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Accounting: I-CAN Youth FinTech Pilot Project for QuickBooks certification

To: District Directors, Circuit Managers, Deputy Chief Education Specialist: Accounting, Curriculum Managers, Curriculum Advisers for Accounting and Principals of schools offering Grades 11 Accounting

**Subject: Participation of Grade 11 Accounting learners in the I-CAN Youth FinTech Pilot Project for QuickBooks certification**

1. The Genesis Community IT Initiative (G-CITI), who is the managing operator of the I-CAN Centre in Elsies Rivier offers a QuickBooks certification opportunity to 20 Grade 11 learners and 10 Accounting teachers in schools in urban education districts in the Western Cape.
2. The I-CAN Centre, in partnership with Masterskill and Certiport, will offer QuickBooks training at the I-CAN Centre and online support during term 2 and 3 to prepare participants for the certification exam in September 2019.
3. This project will empower Grade 11 learners and Accounting teachers who will be identified to participate in the pilot project, to obtain digital Accounting skills in their engagement with the automated QuickBooks bookkeeping software.
4. Successful participants who obtain 70% or more will obtain international certification in QuickBooks. This international certificate is equivalent to 13 SAQA credits obtained through recognized prior learning.
5. Learners will not only strengthen their understanding of Accounting and improve their performance in the subject, but will also be better equipped for future employment opportunities and tertiary studies in commerce. It can also spark interest in Accounting and motivate other high school learners to consider career opportunities in Accounting and financial technology.
6. The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) has granted permission to the I-CAN Centre and its partners (mentioned above) to contact schools to identify Grade 11 learners and teachers to participate in this project.

7. Principals are requested to bring the contents of this minute to the attention of all Grade 11 Accounting teachers and learners.
8. Gr 11 Accounting learners can also apply online at <http://bit.do/fintechonline2018>

  
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