



SUBJECT: INTERPRETATION OF SECTIONS 7.7 OF THE “QUALIFYING COSTS” AND 9.1 OF “GRANT DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING”, OF THE TECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN RESOURCES FOR INDUSTRY PROGRAMME (THRIP) GUIDELINES

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1. PURPOSE

This interpretation note serves to address the following provisions of the Technology and Human Resources for Industry Programme (THRIP) guidelines.

2. INTERPRETATION

2.1 Section 7.7 under *Qualifying Costs*, of the THRIP guidelines have been interpreted as follows:

2.1.1 THRIP will contribute non-cost sharing bursary grant amounts, that is, hundred percent (100%).

2.1.2 For PhD Students participating in the THRIP project, a maximum of **two hundred thousand rand (R200 000)** annually.

2.1.3 For Masters Students participating in the THRIP project, a maximum of **one hundred and fifty thousand rand (R150 000)** annually.

2.1.4 For Honours/BTech students participating in the THRIP project, a maximum of **eighty thousand rand (R80 000)** annually.

Note that amounts offered do not change, but they will be provided in full by the THRIP grant.

2.2 Section 9.1, of the THRIP guidelines will be interpreted as follows:

2.2.1 The first disbursement of forty percent (40%) excludes Bursaries, Graduates' stipend and student involvement incentive which will be disbursed based on approval for each full academic year (for both semesters).

2.2.2 The first disbursement of forty percent (40%) will include the following costs:

- Researchers and technical personnel remuneration;
- Running costs (including materials) and overheads (renting of laboratory space and equipment owned by the private sector not by university or public research institutions);
- Traveling and accommodation costs;
- Equipment and machinery;
- TIPTOP (relocation of researchers);
- Cost of legal advice for SMMEs.