



Favourable Payment Terms available to qualifying suppliers

In terms of Code 500 of the ICT Sector, Codes of Good Practice on Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) ("the Code"), SMSPortal (Pty) Ltd has, in order to assist and develop the sustainability, financial and operational independence of qualifying suppliers, elected to implement favourable payment terms to suppliers that meet the below criteria and/or any additional criteria that may be applicable in terms of the Code.

In terms of the current Code, SMSPortal (Pty) Ltd will endeavor to pay any approved and valid invoice received from a supplier within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of the invoice, should the supplier meet the criteria set out below. These favourable payment terms shall be available to all existing and future suppliers of SMSPortal (Pty) Ltd that meet the applicable criteria.

The criteria in order to qualify for the favourable payment terms.

In terms of the Code, in order for an entity to qualify for these favourable payment terms, the supplier must be either:

1. An Exempted Micro Enterprise (EME); or
2. A Qualifying Small Enterprise (QSE).
An EME is defined in the BBBEE Generic Codes of Good Practice as an entity with a turnover of R5 000 000.00 (five million rand) or less and a QSE is defined in the same Code as an entity that has a turnover of between R5 000 000.00 – R35 000 000.00 (five million to thirty five million rand).

In addition to the above criteria a QSE or EME must also fall within one of the following classes of suppliers:

1. It must be a black owned entity, which means it must be owned by at least 50.1% Black people; or
2. It must be a black empowered entity, which means it must be owned by at least 25.1% Black People; or 3. It must be a black engendered entity, which means it must be owned by at least 30% Black women.



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What to do next, should the supplier meet the above criteria?

Should any supplier meet the criteria outlined above, it will become eligible to qualify for SMSPortal (Pty) Ltd's favourable payment terms.

In order for SMSPortal (Pty) Ltd to consider and process any supplier's request, the supplier will be required to forward the following information to the procurement department at info@smsportal.co.za as soon as possible:

1. A valid BBBEE certificate
2. Details and proof of turnover to the satisfaction of SMSPortal (Pty) Ltd

Before final approval, which shall be determined at SMSPortal (Pty) Ltd's sole discretion, a supplier will be subject to SMSPortal (Pty) Ltd credit vetting procedures and/or any additional requirements as set out in SMSPortal(Pty) Ltd standard policies and procedures that may be applicable from time to time. A supplier will not qualify for the favourable payment terms until the supplier has been notified in writing by SMSPortal (Pty) Ltd.