Vote 17

Higher Education

Adjusted budget summary

R thousand	2025/26 Appropriation	Special appropriation	Adjustments appropriation: Decrease	Adjustments appropriation: Increase	Adjusted appropriation
Amount to be appropriated	**116 441 707**	**–**	**(16 000)**	**16 000**	**116 441 707**
of which:					
Current payments	13 329 294	–	(16 000)	–	13 313 294
Transfers and subsidies	102 670 826	–	–	16 000	102 686 826
Payments for capital assets	441 587	–	–	–	441 587
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund	**26 005 953**	**–**	**(27 394)**	**–**	**25 978 559**
Executive authority	Minister of Higher Education				
Accounting officer	Director-General of Higher Education				
Website	www.dhet.gov.za				

Vote purpose

Develop and support a quality higher and vocational education sector. Promote access to higher education, vocational education and skills development training opportunities.

Performance

Indicator	Programme	MTDP outcome	Annual performance: Projected for 2025/26 as published in the 2025 ENE	Achieved in the first half of 2025/26 (April to September)	Changed target for 2025/26
Number of students enrolled in higher education institutions per year	University Education	Outcome 13: Improved education outcomes and skills	1 165 487	1 115 580	–
Number of eligible university students obtaining financial aid from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme per year	University Education		426 296	566 563	–
Number of enrolments in TVET colleges per year	Technical and Vocational Education and Training		520 000	353 025	–
Number of qualifying students in TVET colleges receiving financial assistance per year	Technical and Vocational Education and Training		269 314	244 221	–
Number of new artisans registered for training per year	Skills Development		37 000	3 056	–
Number of artisan learners qualifying per year	Skills Development		28 000	1 662	–
Number of work-based learning opportunities created per year	Skills Development		200 300	14 574	–
Number of enrolments in CET colleges per year	Community Education and Training		162 750	107 613	–
Number of lecturers trained per year	Community Education and Training		1 000	600	–

Progress

By mid-year, the target for the number of students obtaining financial aid from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme was exceeded as more students than expected were eligible. The target for the number of qualifying students in technical and vocational education and training (TVET) colleges receiving financial aid is expected to be achieved by the end of the year.

Because of lower demand for programme offerings than anticipated, the targets for the number of enrolments at TVET and community education and training (CET) colleges are unlikely to be achieved by the end of the year.

In line with year-on-year trends, the number of new artisans registered for training, the number of qualified artisans and the number of work-based learning opportunities created are expected to increase significantly in the second half of the year as reporting by sector education and training authorities improves in line with the availability of finalised data.

Adjusted estimates

Programme	2025/26								
		Adjustments appropriation							
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments[1]	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Administration	663 152	–	–	(9 277)	–	–	–	(9 277)	653 875
Planning, Policy and Strategy	2 303 670	–	–	9 491	–	–	–	9 491	2 313 161
University Education	96 010 257	–	–	1 515	–	–	–	1 515	96 011 772
Technical and Vocational Education and Training	13 979 855	–	–	(134 193)	–	–	–	(134 193)	13 845 662
Skills Development	359 586	–	–	(13 293)	–	–	–	(13 293)	346 293
Community Education and Training	3 125 187	–	–	145 757	–	–	–	145 757	3 270 944
Subtotal	**116 441 707**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**116 441 707**
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund	**26 005 953**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(27 394)**	**(27 394)**	**25 978 559**
Sector education and training authorities	20 804 762	–	–	–	–	–	(21 915)	(21 915)	20 782 847
National Skills Fund	5 201 191	–	–	–	–	–	(5 479)	(5 479)	5 195 712
Total	**142 447 660**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(27 394)**	**(27 394)**	**142 420 266**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**13 329 294**	**–**	**–**	**(16 000)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(16 000)**	**13 313 294**
Compensation of employees	12 582 529	–	–	(58 400)	–	–	–	(58 400)	12 524 129
Goods and services	746 765	–	–	42 400	–	–	–	42 400	789 165
Transfers and subsidies	**128 676 779**	**–**	**–**	**16 000**	**–**	**–**	**(27 394)**	**(11 394)**	**128 665 385**
Departmental agencies and accounts	75 145 281	–	–	–	–	–	(27 394)	(27 394)	75 117 887
Higher education institutions	53 220 811	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	53 220 811
Foreign governments and international organisations	3 991	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 991
Non-profit institutions	306 696	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	306 696
Households	–	–	–	16 000	–	–	–	16 000	16 000
Payments for capital assets	**441 587**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**441 587**
Buildings and other fixed structures	400 000	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	400 000
Machinery and equipment	36 369	–	–	462	–	–	–	462	36 831
Software and other intangible assets	5 218	–	–	(462)	–	–	–	(462)	4 756
Total	**142 447 660**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(27 394)**	**(27 394)**	**142 420 266**

