

BOOK REVIEWS

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Understanding the Skills Development Act. Juta's Pocket Companions. First Edition

Authors: Sylvia Hammond, Vusi Mabena and Elize Strydom
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This little volume, measuring 100 by 140 mm, packs a lot of information. It summarises the Act and its various amendments in plain language, but in addition to this it provides summaries in the form of key points, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), pertinent case law to provide examples of key points, links to online resources and pertinent examples. The structure and style would make it a perfect choice for students or people new to skills development, while at the same time provide even experienced practitioners with a ready reference or refresher to various aspects of the legislation.

Juta's Skills Development Handbook

Authors: Paul Benjamin and Brendan Barry
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In contrast, this volume is of interest to all South African skills development professionals, including Human Resources (HR), Human Resource Development (HRD) and Learning and Development (L&D) practitioners. It should also be on the shelf of any senior Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA) manager. In one volume it provides access to the actual legislation and related legislation and regulations. To keep it up to date the purchaser can register for revision services. The loose-leaf format allows it to be updated quickly to keep it current. The authors provided advice to the Department of Labour during the legislative and regulatory drafting process. Their intimate knowledge of the legislation is evident in the introduction to the volume, which provides a useful commentary on the Skills Development Act, its implications, and how it works in practice.

Both books are available from JUTA.
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