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Subject: GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE (GCC): Invitation to apply for financial assistance from the AMEU

Dear AMEU Members

Members will be aware that the AMEU has entered into an agreement with the LGSETA for funding of study material and study support for a number of persons wishing to prepare to write the Government Certificate of Competency (Factories) examinations.

With effect from the beginning of 2012, this assistance has been in the form of sponsoring qualifying candidates to participate in the Eskom GCC School programme. Six municipal candidates have been part of the first semester training that started in February 2012 to prepare for writing the examinations in June 2012. Another seven (7) places have been reserved for municipal candidates for the second semester commencing in July 2012. At present, a few of these places are still available and interested candidates are urged to apply for this bursary assistance as soon as possible.

Applications are requested from suitably qualified and experienced employees of local authority electricity distributors, which are AMEU members of good standing, to be considered for this funding support. The facility has been arranged to assist AMEU members in improving their skills base of Certificated Engineers. Many will be aware of the value, apart from the legal requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHS Act, Act No.85 of 1993, as amended), of having GCC trained engineers in their organisation.

Interested persons wishing to submit an application should note the following requirements:

Step 1 - Apply for permission to write the exam with the Department of Labour.

In order to obtain permission to write the examinations, you require:

1. A degree in mechanical or electrical (heavy current) engineering; including B.Tech or;
2. An S4 in mechanical or electrical engineering with the acceptable subjects or;
3. A National Diploma N6 in mechanical or electrical engineering with the acceptable subjects.
4. A signed off report showing 2 years of acceptable practical experience (post apprenticeship for N6).

Copies of the forms are available on the AMEU website. (www.ameu.co.za)

Step 2 - The department will issue you with a letter of permission.

Step 3 - Submit a copy of the letter of permission to the AMEU Secretariat at ameu@vdw.co.za for the attention of Jean Venter. A letter signed by the Head of the Electricity Department of the applicant's municipality, confirming the applicant's position within the organisation and support for his/her undertaking the course of study is also required.

Step 4 - AMEU Secretariat will assess all applications received within the financial limits of the LGSETA funding and will arrange the study material for successful applicants directly with the Eskom GCC School programme.

Step 5 – Successful applicants will be expected to apply themselves to the study material and use the support structures offered by the Eskom GCC School programme.

Step 6 - Enrol for the GCC Exam at your nearest FET College.

Step 7 – Write Exam

Examination information:

1. Duration: Two 3 hour exams – “Legal Knowledge” and “Plant” in June and November.
2. Either or both exams may be taken at any one time.
3. Both exams must be passed within three years of each other.
4. The pass mark is 50%.
5. Both exams are ‘closed book’.
6. For more detailed information visit the Commission of Examiners website.

Application Resources

Contact details:

- a) Commission of Examiners, Department of Labour,
Pvt Bag X117 Pretoria 0001 Tel: 012 309 4384 Fax: 012 309 4151 (attention: Matlala Sathekge - Matlala.Sathekge@labour.gov.za)
- b) AMEU General Secretary - jean@vdw.co.za or fax 086 688 7005
- c) AMEU Advisory Services - Peter Fowles – pf15@mweb.co.za
- d) To obtain additional qualifying subjects: TECHNISA Study Advisor – 011 293 1212

Yours faithfully

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