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BURSARY CONNECT PORTAL

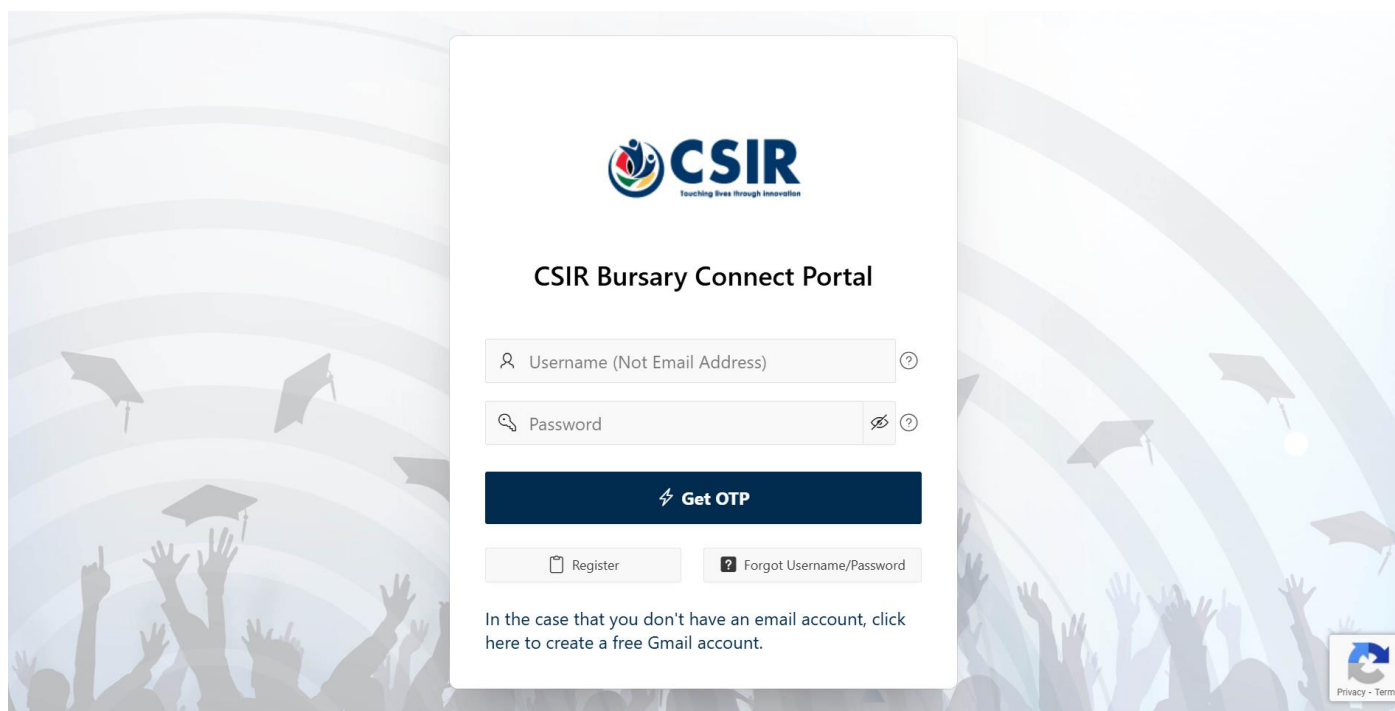
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1. Logging into the Bursary Connect Portal

1.1 Via The Internet

Navigate to the Internet Browser and use <https://bursaryconnect.csir.co.za/>



On the login screen use your account username and password created on the registration portal.

Click on **Get OTP** and the digits will be sent to the registered email address.

Enter the OTP with registered account credentials to log in.