1. Other adjustments include the shifting of funds between votes, the shifting of funds within a vote following a function shift, declared unspent funds, significant and unforeseeable economic and financial events, and expenditure of an exceptional nature in terms of section 6(1)(b) of the Appropriation Act (2025).

Programme 1: Administration

Subprogramme	2025/26								
		Adjustments appropriation							
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Ministry	69 621	–	–	4 865	–	–	–	4 865	74 486
Department Management	40 161	–	–	4 550	–	–	–	4 550	44 711
Corporate Management Services	317 952	–	–	(19 941)	–	–	–	(19 941)	298 011
Office of the Chief Financial Officer	126 004	–	–	749	–	–	–	749	126 753
Internal Audit	14 489	–	–	500	–	–	–	500	14 989
Office Accommodation	94 925	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	94 925
Total	**663 152**	**–**	**–**	**(9 277)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(9 277)**	**653 875**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**643 570**	**–**	**–**	**(10 088)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(10 088)**	**633 482**
Compensation of employees	370 546	–	–	(16 900)	–	–	–	(16 900)	353 646
Goods and services	273 024	–	–	6 812	–	–	–	6 812	279 836
Transfers and subsidies	**–**	**–**	**–**	**909**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**909**	**909**
Households	–	–	–	909	–	–	–	909	909
Payments for capital assets	**19 582**	**–**	**–**	**(98)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(98)**	**19 484**
Machinery and equipment	14 864	–	–	(98)	–	–	–	(98)	14 766
Software and other intangible assets	4 718	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 718
Total	**663 152**	**–**	**–**	**(9 277)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(9 277)**	**653 875**

Programme 2: Planning, Policy and Strategy

Subprogramme	2025/26								
		Adjustments appropriation							
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Programme Management: Planning, Policy and Strategy	5 492	–	–	(300)	–	–	–	(300)	5 192
Human Resource Development Council of South Africa	14 360	–	–	(300)	–	–	–	(300)	14 060
Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation	2 029 529	–	–	(1 700)	–	–	–	(1 700)	2 027 829
International Relations	27 476	–	–	10 528	–	–	–	10 528	38 004
Legal and Legislative Services	26 477	–	–	1 665	–	–	–	1 665	28 142
Social Inclusion and Quality	200 336	–	–	(402)	–	–	–	(402)	199 934
Total	**2 303 670**	**–**	**–**	**9 491**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**9 491**	**2 313 161**

Programme 2: Planning, Policy and Strategy (continued)

Economic classification	2025/26								
		Adjustments appropriation							
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Current payments	**185 720**	**–**	**–**	**9 522**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**9 522**	**195 242**
Compensation of employees	137 560	–	–	(1 150)	–	–	–	(1 150)	136 410
Goods and services	48 160	–	–	10 672	–	–	–	10 672	58 832
Transfers and subsidies	**1 714 785**	**–**	**–**	**163**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**163**	**1 714 948**
Departmental agencies and accounts	97 317	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	97 317
Higher education institutions	1 583 763	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 583 763
Foreign governments and international organisations	3 991	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 991
Non-profit institutions	29 714	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29 714
Households	–	–	–	163	–	–	–	163	163
Payments for capital assets	**403 165**	**–**	**–**	**(194)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(194)**	**402 971**
Buildings and other fixed structures	400 000	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	400 000
Machinery and equipment	2 665	–	–	286	–	–	–	286	2 951
Software and other intangible assets	500	–	–	(480)	–	–	–	(480)	20
Total	**2 303 670**	**–**	**–**	**9 491**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**9 491**	**2 313 161**

