

# COMPENSATION FUND EXTERNAL BURSARY SCHEME 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR



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**THE COMPENSATION FUND OFFERS BURSARIES TO UNEMPLOYED COID BENEFICIARIES WITH A PERMANENT DISABLEMENT (EMPLOYEES WHO SUSTAINED OR CONTRACTED OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES/DISEASES), THEIR DEPENDENTS AND THE DEPENDENTS OF FATALLY INJURED EMPLOYEES**

The Compensation Fund Invites **unemployed COID beneficiaries with a permanent disablement (PWD), their dependents and the dependents of fatally injured employees** to apply for the Compensation Fund External Bursary opportunity.

The applicants must have been accepted at a recognised Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) College, Community Education and Training (CET) College or Higher Education Institution (HEI).

If you do not receive any response from the Compensation Fund within two months after submitting your application, consider your application (as likely) unsuccessful.

**The bursary coverage:** Tuition fees, Prescribed Study Material, Monthly Stipend and Accommodation.

The award is renewable every year – for the duration of the study programme, depending on the availability of funds and academic performance.

Target Group	Learning Programmes/ Qualifications	Training Institutions	Application Deadline
COID beneficiaries with a permanent disablement (Within the Working-age)	Programmes that will enable beneficiaries to be reintegrated into the workplace or become self-employed	TVET, CET, HEI	The bursary is open throughout the 2026 academic year; however, applicants are encouraged to send their applications on/before the 31 March 2026
Dependents of COID beneficiaries with a permanent disablement and dependents of fatally injured employees (17 – 35 years)	Recommended qualifications are listed on page 4 of the application form	Public TVET, CET, HEI	

**Eligibility requirements:** • Fully completed application form • COID Pension number / Claim number • Certified copies of parent(s) or guardian(s) identity document/death certificate (applicable to dependents) • Identity document of the applicant • Proof of acceptance from a public Post School Education and Training (PSET) institution • Students must be enrolled to study on a full-time basis. Only under exceptional circumstances students with disabilities shall be allowed to study part-time • Certification and verification of physical disability by a Health Care Professional or Disability Support Office /WCL forms (Final medical report)

**Application Process:** Download and complete the respective bursary application form from the website [www.labour.gov.za](http://www.labour.gov.za) or visit your nearest Provincial Labour Centre for the application form. Unemployed COID beneficiaries with a permanent disability and their dependents are not restricted to the listed qualifications. In addition, COID beneficiaries with a permanent disability struggling to gain access to training institutions due to the level of education and other barriers can contact our offices for organised Vocational Skills Programmes/Qualifications.

**Contact Information:** For further inquiries, assistance, and advice, please contact us at: **Phone:** (012) 319 9264 / (012) 319 5774 / (012) 319 9124 ; **Customer care toll-free number:** 0800 321 322 / 0860 10 5350 ; **SMS:** 44967

**Submission of Applications:**

- **Post Office/ Courier:** The Sub – Sub-Directorate: Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Employment and Labour, Compensation Fund, Private Bag x 955, Pretoria, 0001
- **Hand Delivery : September - December 2025 :** 167 Thabo Sehume Street, Delta Heights Building, Pretoria
- **Hand Delivery from January 2026 :** Compensation House, Cnr: Hamilton and Soutpansberg Rd, Prinshof, Pretoria
- **Email:** CFexternalbursaries@labour.gov.za