



EC EXPORTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Call For Applications

The EC Exporter Development Programme Expectations

The Eastern Cape Development Corporation (ECDC) in partnership with Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber (NMBBC) is calling for applications from all qualifying SMMEs to be part of the Eastern Cape Exporter Development Programme (ECEDP) aimed at assisting local companies to start exporting.

The programme seeks to provide export related assistance to the different levels of companies and ensure that the ECDC provides succinct assistance in the company's growth. The ECEDP is targeted to those firms that are new to exporting but require some additional incentive or support to enter and explore new markets. The process to be enrolled will entail a thorough screening, selection and site visit process to identify firms that are ready to enter the export market

ECDC & NMBBC is extending the call for new applicants to the programme.

- Each company will form part of the programme for maximum of 12 months
- Assistance includes financial and non-financial support on export related activities
- The ECDC will assess the needs of the company and assist them in the identified needs for exports
- Part of the assistance provided includes; assistance with export documentation, export related training, participation on exhibitions/missions and export mentorship
- Participants to attend 80% of all the training sessions
- Participants to pay a thousand Rand (R1000) as commitment fee, refundable upon successful completion of programme
- Participants to be further levied R300 per session missed without prior notification of 5 days

The following minimum criteria needs to be met in order for an application to be considered for this programme:

- Be an entrepreneur or SMME based in the Eastern Cape
- At least 18 months in operations
- Must have an existing product
- Must have an interest on export markets

Submission of applications

Interested companies should complete the application form which can found at the ECDC website: www.ecdc.co.za and NMBBC website: www.nmbbusinesschamber.co.za and submit applications at the following email addresses: trade@ecdc.co.za or admin@nmbbusinesschamber.co.za



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