Programme 3: University Education

Subprogramme	2025/26								
		Adjustments appropriation							
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Programme Management: University Education	5 085	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 085
University Planning and Institutional Funding	23 545	–	–	(614)	–	–	–	(614)	22 931
Institutional Governance and Management Support	48 927 976	–	–	290	–	–	–	290	48 928 266
Higher Education Policy Development and Research	15 091	–	–	(477)	–	–	–	(477)	14 614
Teaching, Learning and Research Development	35 778	–	–	2 316	–	–	–	2 316	38 094
University Subsidies	47 002 782	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	47 002 782
Total	**96 010 257**	**–**	**–**	**1 515**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1 515**	**96 011 772**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**105 218**	**–**	**–**	**215**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**215**	**105 433**
Compensation of employees	93 861	–	–	(730)	–	–	–	(730)	93 131
Goods and services	11 357	–	–	945	–	–	–	945	12 302
Transfers and subsidies	**95 903 941**	**–**	**–**	**1 045**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1 045**	**95 904 986**
Departmental agencies and accounts	48 857 641	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	48 857 641
Higher education institutions	47 002 782	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	47 002 782
Non-profit institutions	43 518	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	43 518
Households	–	–	–	1 045	–	–	–	1 045	1 045
Payments for capital assets	**1 098**	**–**	**–**	**255**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**255**	**1 353**
Machinery and equipment	1 098	–	–	255	–	–	–	255	1 353
Total	**96 010 257**	**–**	**–**	**1 515**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1 515**	**96 011 772**

Programme 4: Technical and Vocational Education and Training

Subprogramme R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
	2025/26	Adjustments appropriation							
Programme Management: Technical and Vocational Education and Training	4 876	–	–	1 588	–	–	–	1 588	6 464
Technical and Vocational Education and Training System Planning and Institutional Support	12 986 067	–	–	(210 070)	–	–	–	(210 070)	12 775 997
Programmes and Qualifications	22 946	–	–	3 210	–	–	–	3 210	26 156
National Examinations and Assessment	700 930	–	–	71 902	–	–	–	71 902	772 832
Technical and Vocational Education and Training Financial Planning	18 718	–	–	(436)	–	–	–	(436)	18 282
Regional Offices	246 318	–	–	(387)	–	–	–	(387)	245 931
Total	**13 979 855**	**–**	**–**	**(134 193)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(134 193)**	**13 845 662**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**9 312 348**	**–**	**–**	**(145 018)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(145 018)**	**9 167 330**
Compensation of employees	8 922 093	–	–	(163 200)	–	–	–	(163 200)	8 758 893
Goods and services	390 255	–	–	18 182	–	–	–	18 182	408 437
Transfers and subsidies	**4 654 267**	**–**	**–**	**10 207**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**10 207**	**4 664 474**
Departmental agencies and accounts	20 001	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20 001
Higher education institutions	4 634 266	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 634 266
Households	–	–	–	10 207	–	–	–	10 207	10 207
Payments for capital assets	**13 240**	**–**	**–**	**618**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**618**	**13 858**
Machinery and equipment	13 240	–	–	618	–	–	–	618	13 858
Total	**13 979 855**	**–**	**–**	**(134 193)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(134 193)**	**13 845 662**

Programme 5: Skills Development

Subprogramme R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
	2025/26	Adjustments appropriation							
Programme Management: Skills Development	6 340	–	–	300	–	–	–	300	6 640
Sector Education and Training Authority Coordination	175 832	–	–	540	–	–	–	540	176 372
National Skills Authority Secretariat	15 940	–	–	200	–	–	–	200	16 140
Quality Development and Promotion	31 276	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	31 276
National Artisan Development	130 198	–	–	(14 333)	–	–	–	(14 333)	115 865
Total	**359 586**	**–**	**–**	**(13 293)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(13 293)**	**346 293**

Programme 5: Skills Development (continued)

