre:SP	FY21	Offer
2	SP-0315-044	The Greater Kokstad Municipality	2018+pre:SP	N/A	General Agreement
3	201819-DG4TU-0172LP11	Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union	2018/2019	FY22	General Agreement
4	201718-T-0027LP02	National Council of Trade Unions (NACTU)	2017/2018	N/A	Offer
5	201718-EC-0865	South African Transport and Allied Workers Union (SATAWU)	2017/2018	N/A	Offer
6	201718-EC-0865LP12	South African Transport and Allied Workers Union (SATAWU)	2017/2018	N/A	Offer
7	201718-T-0035	South African Transport and Allied Workers Union (SATAWU)	2017/2018	N/A	Offer
8	201819-DG4TU-0189	South African Democratic Teachers Union (SADTU)	2018/2019	N/A	Pathway Agreement
9	SSETA/DG/2018-000466	KwaZulu-Natal Community Education and Training (CET) College	2020/2021:SP	FY25	Pathway Agreement
10	LP04: 201617SSETA090050	Department of the Premier (Free state)	2016/2017	N/A	Offer
11	2023-22/23-KZNDoH-122263	KwaZulu-Natal Province - Department of Health (KZN DoH)	2023/2024	N/A	Offer
12	201718-A-0271LP03	Office of the Premier Mpumalanga Province	2017/2018	N/A	Offer
13	SP-0315-012	Office of the premier: Northwest Skills Development	2018+pre:SP	N/A	General Agreement
14	SP-0916-0104	Mpofana Municipality	2018+pre:SP	N/A	General Agreement
15	201617-02-D114020999	Nquthu local municipality	2016/2017	N/A	Offer
16	201617SSETA050178-LP07	Capricorn College for TVET	2016/2017	N/A	General Agreement
17	CJC001-2016/17	Central Johannesburg TVET College	2018+pre:SP	FY19	Pathway Agreement

18	201718-A-0317LP03	College of Cape Town for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)	2017/2018	FY20	Offer
19	LP03-201516061	False Bay TVET College	2015/2016	N/A	Offer
20	LP03-201516062	False Bay TVET College	2015/2016	N/A	Offer
21	LP03-201516063	False Bay TVET College	2015/2016	N/A	Offer
22	LP03-201516064	False Bay TVET College	2015/2016	N/A	Offer
23	201718-DG3-1895	Majuba TVET College	2018/2019	N/A	Offer
24	201718-DG3-662-LP01	Motheo TVET College	2018/2019	FY23	Pathway Agreement
25	201718-DG3-662-LP02	Motheo TVET College	2018/2019	FY25	Pathway Agreement
26	201617SSETA030024	Northern Cape Urban TVET College	2016/2017	FY19	Offer
27	201718-A-0432	South Cape TVET College	2017/2018	N/A	Offer
28	201718-A-0457	Thekwini TVET College	2017/2018	N/A	Offer
29	201718-DG3-1797LP09	Tshwane North TVET College	2018/2019	N/A	Offer
30	201819-DG4MBS-1378	University of Johannesburg	2020/2021	N/A	Offer
31	201718-A-0256LP03	Gert Sibande TVET College	2017/2018	FY21	Offer
32	201718-EC-0769	Ithuba Lethu Development Agency	2017/2018	FY20	Offer
33	NGQUS001-201617	Ngqushwa Local Municipality	2018/2019:SP	FY23	General Agreement
34	SP-0516-0072	University of Fort Hare	2018+pre:SP	FY22	General Agreement
35	201718-W1-0925LP07	University of Venda (Univen)	2017/2018	N/A	Offer
36	SSETA/DG/2018-000659LP13	Western Cape Community Education and Training (CET) College	2022/2023:SP	N/A	Offer
37	SSETA/DG/2018-000659	Western Cape Community Education and Training (CET) College	2020/2021:SP	FY25	General Agreement
38	SP-0617-0144	Mbhashe Local Municipality	2018+pre:SP	FY19	General Agreement
39	SP-0315-047	Umgeni Local Municipality	2018+pre:SP	N/A	General Agreement