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MEMORANDUM

To:	ALL ISASA MEMBER SCHOOLS
From:	ISASA POLICY UNIT
Date:	26 SEPTEMBER 2019
Subject:	APPLICATIONS FOR ETDP-SETA FUNDING TO FURTHER STUDIES

Introduction

Every year ISASA, together with other independent school associations that are affiliates of NAISA (National Alliance of Independent Schools Associations), receives allocation of funds from the ETDP-SETA in lieu of the skills development levy that schools pay. These funds are then used by ISASA for staff at its member schools in the form of bursaries to enable staff members to further their studies at the higher education institutions of their choice. These include full degree qualifications and short courses.

What is new?

ISASA has received an allocation of R755 000 from ETDP-SETA for the academic year 2019/20 and has finalised the proposal and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SETA in terms of how it plans to expend the allocated funds.

According to the proposal and MoU submitted to ETDP SETA, ISASA is planning to utilise the allocated R755 000 as follows:

- Allocate 40 spaces for people interested in studying towards full professional qualifications; diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.
- Allocate 15 spaces for people interested in doing a GetSmarter Teaching with Technology short course offered online.

It is important to note that **Current students who are already recipients of the ETDP SETA funded bursary, whose studies have not yet reached completion, should also complete the application form for 2020 studies.**

What does this mean for member schools?

There are certain requirements stipulated by the SETA that interested staff members have to meet in order to be eligible for this funding. These are listed below for (a) Full qualifications and (b) short courses:

- (a) Full qualifications
 - (i) Interested persons need to apply to the institutions of their choice and be accepted.

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- (ii) They must register, which entails paying the minimum registration fee and be in possession of proof of registration.
- (iii) The registration fee that would have been paid will be reimbursed by the SETA since it will pay for the full costs of the studies of that particular year.
- (iv) Once the ISASA/ETDP SETA MoU has been finalised, ETDP SETA will make available an application form which must be completed by each interested person and relevant documents attached.
- (v) The documents mentioned above are certified copies of identity documents and certified copies of the highest qualification. **The date on the certified documents must not be older than three months.**
- (vi) **As indicated above, current students who are already recipients of the bursary, whose studies have not yet reached completion should complete the application form for 2020 studies and attach the necessary documents accordingly.**

(b) Short courses

As indicated above, ISASA has identified the GetSmarter online short course on Teaching with Technology for interested students to take part in. Interested persons will be required to express interest through heads of their schools. **They need not register** as this will be handled by the SETA, however they will also be required to complete the form (different from the full bursary one) and also attach the same documents as per (a) above.

What are member schools required to do?

Member schools are requested to apprise their staff members of the ETDP SETA funding and encourage them to apply. ISASA therefore requests member schools to submit the names of persons who are interested in furthering their studies by compiling lists which will comprise full names, ID number, highest qualification, intended qualification and the institution of choice. Kindly note that public higher education institutions are preferred by ETDP SETA.

For those who will be interested in the short course, the list will comprise all the details listed above except intended qualification and institution of choice.

The SETA application documents, which must also be completed, are available for download from the ISASA website at:

<https://www.isasa.org/funding-for-staff-at-isasa-member-schools-to-further-their-studies/>

The lists and completed application documents should be sent to Maria at mariam@isasa.org.

For more information on ETDP-SETA funding please contact the ISASA office: Confidence Dikgole – Director: Policy and Government Relations at confidenced@isasa.org or Siphamandla Nxumalo – Senior Policy Analyst at siphamandlan@isasa.org.