Automotive Aftermarkets Support Scheme

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

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

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

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

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

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