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[Sign In](#)

[Register](#)

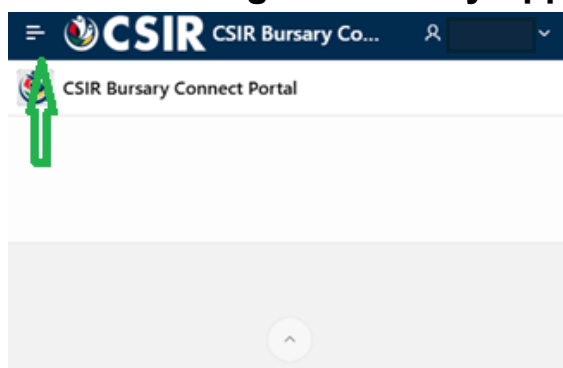
[Forgot Username/Password](#)

In the case that you don't have an email account, click here to create a free Gmail account.

OTP must be entered within 2 minutes.

This is the ReCAPTCHA expiration time as set universally by Google

2. Accessing the Bursary Application Page



On expanding of the menu, the Options are displayed

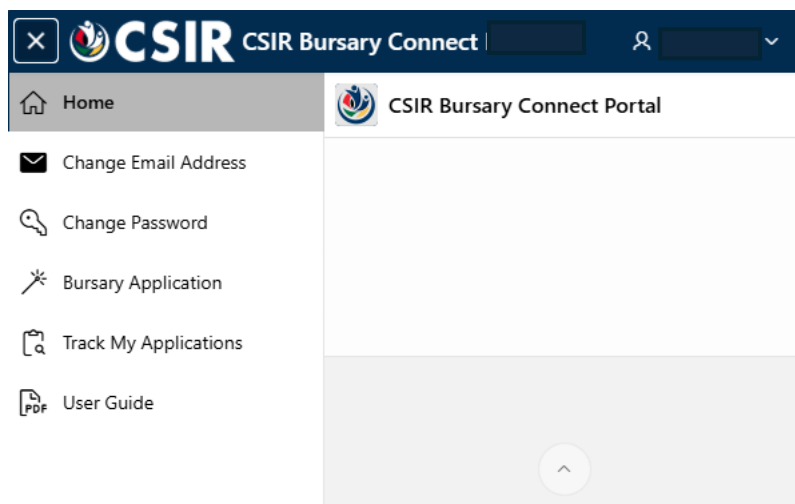
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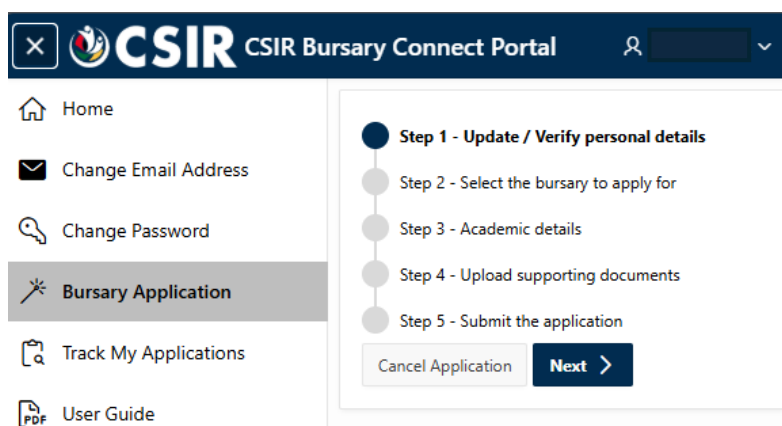
Bursary Application

Track My Applications

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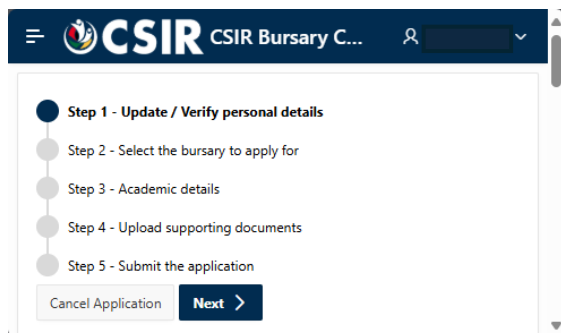
Select the Bursary Application Option



Bursary Application will display **new** and **in-progress** applications.

