

# SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

## B-BBEE compliance

Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) is a government initiative aimed at redressing the inequalities of the past, relating specifically to economic opportunities. Businesses must comply with the codes of B-BBEE in order to better their chances of securing procurement opportunities.

## SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

One of the objectives of the public sector supplier development workshops is to capacitate and equip small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) to allow them access to public sector supply chains. This access will allow SMMEs the opportunity to expand their businesses. The workshops will have a targeted approach depending on the barriers suppliers face in providing an efficient service.

Workshops will focus on:

- B-BBEE education - in terms of the benefits that B-BBEE compliance yields and awareness, as well as on implementation of local content and production regulations; and
- registration on the Central Supplier Database, which has a direct impact on expanding the supplier database and opening up procurement opportunities for SMMEs.

These sessions will be implemented across the province by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism Enterprise Development Unit in collaboration with municipalities, Provincial Treasury, ARIBA, the South African Revenue Services, the Construction Industry Development Board, provincial and national departments, and other critical stakeholders.

### For more information, please contact:

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## Red tape reduction

Red tape makes it difficult for businesses to succeed, grow, create jobs and invest in infrastructure and development. This could be caused by a range of factors, including outdated or inappropriate policies, rules and regulations, inefficient processes and systems, poor management and staff skills shortages.

We know that entrepreneurship and small business start-ups are vital to economic growth. We also know that even though opportunities exist for those who want to start their own businesses, many of these business ambitions are put on hold or not pursued because of red tape.



Our Red Tape Reduction Unit was established in 2011 to help businesses cut through red tape. Since its inception, the unit has identified several issues raised by businesses, including:

- bureaucratic officials
- a lack of coordination between government departments, spheres of government, state funded agencies and regulators
- a lack of clarity about government's objectives, processes and timeframes
- a lack of transparency in decision-making
- a lack of accountability regarding decision-making
- inconsistent interpretation and application of legislation and policy
- a lack of engagement between the regulator and business

The Red Tape Reduction Unit is your contact point to lodge red tape barriers or blockages that impact the growth of your business or your ability to create employment. Your enquiry will be investigated and resolved or escalated to the appropriate authority within the relevant government department (national or provincial), municipality, public entity or regulator.

If you have experienced red tape issues, please make use of the contacts below:

### Western Cape Government Red Tape Business Helpline:

- Tel: 086 188 8126
- Email: [redtape@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:redtape@westerncape.gov.za)
- Website: [www.westerncape.gov.za/redtapereduction](http://www.westerncape.gov.za/redtapereduction)

**Department of Economic Development and Tourism: 021 483 3840**

Contact the Western Cape Government at:

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