



All TETA Stakeholders

**Subject: UPDATE ON RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE ON TETA**

Dear TETA Stakeholders,

The *Sunday Times* published an article titled *TETA funding scandal leaves trainees in limbo* on 15 February 2026. The assertions contained in the article are concerning to our stakeholders and call for urgent clarification. Firstly, the issues referenced are not a surprise to the Board or Management. They arise from a **probity audit** commissioned precisely because we are determined to uphold clean governance. The audit identified serious and pervasive non-compliance with requirements for eligibility for discretionary grants which motivated the new TETA board to withdraw the initial window and readvertise for all stakeholders to have fair, equitable and transparent allocation of discretionary grants. Currently, the 2025/26 Discretionary Grants have been partly allocated and successful applicants are currently receiving appointment letters and contracting in the pipeline with the view to expediting enrolment of learners and executing of training projects to empower our stakeholders and beneficiaries.

This underscores the commitment by both the Board and Management that **Discretionary Grants (DGs) will be awarded within the prescribed timeframes** shared in recent stakeholder engagements across three provinces. The processes currently underway are part of strengthening systems so that delivery is reliable, fair, and defensible. In addition, the procurement of services in the organisation are carried out in compliance with TETA policy, relevant treasury regulations and practiced notes.

We therefore encourage all partners to remain assured that TETA continues to focus on its core mandate of empowering our people through skills development in the transport sector. Reforms currently being implemented include tightened governance controls, strengthened verification

procedures, improved oversight mechanisms, and clearer accountability lines. These measures are designed to protect both the institution and all our stakeholders. We count on our stakeholders to collaborate with us to achieve shared determination to drive transformation and prosperity in the transport sector.

Kind regards,



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