3. Submitting a Bursary Application

Select Step 1 – Update / Verify Personal Information



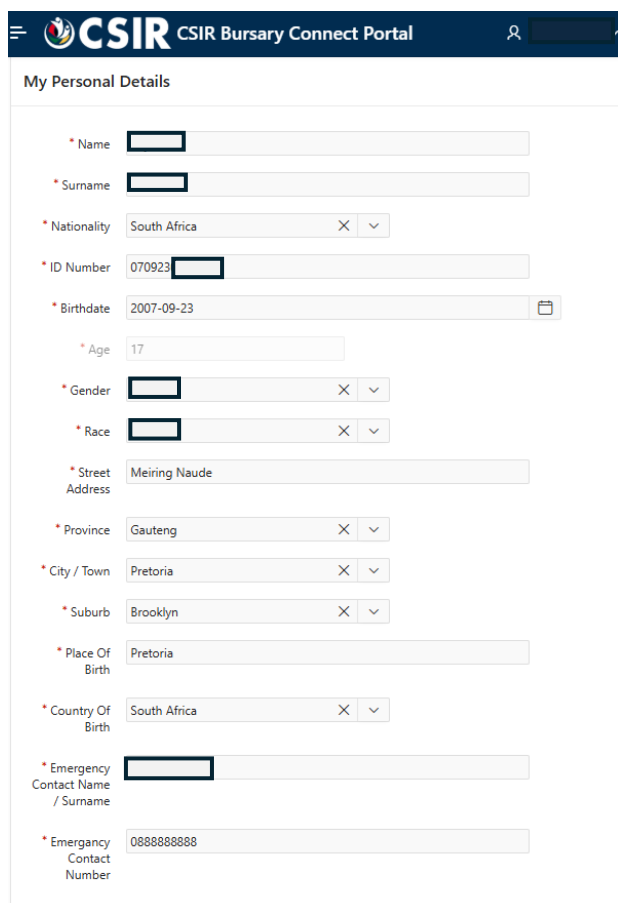
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- Step 1 - Update / Verify personal details**
- Step 2 - Select the bursary to apply for
- Step 3 - Academic details
- Step 4 - Upload supporting documents
- Step 5 - Submit the application

Cancel Application **Next >**

3.1 My Personal Details Page:

Step 1:



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My Personal Details

* Name

* Surname

* Nationality X v

* ID Number

* Birthdate

* Age

* Gender X v

* Race X v

* Street Address

* Province X v

* City / Town X v

* Suburb X v

* Place Of Birth

* Country Of Birth X v

* Emergency Contact Name / Surname

* Emergency Contact Number

For a minor under the age of 18, please note that consent from a parent or guardian must be uploaded. A link is provided to download the consent form.

Complete the form and proceed to upload it.

* Birthdate
 2007-09-23

* Age
 17

Under 18 Consent Download
[Download Consent File](#)

* Under 18 Consent


Under 18 Consent
 Select a file or drop one here.

3.2 Select the bursary to apply for Page:

Step 2:


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Bursary Detail

* Bursary Programme
 DSTI CSIR IBS Bursary (2026)

* Thematic Area
 ICT

* Year Of Study
 2026

* Qualification Type
 Honours

* Area of Study
 Artificial Intelligence

* Qualification
 B Eng (Hons)Computer Eng

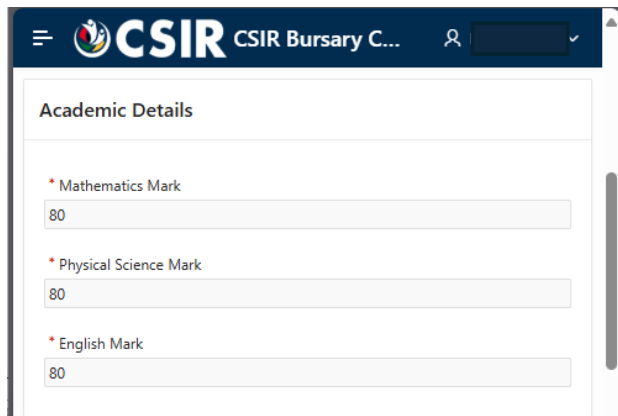
Thematic Areas **ONLY** applicable to DSTI IBS Bursary Programme option.

