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SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 97 OF 1998) SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

REGULATIONS

I, Membathisi Mphumzi Shepherd Mdladlana, Minister of Labour has under section **10A (4)** of the **Skills** Development Act, **1998** (Act No. **97** of **1998),** and after consultation with the National Skills Authority, make the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

 In this Schedule, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, shall have the meaning so assigned and, unless the context otherwise indicates -

"Act" means the Skills Development Act, 1998 (Act No. 97 of 1998);

"submit" means to serve by hand, registered post α telefax or to transmit by electronic mechanism as a result of which the recipient is capable of printing the communication.

Procedure for negotiating a service level agreement with SETAs.

- 2. The Director-General and each SETA must annually conduct negotiations on a service level agreement **as** follows :
 - The Director-General must submit to each SETA by no later than the end of July in each year a draft service level agreement for the subsequent financial year;
 - (2) the SETA must submit its proposed amendments to that draft agreement to the Director-General by the end of September of each year;
 - (3) the Director-General and the SETA must seek to conclude a service level agreement by the end of November of each year.
- 3. If the Director-General and any SETA have not agreed on the contents of their service level agreement for the next financial year by the end of November in each year, the matter must be referred to the Minister for determination under section 10A (2) of the Act.
- **4.** If the contents of a service level agreement **are** referred to **the** Minister **as** contemplated in regulation 3, **the** Minister **must**
 - (1) after consulting the National Skills **Authority**, determine the matter by the end of February of that year; and
 - (2) in writing, notify the Director-General and the SETA of the determination as soon as possible after making it.

Matters which may be dealt with in service level agreements

- 5. The contents' of a service level agreement may deal with any matter concerning -
 - (1) a **SETA's** performance of its functions in **terms** of the Act and the national skills development strategy;

- (2) a SETA's annual strategic plan as contemplated in regulation 30 of the Treasury Regulations issued in terms of the Public Finance Management Act; and
- (3) 'any assistance that **the** Director-General is to provide to **a** SETA in order to enable it to perform **its** functions.
- 6. Without limiting the generality of regulation 5, a service level agreement may include -
 - (1) the standards, criteria and targets for measuring and evaluating the level of service delivery by a SETA in
 - a. performing its statutory functions;
 - b. meeting its **targets** in terms of the national skills development strategy; and
 - c. implementing its **annual** strategic plan **as** contemplated in regulation 5(2)
 - (2) the reports that a SETA must submit to the Director-General for purposes of measuring and evaluating its performance, conduct and practices;
 - (3) the format and information requirements of such annual strategic plans and **reports; and**
 - (4) the details of any assistance that the Director-General is to provide to a SETA in order to enable it to perform its functions, including any time-table for providing that assistance.

Short title

7 These Regulations are called the Service Level Agreement Regulations, **2005.**