



Memorandum

To: MQA Stakeholder

From: Dr Thabo Mashongoane, MQA Chief Executive Officer

Date: 14 March 2025

PROGRESS REGARDING THE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT LEVIES INFORMATION SYSTEM (SDLIS) AND PAYMENT OF MANDATORY GRANTS (MG) TO THE ELIGIBLE COMPANIES

Dear Valued Stakeholders,

The MQA issued a memo on 28 November 2024, notifying the companies within the Mining and Minerals Sector of delays in the payment of MG due to challenges faced by the Department of Higher Education and Training's Development Levies Information System.

This meant that companies that had submitted their Workplace Skills Plans and Annual Training Reports (WSPs-ATRs), were up to date with skills development levy contributions, and had their submissions approved, were unable to receive their MGs.

The DHET system challenges have been resolved, with the notable exception of an issue related to the September 2024 skills development levies file. DHET has been able to share employer files with SETAs since 21 February 2025.

The MQA has since resumed the disbursement of Mandatory Grants to qualifying employers. Stakeholders are asked to remain patient as the MQA is working diligently to address the backlog. The MQA would like to apologise for the inconvenience due to the delay in the payment of Mandatory Grants to the sector.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T Mashongoane', is written over a horizontal line.

Dr Thabo Mashongoane
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 17/03/2025