Economic classification R thousand	2025/26 Appropriation	Adjustments appropriation Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Current payments	**192 813**	**–**	**–**	**(13 619)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(13 619)**	**179 194**
Compensation of employees	173 851	–	–	(13 670)	–	–	–	(13 670)	160 181
Goods and services	18 962	–	–	51	–	–	–	51	19 013
Transfers and subsidies	**163 335**	**–**	**–**	**377**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**377**	**163 712**
Departmental agencies and accounts	163 335	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	163 335
Households	–	–	–	377	–	–	–	377	377
Payments for capital assets	**3 438**	**–**	**–**	**(51)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(51)**	**3 387**
Machinery and equipment	3 438	–	–	(51)	–	–	–	(51)	3 387
Total	**359 586**	**–**	**–**	**(13 293)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(13 293)**	**346 293**

Programme 6: Community Education and Training

Subprogramme R thousand	2025/26 Appropriation	Adjustments appropriation Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Programme Management: Community Education and Training	5 171	–	–	(1 000)	–	–	–	(1 000)	4 171
Community Education and Training System Planning, Institutional Development and Support	2 860 388	–	–	146 921	–	–	–	146 921	3 007 309
Community Education and Training Colleges Financial Planning and Management	242 688	–	–	40	–	–	–	40	242 728
Education, Training and Development Assessment	16 940	–	–	(204)	–	–	–	(204)	16 736
Total	**3 125 187**	**–**	**–**	**145 757**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**145 757**	**3 270 944**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**2 889 625**	**–**	**–**	**142 988**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**142 988**	**3 032 613**
Compensation of employees	2 884 618	–	–	137 250	–	–	–	137 250	3 021 868
Goods and services	5 007	–	–	5 738	–	–	–	5 738	10 745
Transfers and subsidies	**234 498**	**–**	**–**	**3 299**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**3 299**	**237 797**
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 034	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 034
Non-profit institutions	233 464	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	233 464
Households	–	–	–	3 299	–	–	–	3 299	3 299
Payments for capital assets	**1 064**	**–**	**–**	**(530)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(530)**	**534**
Machinery and equipment	1 064	–	–	(548)	–	–	–	(548)	516
Software and other intangible assets	–	–	–	18	–	–	–	18	18
Total	**3 125 187**	**–**	**–**	**145 757**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**145 757**	**3 270 944**

Direct charges against the National Revenue Fund

R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
	2025/26								
		Adjustments appropriation							
Sector education and training authorities	20 804 762	–	–	–	–	–	(21 915)	(21 915)	20 782 847
National Skills Fund	5 201 191	–	–	–	–	–	(5 479)	(5 479)	5 195 712
Total	**26 005 953**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(27 394)**	**(27 394)**	**25 978 559**
Economic classification									
Transfers and subsidies	**26 005 953**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(27 394)**	**(27 394)**	**25 978 559**
Departmental agencies and accounts	26 005 953	–	–	–	–	–	(27 394)	(27 394)	25 978 559
Total	**26 005 953**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(27 394)**	**(27 394)**	**25 978 559**

Details of adjustments to the 2025 ENE

Virements and shifts within the vote

Programmes

1. Administration
2. Planning, Policy and Strategy
3. University Education
4. Technical and Vocational Education and Training
5. Skills Development
6. Community Education and Training

From: Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	To: Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
Programme 1		**(18 980)**	**Programme 1**		**7 773**
Goods and services	Travel and subsistence	(682)	Machinery and equipment	ICT equipment	682
Machinery and equipment	Transport equipment	(1 138)	Goods and services	Travel and subsistence	1 138
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(4 667)		Travel and subsistence	4 667
	Vacant posts	(909)	Households	Employee social benefits	909
	Vacant posts	(377)	Machinery and equipment	ICT equipment	377
			Programme 2		**130**
Goods and services	Travel and subsistence	(111)	Goods and services	Consultants	111
Machinery and equipment	ICT equipment	(19)		Consultants	19
			Programme 6		**11 077**
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(11 077)	Compensation of employees	Cost-of-living adjustments	11 077
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		1.2%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**1.7%**			

Virements and shifts within the vote (continued)

