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### **ACCREDITATION OF SCHOOLS**

1. In view of the training requirements set by the National Qualifications Framework, the Department's Subject Advisory Service, responsible for Engineering Studies, has had talks with the Metal and Engineering Industries Artisan Training Board (MEIATB) on the accreditation of practical work at schools which offer technical subjects. The following agreement has been reached.
  - 1.1 Where learners in the current system do not receive recognition for practical work when going on apprenticeship after leaving school, such learners will in future be credited during their apprenticeship for corresponding modules if the schools they have attended were part of the accreditation system. Non-accredited training at schools level will result in learners having to repeat practical training during apprenticeship, which will amount to unnecessary expenditure for them. As much as 80% of the modules in certain disciplines can be accredited and most schools in the WCED are adequately equipped for accreditation for modular training. It should be noted that the Metal and Engineering Industries Artisan Training Board (MEIATB) views the scheme in a very positive light.
2. Accreditation costs amount to R380,00 plus the transport expenses for accreditation officials travelling to and from the school.
3. Schools should be able to defray costs from learner fees. However, there is nothing against schools using their monetary allocation for this purpose as schools are free to use their own initiative with regard to funds. It should clearly be understood that the WCED cannot be held responsible for any financial implications.
4. Headmasters of schools are requested to submit their applications to Mr AE Lategan, Subject Advisor: Engineering Studies, Western Cape Education Department.
5. The contents of this circular should be brought to the attention of all those concerned.

  
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