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B-BBEE COMMISSION
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Who is the B-BBEE Commission?

The Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Commission ("B-BBEE Commission") is established as an entity within the administration of the Department of Trade and Industry ("**the dti**") by the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act 53 of 2003, as amended by Act 46 of 2013 ("the B-BBEE Act").

Who is eligible to be a Qualifying Small Enterprise (QSE)?

In terms of the amended Codes of Good Practice of the B-BBEE Act that came into effect on 1st of May 2015, a QSE is a Measured Entity with an annual Total Revenue of between R10 million and less than R50 million.

Categories of QSEs

- **Generic QSEs**
- **Sector-based QSEs**

Generic QSEs

A QSE that is 100% black-owned will automatically have a level 1 rating and a QSE that is 51% black-owned will automatically have a level 2 rating on their B-BBEE status.

A Measured Entity that falls under this category, must comply with at least two of the priority elements in the B-BBEE Generic Scorecard:

- Ownership is compulsory; and either
- Enterprise & Supplier Development or Skills Development

QSEs that are at least 100% or 51% black-owned must use a sworn affidavit template available on the Department of Trade and Industry's (**the dti's**) website www.thedti.gov.za or a Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) certificate on an annual basis.

The purpose of this intervention is to reduce the cost of compliance and the cost of doing business for small and medium businesses in South Africa.

Generic QSEs that are not at least 100% or 51% black-owned must be verified using the QSE scorecard and obtain a valid B-BBEE certificate from a South African National Accredited System (SANAS) accredited Verification Professional on an annual basis.

Sector-based QSEs

The eligibility of an entity that falls under a specific sector to qualify as a QSE is set by the Sector Charter in which it operates in. The following are the gazetted sector Charters:

- Agri-BEE Charter
- Financial Sector Charter
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Charter
- Property Sector Charter Turnover
- Chartered Accountancy Sector Code
- Integrated Transport Sector Codes
- Forest Sector Code
- Marketing, Advertising and Communication (MAC) Sector Code
- Tourism Sector Code

The above listed Sector Code Charters can be accessed on **the dti's** website, which indicate the qualification criterion for QSEs for a particular sector-based entity.

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