From:			To:		
Programme by economic classification	**Motivation**	**R thousand**	**Programme by economic classification**	**Motivation**	**R thousand**
Programme 2		**(1 862)**	**Programme 1**		**130**
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(130)	Compensation of employees	Cost-of-living adjustments	130
			Programme 2		**1 417**
Goods and services	Consultants	(217)	Machinery and equipment	ICT equipment	217
	Agency and support/ outsourced services	(15)		ICT equipment	15
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(522)	Goods and services	Consultants	522
	Vacant posts	(163)	Households	Employee social benefits	163
	Vacant posts	(20)	Machinery and equipment	ICT equipment	20
Payments for capital assets	Software licences	(446)	Goods and services	Travel and subsistence	446
	Software licences	(34)	Machinery and equipment	ICT equipment	34
			Programme 3		**315**
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(315)	Households	Employee social benefits	315
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.1%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**0%**			
Programme 3		**(1 156)**	**Programme 3**		**1 156**
Goods and services	Travel and subsistence	(50)	Machinery and equipment	ICT equipment	50
	Consultants	(259)		ICT equipment	259
Machinery and equipment	ICT equipment	(117)	Goods and services	Computer services	117
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(730)	Households	Employee social benefits	730
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**0%**			

Virements and shifts within the vote (continued)

From:			To:		
Programme by economic classification	**Motivation**	**R thousand**	**Programme by economic classification**	**Motivation**	**R thousand**
Programme 4		**(163 818)**	**Programme 2**		**3 481**
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(3 481)	Goods and services	G20-related activities	3 481
			Programme 4		**29 625**
Goods and services	Computer services	(101)	Machinery and equipment	ICT equipment	101
	Travel and subsistence	(4)		ICT equipment	4
	Consumables	(63)		ICT equipment	63
	Training and development	(450)		ICT equipment	450
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(18 800)	Goods and services	Computer services, consumables, travel and subsistence	18 800
	Vacant posts	(10 207)	Households	Employee social benefits	10 207
			Programme 6		**130 712**
	Vacant posts	(436)	Compensation of employees	Cost-of-living adjustments	436
	Vacant posts	(3 089)	Households	Employee social benefits	3 089
	Vacant posts	(127 187)	Compensation of employees	Cost-of-living adjustments	127 187
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.2%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**1%**			
Programme 5		**(13 767)**	**Programme 1**		**1 800**
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(1 800)	Goods and services	Consultants	1 800
			Programme 2		**6 325**
	Vacant posts	(248)	Goods and services	Consultants	248
	Vacant posts	(6 077)		G20-related activities	6 077
			Programme 3		**1 200**
	Vacant posts	(1 137)	Goods and services	Travel and subsistence	1 137
	Vacant posts	(63)	Machinery and equipment	ICT equipment	63
			Programme 5		**474**
Goods and services	Travel and subsistence	(23)	Machinery and equipment	ICT equipment	23
Machinery and equipment	ICT equipment	(74)	Goods and services	Communication	74
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(377)	Households	Employee social benefits	377
			Programme 6		**3 968**
	Vacant posts	(3 968)	Goods and services	Consultants	3 968
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.1%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**3.7%**			

Virements and shifts within the vote (continued)

From:			To:		
Programme by economic classification	**Motivation**	**R thousand**	**Programme by economic classification**	**Motivation**	**R thousand**
Programme 6		**(2 086)**	**Programme 6**		**2 086**
Goods and services	Travel and subsistence	(35)	Machinery and equipment	ICT equipment	35
	Travel and subsistence	(18)	Payments for capital assets	Software licences	18
Machinery and equipment	ICT equipment	(22)	Goods and services	Computer services	22
	ICT equipment	(471)		Consultants	471
	ICT equipment	(90)		Training and development	90
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(1 200)		Training and development	1 200
	Vacant posts	(40)		Computer services	40
	Vacant posts	(210)	Households	Employee social benefits	210
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.1%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**0%**			
Total		**(201 669)**			**201 669**

Direct charges against the National Revenue Fund – R27.4 million

Skills development levy

The skills development levy is reduced by R27.4 million, in line with revised projected levy revenue for 2025/26.

