



GENERAL NOTICE**NOTICE ___ OF 2025****DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT****NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 102 OF 1996)****FINAL REGULATIONS SETTING THE CRITERIA DETERMINING THE CLASSIFICATION
OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES**

I, Ms Stella Ndabeni, Minister of Small Business Development, in terms of section 20(20) of the National Small Enterprise Act, 1996 (Act 102 of 1996) as amended, hereby proclaim the regulations setting the criteria to determine the classification of micro, small and medium enterprises.

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Criteria to determine the classification of micro, small and medium enterprises

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Sectors or sub-sectors in accordance with the Standard Industrial Classification	Size or class of enterprise	Total full-time equivalent of paid employees	Total annual turnover - Rand
Agriculture	Medium	51- 250	≤ 100 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 45 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 15 million
Mining and Quarrying	Medium	51- 250	≤ 400 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 70,0 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 25 million
Manufacturing	Medium	51- 250	≤ 350 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 70,0 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 15,0 million
Electricity, Gas and Water	Medium	51- 250	≤ 350 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 70 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 15 million
Construction	Medium	51- 250	≤ 150 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 40 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 10 million
Retail, Trade and Repair services	Medium	51- 250	≤ 300 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 80 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 15 million
Wholesale	Medium	51- 250	≤ 600 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 150 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 30 million
Catering and Accommodation	Medium	51- 250	≤ 60 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 20 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 6 million
Transport, Storage and Communications	Medium	51- 250	≤ 300 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 80 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 15 million
Financial Intermediation	Medium	51- 250	≤ 160 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 45 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 10 million
Community, Social and Personal Services	Medium	51- 250	≤ 150 million
	Small	11- 50	≤ 35 million
	Micro	0-10	≤ 10 million

Note:

Caution should be taken when applying the threshold for firms operating within the regulated industries, i.e. fuel industry, as third of their turnover consists of taxes and mandatory government levies and given the regulated low profit margins with sizable turnovers it is important to remain sustainable. Therefore, this should be taken into consideration when determining the size levels of small enterprises for such firms operating within this space.