



**small business  
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Small Business Development  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
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## Automotive Aftermarkets Support Scheme

### 1 Objectives of the Programme

- Support small motor body repairers (panel beaters) ; motor mechanics and other mechanics; small and independent auto-spare parts shops and the formalisation of informal automotive entrepreneurs into formal fitment centres.

### 2 Nature of Business Development Support / What is the support available under the scheme

- Facilitate trade test certification
- Assistance through facilitating the accreditation of the small/ micro automotive businesses with the relevant industry standards and bodies.
- Business management support and mentorship.
- Municipal business licensing support at a cost to the applicant.

### 3 Conditions for Participating

- Willingness to participate in the revolving credit facility between participating motor mechanics/ motor body repairers with participating auto spares shops and fitment via a participating bank;
- Occupational Health and Safety Act compliance certificate of premises or be willing to be assisted to acquire an such;
- Willingness to participate in the certification and accreditation programme through the relevant industry accreditation bodies.

### 4 Qualification Criteria

- Operating in a township or village - Be informal/ micro business or cooperative - Registered as a legal entity (CIPC, and SARS) - 100% South African ownership - Valid South African identity documents - Enterprise must be owner managed - Minimum Trading Period (6-Months) - All statutory documents must be submitted before an application is considered - Where required, permits from Municipalities must be valid and original.
- 70% Employees South African
- Have a valid business bank account (including newly opened)
- Willing to participate in the bulk buying scheme as organized by the DSBD or any of its agencies
- Occupational Health and Safety Act compliance certificate of premises or be willing to be assisted to acquire an such;
- Willingness to participate in the certification and accreditation programme through the relevant industry accreditation bodies.

### 5 Who can apply?

All auto mechanics such as motor mechanics, heavy equipment mechanics, tractor and forklift mechanics, and diesel fitters; panel beaters & glaziers; tyre and glass fitment and auto spares shops.

## Bakery & Confectionaries Support Scheme

### 1 Objectives of the Programme

Supporting informal, small scale bakeries and confectioneries located in townships or villages with assistance with the purchase of business equipment and provision of working capital; stepped-up access to market and access to bulk buying facility for raw materials

### 2 Nature of Business Development Support / What is the support available under the scheme

- Business development support coordinated through SEDA and the FoodBevSETA and includes:
- COMPLIANCE WITH:**
- Nutritional Requirements and the related testing and Environmental Health and Food Safety Regulations;
  - Shop floor management training and conformity testing; and
  - Business and financial management training and mentorship.

### 3 Conditions for Participating

- Existing operational business.
- Owner managed.
- Willingness to participate in the certification and accreditation programme through the relevant industry accreditation bodies.
- The applicant must be willing to comply or receive assistance to comply with the Minimum Bread and Confectionery Nutritional Requirements;

### 4 Qualification Criteria

- Operating in a township or village - Be informal/ micro business or cooperative - Registered as a legal entity (CIPC, and SARS) - 100% South African ownership - Valid South African identity documents - Enterprise must be owner managed - Minimum Trading Period (6-Months) - All statutory documents must be submitted before an application is considered - Where required, permits from Municipalities must be valid and original.
- Must employ or have potential to employ a minimum of 3 workers; and
- Premises must hold or be willing to be assisted to acquire an Environmental Health and Food Safety certificate.
- Willingness to comply or receive assistance to comply with the Minimum Bread and Confectionery Nutritional Requirements

### 5 Who can apply?

- Small scale bakeries and confectioneries operating as micro or informal businesses and are located in townships or villages.
- Priority will be given to businesses owned by women, Youth and people with Disabilities

## Spaza Shop & General Dealer Support Scheme

### 1 Objectives of the Programme

Supporting access to improved networks for bulk buying on the pre-approved basket of goods; working capital for the bulk buying initiative; business management skills; attaining health and occupational health and safety standards and assist with CIPC, SARS and UIF registration and compliance.

### 2 Nature of Business Development Support / What is the support available under the scheme

- Business Management support including assistance with basic financial management over a 24-month period.
- Legal compliance that includes assistance to register with CIPC, SARS and UIF; and other compliance requirements that may be necessary for participation in the scheme.

### 3 Conditions for Participating

- Owner-managed and operated
- Owner must have a valid South African identification document.
- Must register on SmmeSA, <https://smmesa.gov.za/>
- Spaza shops must hold license to trade, municipal permit or if they do not have, they must obtain one before they can access support.
- CIPC, SARS and UIF registration OR Be willing to register before approval of support
- Undertaking to comply with the Consumer and Customer Protection and National Disaster Management Regulations and Directions
- Willing to submit monthly management accounts (seda to assist with bookkeeping support)

### 4 Qualification Criteria

- Operating in a township or village - Be informal/ micro business or cooperative - Registered as a legal entity (CIPC, and SARS) - 100% South African ownership - Valid South African identity documents - Enterprise must be owner managed - Minimum Trading Period (6-Months) - All statutory documents must be submitted before an application is considered - Where required, permits from Municipalities must be valid and original.
- Willingness to accept assistance to register with CIPC, SARS and UIF in the case where the owner is not already registered before approval to participate in the scheme

### 5 Who can apply?

- A Spaza shop/ general dealer owner who is a South African and
- Holds a valid trading permit (including temporary) or business license in the case of a general dealer qualifies to apply

# Funding Opportunities

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## Clothing Textile and Leather Support Scheme

### 1 Objectives of the Programme

Support small enterprises within the sector to seize opportunities due to the Covid-19 pandemic by participating in the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) value chains; the participation in the rebuilding and reshaping of the clothing and textile sector and to improve the quality and competitiveness of small-scale clothing, textile and leather enterprises for both domestic supply and export market.

### 2 Nature of Business Development Support / What is the support available under the scheme

- Assistance to comply with relevant industry standards and bodies.
- Business management support and mentorship through Seda.
- Facilitate participation in the Clothing and Textile Competitiveness Programme (CTCP)
- Facilitate compliance with SABS standards for relevant products
- Facilitate trade test certification (for those not certified but must hold N3 qualification)
- Municipal business licensing support at a cost to the applicant.

### 3 Qualification Criteria

- Operating in a township or village - Be informal/ micro business or cooperative - Registered as a legal entity (CIPC, and SARS) - 100% South African ownership - Valid South African identity documents - Enterprise must be owner managed - Minimum Trading Period (6-Months) - All statutory documents must be submitted before an application is considered - Where required, permits from Municipalities must be valid and original.
- 70% Employees South African
- Have a valid business bank account (including newly opened)
- Willing to participate in the bulk buying scheme as organized by the DSBD or any of its agencies

### 4 Who can apply?

Seamstresses / Sewers / Garment makers (dressmakers and tailors) / Patternmakers, Designers, Pattern calculators / Pattern cutters / Art Designers, Knitters / Machinists / Tannery / Fabric manufacturers / Shoes, belt and handbag makers

## 6 How To Apply For The Scheme

- Step 1:** Register on <https://smmesa.gov.za> – obtain a reference number
- Step 2:** Choose the appropriate option and complete an on line application form for the specific scheme. Using the reference number.
- Step 3:** Complete all the mandatory fields;
- Step 4:** Upload the required supporting documents; and
- Step 5:** Submit your application online

All statutory documents must be submitted before an application is considered

**NB: Additional information may be required depending on the scheme that is applied for. Ensure therefore, that you obtain clarity regarding all documents to be submitted and the process flow during the application process.**

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