NO Thematic Area for Other Bursary Programmes

3.3 Academic details Page:

Step 3:

For Qualification type = B Degree new 1st year application

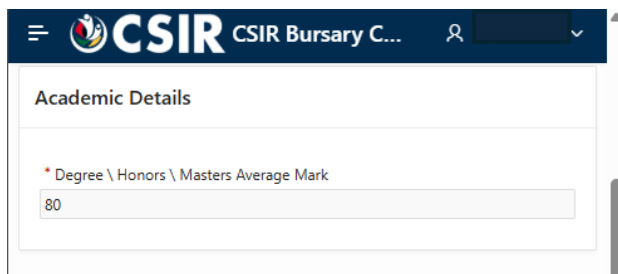


The screenshot shows the 'Academic Details' section of the CSIR Bursary Connect Portal. The header bar includes the CSIR logo, the text 'CSIR Bursary C...', a search icon, and a dropdown menu. The 'Academic Details' section contains three input fields, each with a red asterisk and a label: 'Mathematics Mark', 'Physical Science Mark', and 'English Mark'. Each field has the number '80' entered. A vertical scrollbar is visible on the right side of the form.

For Qualification type = B Degree already completed one year or more

For Qualification type = Honours

For Qualification type = Master's and Doctorate



The screenshot shows the 'Academic Details' section of the CSIR Bursary Connect Portal for Master's and Doctorate qualifications. The header bar is identical to the previous screenshot. The 'Academic Details' section contains a single input field with a red asterisk and the label 'Degree \ Honors \ Masters Average Mark'. The number '80' is entered in this field. A vertical scrollbar is visible on the right side of the form.

For Qualification type = Master's and Doctorate, complete the following details:


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* Degree \ Honors \ Masters Average Mark

Please Note: If you have not yet finalized your research project details, you can consult with you supervisor and submit draft research project details aligned to the funded thematic areas.

* Research Project Title

* Research Theme

* Problem Identification

* Brief description of the problem and research question(s) to be answered

* Research Aims and Objectives

* Expected Outputs, Outcomes and Impact

* Supervisor Full Name

* Supervisor Email

* Supervisor Contact Number

3.4 Upload Supporting Documents Page:

Step 4:

Upload the following supporting documents:

- For Qualification type = B Degree new 1st year application with matric still in progress


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Supporting Documents

Upload Instructions

Please ensure your files meet the following requirements:

- **Accepted formats:** JPG, JPEG, PNG, PDF, TXT, ZIP, DOC, DOCX
- **Maximum file size:** 20MB per file
- **The maximum limit for file name is 50 characters including extension.**

Files that do not meet these criteria will not be accepted.

* Completed Matric

☒ No
 ☐ Yes

* Identity Document


Identity Document
 Select a file or drop one here.

* Grade 11 Results


Grade 11 Results
 Select a file or drop one here.

- For Qualification type = B Degree new 1st year application with matric completed


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Supporting Documents

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Please ensure your files meet the following requirements:

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- **Maximum file size:** 20MB per file
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* Completed Matric

