



Bridge: Innovation in Learning Organisation

ECD Stimulus Support Relief Fund Information Session

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Feedback from Question and Answer Segment

Applying for multiple ECD services

Question	Answer
When applying as an NPO on behalf of ECD services, does the NPO register once on the CSD or does each ECD have to register?	If applying as a NPO on behalf of the many ECD services that you run, you have to apply on CSD once using the bigger NPO details. But remember that the bank details that you submit on CSD must be in the name of the NPO organisation making the application.
Do you need to get the endorsement letter prior to registering on CSD?	You only need a letter of endorsement if you are making an application for multiple ECD services. You will undertake to have the endorsement letter and it's your responsibility as the NPO to then administer the fund, however, there is no need to upload this at the time of application.

Funding requirements for practitioners

Question	Answer
Is this funding available to practitioners who were employed in March 2020, before lockdown, but because of significantly reduced numbers are currently waiting to go back to work?	Yes, funding is available to these ECD practitioners, however, the ECD service must commit to reopening within 60 days of receiving funding.
If an ECD service received DSD subsidy during lockdown period, can they still apply	Yes, they can still apply.
Will someone be disqualified if the staff members don't have a qualification?	No, no one will be disqualified based on their qualification or lack thereof.
Are we (ECDs) allowed to apply for new teachers who started work in January 2021?	Yes, as long as it's before the date you applied for the fund.

<p>Are the principal/owners also going to receive funding?</p>	<p>Yes. The amount payable to the ECD service should be distributed to all staff working in the ECD service</p>
<p>If unregistered centres can apply on condition and they commit to registering their programmes, does this mean, they have to apply for registration first? Or can they apply for the package now, and apply for registration at a later stage?</p>	<p>Yes. In the Application form you will be agreeing to the terms and conditions, indicating your intention to register your ECD programme. You will have to complete a Form 16 to initiate the registration process. You may complete the rest of the registration process after you have completed the application for the stimulus package.</p>
<p>The fund can only support up to four practitioners in an ECD service, do I have to submit details of all the staff members if I have more than four staff members?</p>	<p>DSD wants the details of all your staff even though funding is limited to only four. If your application is successful, you can divide the funding equally amongst all your staff members.</p>
<p>Can the ECD practitioners be notified of the application process and its outcomes?</p>	<p>Currently no. Practitioners will have to communicate with the owners of the ECD services.</p>
<p>Can ECD practitioners who are foreign nationals apply?</p>	<p>The applicant must be: (i) a South African citizen; (ii) a permanent resident in the Republic of South Africa; (iii) a refugee registered on the Department of Home Affairs' database; (iv) a special permit holder under the Special Angolan Dispensation, the Lesotho Exemption Permit Dispensation, or the Zimbabwe Exemption Permit Dispensation; or (v) an asylum seeker whose section 22 permit or visa is valid, or was valid, on 15 March 2020 Aged 18 or older</p>

CSD related questions

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Non-registered providers may apply, however the CSD registration requires a tax number, how do people navigate that?	If you are registered with SARS then you can include your tax number. If you are not yet registered with SARS, provision has been made. Please refer to page two of the 'Revised Central Database Guide' that has been sent to you for guidance on this.
Should only ECD services that are not funded by DSD obtain a CSD number?	Yes, only ECD services that are currently unfunded by DSD require a CSD number. ECD services that receive funding from other government sources such as DoH and receive no funding from DSD also require a CSD number.

Bank account details

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The bank account is in my name but trading as the ECD service's name. Will I be verified on the CSD registration?	You will have to get an account in the ECD service's name.
Can a Post Office bank account be verified?	Yes. If an ECD service requires a bank account before continuing with the relief fund application, a Post Office bank account can also be opened.
If the bank account name and the ECD service name are no longer the same due to a change in the ECD service name, then which name should be used on the CSD registration?	The legal name of the ECD service must match the name of the bank account. If the name of the ECD service changes, the bank account details must be updated to reflect the same change.
Which kind of bank account must the Centre have? Business account or any account in the name of the centre?	Any account in the name of the ECD service.