



DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUNDING WINDOW

SPECIAL PROJECTS

FOR EMPLOYED BENEFICIARIES

2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR



Dear Prospective Applicants

Kindly note that BANKSETA has opened a Discretionary Grant Funding Window for **Special Projects for Employed Beneficiaries** for the 2026/27 financial year.



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

The funding window is open to the following eligible applicants:

- Levy paying employer
- Registered federations or trade unions
- Sector / Industry Organisations



PURPOSE OF THE FUNDING WINDOW

The Special Projects Funding Window supports employed beneficiaries who need to strengthen or update their skills due to technological change, digital transformation, changing job roles, organisational restructuring and evolving sector needs.

Eligible applicants are invited to apply for Discretionary Grant Funding for the following categories under the funding window “Employed beneficiaries on BANKSETA Special Projects”.

- Reskilling/Upskilling
- Online Short Courses
- IT Programmes



FUNDING WINDOW DATES

OPENS: Thursday, 10 September 2026
CLOSES: Monday, 12 October 2026 at 16h00



FUNDING BASIS AND CAPS

Funding will be provided based on the training intervention as follows:

Funding Basis	Funding Cap (per learner)
Full SAQA Registered Qualification	R 50 000
Registered Skills Programme	R 30 000
Unregistered Programme	R 30 000
Online Short Courses	R 4 920
IT Programmes	R 33 166



PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:



Special Projects for Employed Beneficiaries Funding Window Guidelines

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Special Projects for Employed Beneficiaries Application Form

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SUBMISSION CRITERIA

Applications and all required supporting documents must be submitted online through the BANKSETA SIMS platform using the prescribed BANKSETA templates.



BANKSETA SIMS:
<https://sims.bankseta.org.za/login>

Applicants must take note of the following:

- ✓ The relevant Special Projects funding window must be selected on SIMS.
- ✓ The prescribed application form must be completed in full and uploaded on SIMS.
- ✓ Only **one application form per applicant** is permitted; however, applicants may apply for more than one training intervention.
- ✓ Applications submitted through any channel other than the prescribed SIMS submission process will not be accepted.
- ✓ Applications close at **16h00 on Monday, 12 October 2026.**
- ✓ **No late applications will be accepted.**



BRIEFING AND SIMS TRAINING

A briefing session on the Special Projects funding window and guidance on how to register and apply through the BANKSETA SIMS platform will be provided. Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend.

BRIEFING SESSION DETAILS



DATE: Monday, 14 September 2026



TIME: 10h00



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The Special Projects Funding Window Guidelines and Application Form will also be available on the BANKSETA website.



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