



**small business development**

Department:  
Small Business Development  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

# Automotive Aftermarkets Support Scheme

Funded through the Township Entrepreneurship Fund for township and village-based enterprises



## Objectives of the Programme

1. Support motor body repairers (panel beaters) to operate accredited small /independent panel beaters (motor body repairers) centres;
2. Support motor mechanics and other mechanics to operate authorized service centres;
3. Support the small and independent auto-spares shops to operate profitable auto spare parts centres; and
4. Support and develop in the formalisation of informal automotive entrepreneurs into formal fitment centres

## Nature of Financial Support (Loan)

- Capital Injection and Revolving Credit Facility backed by sefa
- Maximum of R20, 000 working capital for motor body repairers and mechanics
- Maximum of R30,000 working capital for auto spares shops and auto fitment centres
- SEFA-backed Revolving credit facility between participating motor mechanics/ motor body repairers with participating auto spares shops and fitment centres via participating banks.
- Optional to the scheme is a contribution towards a once-off cost of equipment (paid directly to equipment supplier) based on needs

## Qualification Criteria

1. Must register on the National SMME Database, <https://smmesa.gov.za/>
2. Be informal/ micro business or cooperative
3. Registered as a legal entity (CIPC, and SARS)
4. 100% South African ownership
5. 70% Employees South African
6. Valid South African identity documents
7. Minimum Trading Period (6-Months)
8. Have a valid business bank account (including newly opened)
9. Willing to participate in the bulk buying scheme as organized by the DSBD or any of its agencies
10. Operating in a township or village

## How To Apply For The Scheme

- Step 1:** Register on <https://smmesa.gov.za> and
- Step 2:** Complete an online application form under the Application Forms/ Automotive Aftermarkets Support
- Step 3:** Complete all the mandatory fields;
- Step 4:** Upload the required supporting documents; and
- Step 5:** Submit your application online

## Nature of Business Development Support

- Facilitate trade test certification (for those not certified but must hold N3 qualification)
- Assistance through facilitating the accreditation of the small/ micro automotive businesses with the relevant industry standards and bodies
- Business management support and mentorship through Unemployed Graduate Scheme, or Seda Business Advisors and/ or services business professionals
- Municipal business licensing support at a cost to the applicant.

## Conditions for Participating

- The applicant must be willing participate in the revolving credit facility between participating motor mechanics/motor body repairers with participating auto spares shops and fitment via a participating bank;
- The business operating premise (including the home premise) must hold or willing to be assisted to acquire an Occupational Health and Safety Act compliance certificate
- The business must be willing to participate in the certification and accreditation programme through the relevant industry accreditation bodies.

## Who Can Apply

- All auto mechanics such as motor mechanics, heavy equipment mechanics, tractor and forklift mechanics, and diesel fitters;
- panel beaters;
- glaziers;
- tyre and glass fitment; and
- auto spares