☐ No
 ☒ Yes

* Identity Document

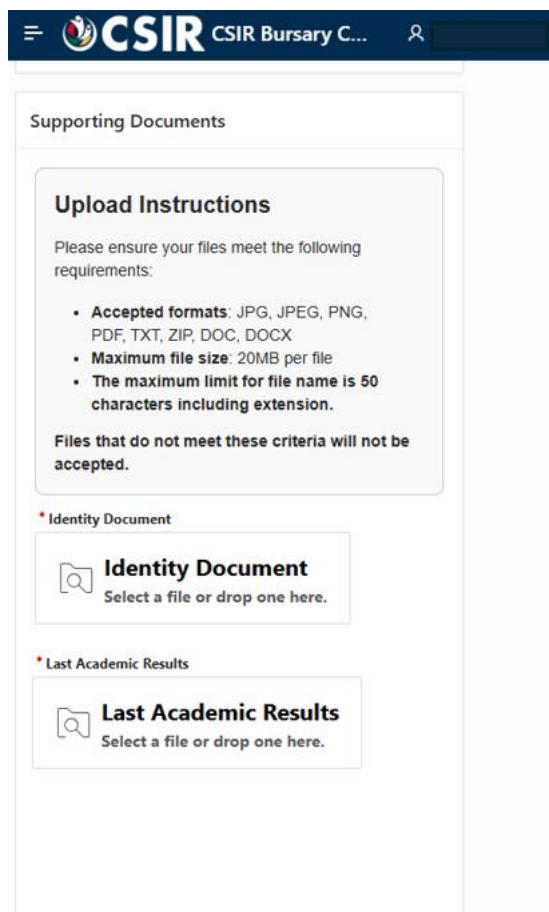

Identity Document
 Select a file or drop one here.

* Matric Results


Matric Results
 Select a file or drop one here.

Upload the following supporting documents:

- For Qualification type = B Degree already completed one year or more
- For Qualification type = Honours
- For Qualification type = Master's and Doctorate



The screenshot shows the 'Supporting Documents' section of the CSIR Bursary Connect Portal. At the top is a dark blue header with the CSIR logo, the text 'CSIR Bursary C...', and a user profile icon. Below the header, the section is titled 'Supporting Documents'. A box labeled 'Upload Instructions' contains the following text: 'Please ensure your files meet the following requirements:'. It lists three bullet points: 'Accepted formats: JPG, JPEG, PNG, PDF, TXT, ZIP, DOC, DOCX', 'Maximum file size: 20MB per file', and 'The maximum limit for file name is 50 characters including extension.' It also states: 'Files that do not meet these criteria will not be accepted.' Below this, there are two required upload fields. The first is labeled '* Identity Document' and contains a file upload icon, the text 'Identity Document', and 'Select a file or drop one here.' The second is labeled '* Last Academic Results' and contains a file upload icon, the text 'Last Academic Results', and 'Select a file or drop one here.'

3.5 Submit the application Page:

Step 5:



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Step 1 - Update / Verify personal details

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Step 2 - Select the bursary to apply for

✓

Step 3 - Academic details

✓

Step 4 - Upload supporting documents

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Step 5 - Submit the application

Cancel Application

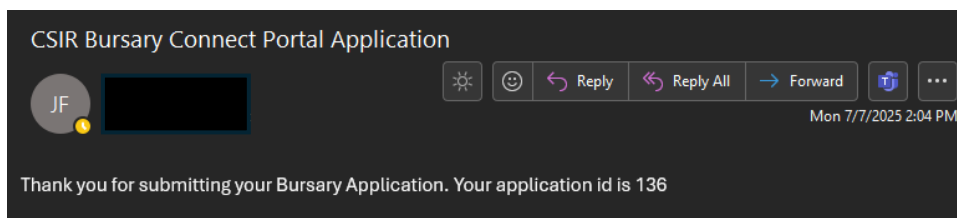
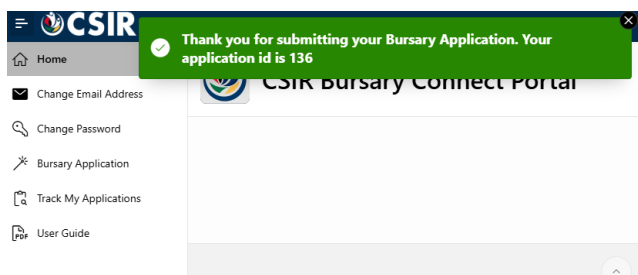
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Submit the application

