

Funded training opportunity for women in transport, logistics

Gauteng-based women working in the transport and logistics industry are invited to apply for fully funded training in the International Certificate in Logistics and Transport by UK-based professional body Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport International.



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The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport: South Africa (CILTSA) has secured funding from the Transport Education and Training Authority (TETA) for the training of 30 employed women and is inviting employers to enrol learners for this opportunity.

“This is the first time that TETA has been awarded funding for a candidacy programme, a very intense and practically oriented programme,” explains Elvin Harris, president of CILTSA. “We are inviting the industry to enrol learners on this programme, which will not only enhance the skills levels in their organisation but will also enable graduates to apply for internationally recognised professional designations.”

“It is aimed at women who have some experience in logistics and/or warehousing operations. At the end of the programme, these women will be able to add more value and contribute to increased efficiencies in the workplace, as the theoretical and practical experience this programme offers will equip them with unparalleled learning and growth opportunities.”

Local learning, global designations

“One of the most valuable outcomes of this programme is that once the candidates have completed the programme, they will be encouraged and assisted to apply for the professional designation awarded by CILT International, Member (MILT),” adds Harris.

“These designations are prestigious, globally recognised and provide successful candidates with a significant competitive advantage. CILT can also award the designations of CMILT (Chartered Member), as well as FCILT (Chartered Fellow), once the candidates have achieved certain additional qualifications and experience.”

Minimum qualifying criteria

The minimum qualifying criteria for applicants are:

- Females, with Matric, based in Gauteng and currently employed in an operations or logistics role, with a minimum of two years working experience
- Able to attend training/examinations in Midrand
- Clear record
- Priority will be given to equity targets: 85% of places will be allocated to Black females

Programme provision and content

CILTSA's accredited partner, Commerce Edge, will provide training and the project will be managed by Alto Training.

"The programme, which is scheduled to be completed by October 2018, is both business- and industry-focused," continues Harris. The subjects include Business Theory, Business Application, Warehousing and Freight Transport Operation.

Employer commitments

Whilst all costs for tuition, assessment, graduation and certification, including Student membership of CILTSA, will be paid for by the TETA Fund and administered by CILTSA, employers will be responsible for learner transport costs to the induction, tuition/ examination and graduation venues (all in Gauteng).

Mentoring and work-based experience

A key element of the success of this programme is that learners receive intensive mentoring in order to achieve their training objectives. "We urge employers to provide dedicated, experienced and senior individuals take on the responsibility of mentoring the learners from your organisation," concludes Harris.

For more information, email Catherine Larkin from CILTSA at cvlarkin@ciltsa.org.za or call +27 (0) 11 023-4369 or +27 (0) 83 300 0331. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday 11 August 2017.

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