Expenditure outcome for 2024/25 and actual expenditure for 2025/26

Programme	2024/25					2025/26			
		Outcome						Actual expenditure	
R thousand	Adjusted appropriation	Apr 24 - Sep 24	Apr 24 - Sep 24 % of adjusted appropriation	Apr 24 - Mar 25	Apr 24 - Mar 25 % of adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation/ Total (%)	Apr 25 - Sep 25	Apr 25 - Sep 25 % of adjusted appropriation
Administration	675 685	269 695	39.9	596 219	88.2	653 875	0.5	284 246	43.5
Planning, Policy and Strategy	3 934 471	468 198	11.9	3 686 766	93.7	2 313 161	1.6	648 585	28.0
University Education	91 694 558	70 881 014	77.3	91 681 031	100.0	96 011 772	67.4	55 933 961	58.3
Technical and Vocational Education and Training	13 191 609	6 468 502	49.0	13 199 336	100.1	13 845 662	9.7	6 769 399	48.9
Skills Development	340 555	154 053	45.2	334 807	98.3	346 293	0.2	152 401	44.0
Community Education and Training	2 936 614	1 452 909	49.5	3 135 611	106.8	3 270 944	2.3	1 614 080	49.3
Subtotal	**112 773 492**	**79 694 371**	**70.7**	**112 633 770**	**99.9**	**116 441 707**	**81.8**	**65 402 672**	**56.2**
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund	**24 493 292**	**11 728 301**	**47.9**	**24 137 414**	**98.5**	**25 978 559**	**18.2**	**12 494 483**	**48.1**
Sector education and training authorities	19 594 633	9 382 641	47.9	19 309 931	98.5	20 782 847	14.6	9 995 586	48.1
National Skills Fund	4 898 659	2 345 660	47.9	4 827 483	98.5	5 195 712	3.6	2 498 897	48.1
Total	**137 266 784**	**91 422 672**	**66.6**	**136 771 184**	**99.6**	**142 420 266**	**100.0**	**77 897 155**	**54.7**

Expenditure outcome for 2024/25 and actual expenditure for 2025/26 (continued)

Economic classification	2024/25					2025/26			
		Outcome						Actual expenditure	
R thousand	Adjusted appropriation	Apr 24 - Sep 24	Apr 24 - Sep 24 % of adjusted appropriation	Apr 24 - Mar 25	Apr 24 - Mar 25 % of adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation/ Total (%)	Apr 25 - Sep 25	Apr 25 - Sep 25 % of adjusted appropriation
Current payments	**12 522 050**	**5 983 473**	**47.8**	**12 384 637**	**98.9**	**13 313 294**	**9.3**	**6 355 952**	**47.7**
Compensation of employees	11 682 215	5 662 907	48.5	11 481 691	98.3	12 524 129	8.8	6 022 913	48.1
Goods and services	839 835	320 566	38.2	902 946	107.5	789 165	0.6	333 039	42.2
Transfers and subsidies	**124 440 998**	**85 418 618**	**68.6**	**124 304 556**	**99.9**	**128 665 385**	**90.3**	**71 522 593**	**55.6**
Departmental agencies and accounts	71 830 755	47 172 264	65.7	71 472 569	99.5	75 117 887	52.7	42 003 692	55.9
Higher education institutions	52 298 884	38 082 386	72.8	52 298 850	100.0	53 220 811	37.4	29 332 573	55.1
Foreign governments and international organisations	3 820	–	–	3 195	83.6	3 991	0.0	–	–
Non-profit institutions	291 236	155 393	53.4	510 545	175.3	306 696	0.2	177 767	58.0
Households	16 303	8 575	52.6	19 397	119.0	16 000	0.0	8 561	53.5
Payments for capital assets	**303 736**	**20 581**	**6.8**	**77 216**	**25.4**	**441 587**	**0.3**	**18 610**	**4.2**
Buildings and other fixed structures	271 135	–	–	46 075	17.0	400 000	0.3	15 216	3.8
Machinery and equipment	12 648	5 631	44.5	16 378	129.5	36 831	0.0	3 394	9.2
Software and other intangible assets	19 953	14 950	74.9	14 763	74.0	4 756	0.0	–	–
Payments for financial assets	**–**	**–**	**–**	**4 775**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
Total	**137 266 784**	**91 422 672**	**66.6**	**136 771 184**	**99.6**	**142 420 266**	**100.0**	**77 897 155**	**54.7**

Expenditure trends

Total expenditure in 2024/25 was R136.8 billion, 99.6 per cent of the adjusted appropriation. Expenditure in the first half of 2024/25 was R91.4 billion, 66.6 per cent of the adjusted appropriation, whereas mid-year expenditure in 2025/26 was R77.9 billion, 54.7 per cent of the adjusted appropriation of R142.4 billion for the year. Compared to the first half of 2024/25, expenditure over the same period in 2025/26 decreased by R14 billion, 15 per cent. This was mainly due to a decrease in scheduled transfer payments to higher education institutions and the National Student Financial Aid Scheme in the first half of the year.