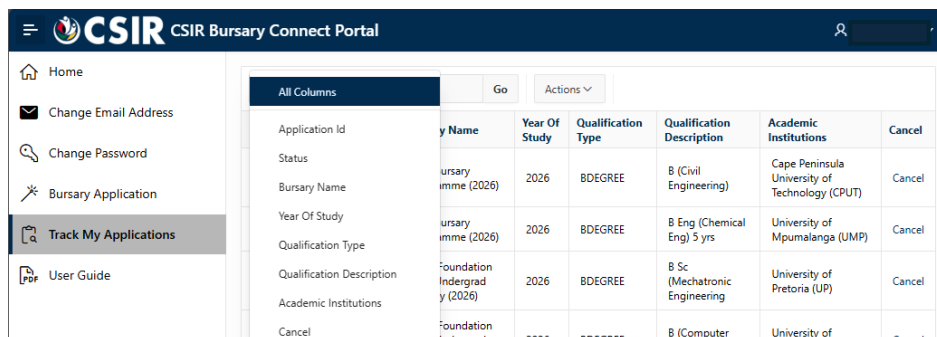
I hereby declare that all information provided in this application is **true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or misleading information** may result in the disqualification of my application or termination of any resulting agreement. I further acknowledge that I have read, understood, and accept all terms and conditions associated with this application.

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I agree to the above declaration and terms.

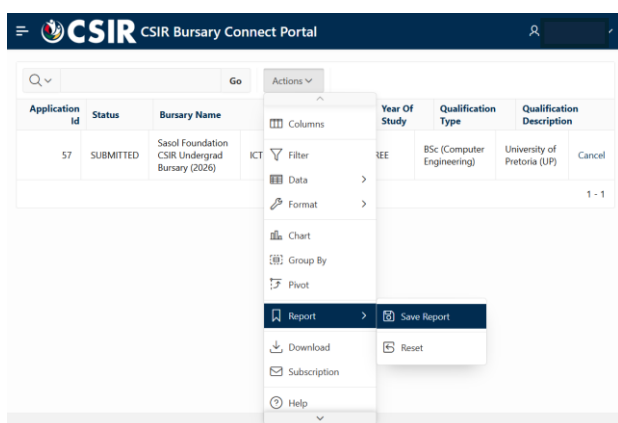


3.6 Track my Applications Functionality and Cancel Application Page:

Navigate to **Track my Applications** to view submitted applications or **Cancel** an application.



Application Id	Bursary Name	Year Of Study	Qualification Type	Qualification Description	Academic Institutions	Cancel
57	Sasol Foundation CSIR Undergrad Bursary (2026)	2026	BDEGREE	B (Civil Engineering)	Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT)	Cancel
58	Sasol Foundation CSIR Undergrad Bursary (2026)	2026	BDEGREE	B Eng (Chemical Eng) 3 yrs	University of Mpumalanga (UMP)	Cancel
59	Sasol Foundation CSIR Undergrad Bursary (2026)	2026	BDEGREE	B Sc (Mechatronic Engineering)	University of Pretoria (UP)	Cancel
60	Sasol Foundation CSIR Undergrad Bursary (2026)	2026	BDEGREE	B (Computer Engineering)	University of Pretoria (UP)	Cancel



Application Id	Status	Bursary Name	Year Of Study	Qualification Type	Qualification Description	Cancel
57	SUBMITTED	Sasol Foundation CSIR Undergrad Bursary (2026)	2026	BSc (Computer Engineering)	University of Pretoria (UP)	Cancel

Click on Cancel and the status of the application will be updated to CANCELLED.

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Application Id	Status	Bursary Name	Year Of Study	Qualification Type	Qualification Description	Academic Institutions	Cancel
86	CANCELLED	DSTI CSIR IBS Bursary (2026)	2026	DOCTORATE	D (Biomedical Sciences)	University of Stellenbosch (SU)	Cancel

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3.7 Application Technical User Guide Page:


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