

MINING QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (MQA)

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2021 MQA BURSARY SCHEME INTAKE: (UNEMPLOYED BURSARY APPLICANTS)

The Mining Qualifications Authority (MQA) is a Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA) for the Mining and Minerals Sector in terms of the Skills Development Act No. 97 of 1998.

The MQA would like to invite learners who intend on studying towards a career within the Mining and Minerals Sector, to apply for an MQA bursary. The MQA Bursary Scheme is open to qualifying learners who are currently in Grade 12 and who intend to study during 2021 or current students who are already studying towards a certificate, diploma, degree at a public university, university of technology or a TVET College.

1. The MQA bursary scheme only funds the following qualifications at universities and universities of technology:

- Analytical Chemistry
- Chemical Engineering (mineral processing)
- Electrical Engineering (heavy current)
- Electro-Mechanical Engineering
- Environmental Health and Management
- Geology
- Industrial Engineering
- Jewelry Design and Manufacturing
- Mechanical Engineering
- Metallurgical Engineering (extractive)
- Mine Survey
- Mining Engineering
- Rock Engineering/Seismology

2. The MQA bursary scheme only funds the following qualifications at TVET colleges:

- Boilermaker
- Diesel Mechanic
- Electrician
- Fitter and Turner
- Fitting (incl: Machinery)
- Instrumentation Mechanic
- Millwright
- Rigger Ropes man

NOTE: THIS BURSARY IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS PURSUING POST-GRADUATES STUDIES.

NB: Preference will be given to the following aspects in the selection of candidates:

- South African citizens only;
- Financially needy applicants – determined by household income of not more than R600 000 per annum

- Female applicants;
- Applicants living in rural communities;
- Applicants who have applied to study at their local tertiary institutions;
- Academic performance.

APPLICATION WINDOW

The application period for the 2021 intake will open from **18 September 2020** and closes on **18 October 2020**.

This application period is for NEW bursary applicants only. Current MQA bursars must complete the application for Continuation of Bursary for 2021 which will be available from 1 October 2020 on the MQA website.

APPLICATION FORMS

Applicants must download the Bursary Application Form: Unemployed Bursars from the MQA website:

www.mqa.org.za.

Applications forms and supporting documents must be submitted to the following email address:

bursaries@mqa.org.za

The abovementioned e-mail address is the designated e-mail address to receive bursary applications. Applications forms forwarded to any other email address at MQA will be disqualified.

A detailed set of instructions and guidelines for the completion and the submission of the application form and the required supporting documents are included on the application form. Applicants are requested to diligently follow these instructions and guidelines in order to ensure that their applications are not disqualified.

Note: Applicants must ensure that they download and complete the correct application form. In the event that an incomplete application form is received and/or all supporting documents are not included, such application will be disqualified.

All applicants will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of their application forms and supporting documents and the due to the large numbers of applications which is expected to be received, the MQA will not be able to telephonically confirm whether your e-mail application had been received. If you have not received further correspondence from the MQA by 31 November 2020, then please consider your application as being unsuccessful.

Late applications will not be considered. Please do not wait for the closing date to submit your application as the designated e-mail serve of the MQA may be overloaded on the closing date and your application may not be received on time.

Further information regarding the bursary applications can also be obtained from the following MQA Regional Offices:

- Gauteng:** MQA Head Office 7 Anerley Road, Block C, Parktown, 2193 (physical address)
Tel: 011 547 2600
- Eastern Cape:** King Sabatha Dalindyebo TVET College, R61 Queenstown Road
Cicira Village, Mthatha, Tel: 047 505 1047
- Free State:** Goldfields TVET College, 14107 Ndaki Road
Tosa Campus, Thabong,
Tel: 087 095 0266
- Limpopo:** Sekhukhune TVET College, CN Phathudi Campus
Stand No. 2659, Praktiseer,
Tel: 087 095 0267
- Mpumalanga:** Nkangala TVET College, Mpondozamkomo Campus,
1 Moses Kotane Drive, Ferrobank,
Tel: 013 696 8120 / 2121
- North West:** Old Shopping Complex , 53 Karee Street,
Mooinooi
Tel: 014 555 8860
- Northern Cape:** Northern Cape Rural TVET College, Kathu Campus,
Hans Coetzee Drive, Kathu,
Tel: 053 723 0100