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The National Skills Authority together with the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Blade Nzimande to host the 2016 National Skills Development Conference and Awards Ceremony.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Please note that the Skills Conference and Awards, scheduled for 27-28 October 2016, has now been moved to February/March 2017. Other submission deadlines such as the skills conference and awards will be reviewed and communicated later.

The National Skills Authority (NSA), in conjunction with the Minister of Higher Education and Training Dr Blade Nzimande, is convening a National Skills Conference to be attended by all stakeholders in the post-school education and training system.

The conference will be hosted on 27 and 28 October 2016 at the St George Hotel in Irene, Pretoria. With high level discussions and maximum stakeholder participation taking place during the conference, National Skills Development Awards will be given out to institutions and organisations implementing skills development programmes in accordance with the National Skills Development Strategy (NSDS III) goals.

The NSA invites all relevant organisations and institutions to nominate themselves for this prestigious award ceremony. Nominations close on Tuesday, 30 August 2016.

The objectives of the awards are:

- To celebrate excellence by recognising the best skills development practices across all skills development implementers and NSF Funded Projects in various categories
- To provide extensive and national coverage/exposure for best skills development practices through print and electronic media
- To recognise work placement opportunities created through the various learning programmes i.e. artisan development, FET graduate placement, Universities graduate placement, Learnership and internships
- To encourage maximum use of workplace-based skills development initiatives
- To mobilise business, government, community and providers to ensure the realisation of the NSDS III goals

Who should apply?

- SETAs
- National Departments

- Provincial Departments
- State Owned Enterprises
- Municipalities
- Companies (Large/SMMEs)* Large company 500-1000 or more employees, medium company 51-500 employees and small company 1-50 employees
- CBOs and NGOs
- Public and Private Education and Training Institutions

Awards will be awarded based on the 2014 – 2016 performance criteria:

- . Track record of placements and appointments
- . Retentions and throughput
- . Number of learners employed
- . Profile of learners

Categories:

- . Best Artisan Development Programme
- . Best TVET Placement Programme
- . Best AET Programme
- . Best Skills Programme
- . Best University Programme (WIL/WBL)
- . Best Community Project
- . Best Public Sector Internship and Learnership Programme
- . Best Career and Vocational Guidance Programme

More information on the criteria for the awards and application forms will be accessible at all SETAs. Applications must be submitted/forwarded to the National Skills Authority at skillsawards@nationalskillsauthority.org.za. Application forms can also be downloaded on the NSA website: www.nationalskillsauthority.org.za

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