Departmental receipts

	2024/25					2025/26				
		Outcome							Actual receipts	
R thousand	Adjusted estimate	Apr 24 - Sep 24	Apr 24 - Sep 24 % of adjusted estimate	Apr 24 - Mar 25	Apr 24 - Mar 25 % of adjusted estimate	Budget estimate	Adjusted estimate	Adjusted receipts estimate/ Total (%)	Apr 25 - Sep 25	Apr 25 - Sep 25 % of adjusted estimate
Departmental receipts	**28 923**	**7 253**	**25.1**	**876 177**	**3 029.3**	**18 373**	**18 373**	**100.0**	**8 636**	**47.0**
Sales of goods and services produced by the department	9 838	5 841	59.4	12 225	124.3	12 305	12 389	67.4	6 846	55.3
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	4	–	–	–	–	5	5	0.0	–	–
Interest, dividends and rent on land	1 891	77	4.1	3 938	208.2	1 577	1 493	8.1	245	16.4
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	17 190	1 335	7.8	860 014	5 003.0	4 486	4 486	24.4	1 545	34.4
Total	**28 923**	**7 253**	**25.1**	**876 177**	**3 029.3**	**18 373**	**18 373**	**100.0**	**8 636**	**47.0**

Revenue trends

Mid-year revenue in 2024/25 was R7.3 million, 25.1 per cent of the adjusted estimate, whereas revenue in the first half of 2025/26 was R8.6 million, 47 per cent of the adjusted estimate of R18.4 million for the year. Compared to the first half of 2024/25, revenue over the same period in 2025/26 increased by R1.3 million, 19.1 per cent. This was mainly due to an increase in the number of students sitting for supplementary examinations, leading to increases in examination fees and the number of artisan students registering for trade tests.

Summary of changes to transfers and subsidies per programme

			2025/26							
			Adjustments appropriation							
R thousand	Appropriation	Special appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Administration										
Households										
Social benefits										
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**909**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**909**	**909**
Employee social benefits	–	–	–	–	909	–	–	–	909	909
Planning, Policy and Strategy										
Households										
Social benefits										
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**163**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**163**	**163**
Employee social benefits	–	–	–	–	163	–	–	–	163	163
University Education										
Households										
Social benefits										
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1 045**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1 045**	**1 045**
Employee social benefits	–	–	–	–	1 045	–	–	–	1 045	1 045
Technical and Vocational Education and Training										
Households										
Social benefits										
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**7 897**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**7 897**	**7 897**
Employee social benefits	–	–	–	–	7 897	–	–	–	7 897	7 897
Households										
Other transfers to households										
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2 310**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2 310**	**2 310**
Employee social benefits	–	–	–	–	2 310	–	–	–	2 310	2 310
Skills Development										
Households										
Social benefits										
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**377**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**377**	**377**
Employee social benefits	–	–	–	–	377	–	–	–	377	377
Community Education and Training										
Households										
Social benefits										
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**3 299**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**3 299**	**3 299**
Employee social benefits	–	–	–	–	3 299	–	–	–	3 299	3 299

Summary of changes to transfers and subsidies per programme (continued)

R thousand	Appropriation	Special appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
	2025/26		Adjustments appropriation							
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund										
Departmental agencies and accounts										
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)										
Current	**26 005 953**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(27 394)**	**(27 394)**	**25 978 559**
Sector education and training authorities	20 804 762	–	–	–	–	–	–	(21 915)	(21 915)	20 782 847
National Skills Fund	5 201 191	–	–	–	–	–	–	(5 479)	(5 479)	5 195 712