



WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE

POVERTY, SOCIAL RELIEF & ECONOMIC RECOVERY INFORMATION AND TOOLKIT

The unprecedented impact of COVID-19 on our communities, informal (spaza shops) and formal (small and medium) scale businesses has led to wide-scale relief responses from the private and public sector.

POVERTY & SOCIAL RELIEF:

CHILD SUPPORT GRANT:

DETAILS OF SUPPORT:

+ R300


Beneficiaries will receive an extra R300 in May.

+ R500


From June - October they will receive an additional R500 each month.

A SPECIAL COVID-19 SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS GRANT :

DETAILS OF SUPPORT:



The amount to be paid to qualifying applications will be R350 per month from May - October 2020.

The Special COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress Grant will be implemented in terms of the existing avenue provided for by the Social Relief of Distress (SRD) channel, which is administered in accordance with the provisions as set in the Social Assistance Act, 2004. In terms of Regulation 9 (6), social relief may be provided to South African citizens, permanent residents and refugees who have been affected by a disaster.

ELIGIBILITY:



Individuals who are currently unemployed and do not receive any other form of social grant or UIF payment.



The Department of Social Development will issue the requirements needed to access and apply for this funding.

POVERTY & SOCIAL RELIEF:

SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY – SASSA: SPECIAL COVID-19 SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS

DETAILS OF SUPPORT:



SASSA will implement a technology-based solution to roll out food assistance at scale through vouchers and cash transfers to ensure that help reaches those who need it faster and more efficiently.



SASSA will issue Social Relief of Distress (SRD) in the form of food parcels as a temporary provision of assistance intended for persons in such dire need that they are unable to meet their or their families' most basic needs.



SRD is paid to South African citizens, permanent residents or registered refugees who have insufficient means.

AMOUNT: R350 PER MONTH

ELIGIBILITY:

The grant will be available to South African Citizens, Permanent Residents or Refugees registered on the Home Affairs system; who are resident within the borders of the Republic of South Africa.

POVERTY & SOCIAL RELIEF:

SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY – SASSA: SPECIAL COVID-19 SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS

APPLICANTS MUST BE:



Above the age of 18



Unemployed



Not receiving any income



Not receiving any social grant



Not receiving any unemployment insurance benefit and does not qualify to receive unemployment insurance benefits



Not receiving a stipend from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme



Not a resident in a government funded or subsidised institution

POVERTY & SOCIAL RELIEF:

SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY – SASSA: SPECIAL COVID-19 SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS

ELIGIBILITY:

Prospective applicants will need to provide the following compulsory information for processing of their applications:



Identity Number /
Department of
Home permit



Name and Surname
as captured in the
ID (and initials)



Gender and
Disability



Banking details -
Bank Name and
Account Number



Contact details -
Cell phone number



Proof of Residential
Address

SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY – SASSA: SPECIAL COVID-19 SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS

ELIGIBILITY:

- Those receiving temporary disability grants that lapsed in March 2020;
- Those who have had disasters in their communities such as floods and fires as defined in the Disaster Management Act, 1978;
- If a breadwinner in the family has passed on and application is made within 12 months of date of death;
- If everyone in a household is unemployed and needs government assistance in the form of food parcels;
- Child-headed household;
- If you cannot work for medical reasons for a period of six months.



Important to note: You will not be eligible if you receive any other form of social grant from the Government. SASSA will screen applicants against Government grant databases.

POVERTY & SOCIAL RELIEF:

SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY – SASSA: SPECIAL COVID-19 SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS

HOW TO REGISTER:

In terms of the Application process, an application for social relief of distress or a social grant may be lodged electronically over and above any other available means of lodging such applications.

The measures applicable include sending a WhatsApp message to 0600 123 456 and selecting SASSA or an E-mail to SRD@sassa.gov.za. Additional access channels, including SMS, self-help desks and online application processes are still being finalised.



Volunteers will be trained to assist applicants who cannot use technology and will be provided with gadgets to capture details on behalf of applicants. Commitments have been received from the NYDA, NDA and Community Development Workers in some of the provinces to assist. SASSA in the Provinces will further unpack these in consultation with Provincial structures and civil society organisations.



WHEN WILL PAYMENTS START?

Payments commence at the beginning of May, as and when people are registered. It will be a monthly payment, for the next six months.



HOW WILL THE MONEY BE PAID?

Three possible processes:
An e-voucher,
A mobile money transfer,
or
Bank account transfer

POVERTY & SOCIAL RELIEF:

ALL OTHER GRANT BENEFICIARIES:

DETAILS OF SUPPORT:



All other existing social grants are increased by R250 per month from May to October 2020.

PAY AS YOU EARN - SARS 20% DELAY

DETAILS OF SUPPORT:



Tax-compliant businesses with a turnover of less than R50 million will be allowed to delay 20% of their pay-as-you-earn liabilities over the next four months.

ELIGIBILITY:

All tax-compliant business, as registered with SARS. For details, visit the SARS website: www.sars.gov.za

POVERTY & SOCIAL RELIEF:

UNEMPLOYMENT – UIF TEMPORARY RELIEF

DETAILS OF SUPPORT:

The UIF Temporary Relief Scheme (TRS) Benefits is calculated based on an income replacement rate sliding scale, capped at

R17 712 per month.

For the duration of the lockdown, or a maximum of three months, the benefit will be that of no less than the minimum wage. After three months, the employee might receive less than the minimum wage based on the sliding scale.

Replacement of lost income to employees during temporary closure of business and for employees in quarantine. This will be paid at income replacement rate sliding scale (38 % - 60%) as per UIF Act.

ELIGIBILITY:

Businesses registered with UIF. Reason for closure must be linked to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Claims do not depend on whether or not the employee has any UIF credits.

HOW TO APPLY:

Application forms and documents must be emailed to your nearest UIF processing centre.



Processing time is within 30 days of a valid submission.



Report closure via email Covid19ters@labour.gov.za – an automatic response outlining the application process will be received.



POVERTY & SOCIAL RELIEF:

TAX RELIEF EMPLOYMENT TAX INCENTIVE

DETAILS OF SUPPORT:



Tax subsidy of up to R500 per month for the next four months for private sector employees earning less than R6 500 pm.

ELIGIBILITY:



A person with a valid South African ID, Asylum Seeker Permit or an ID issued in terms of the Refugee Act.



18 to 29 years old (age limit does not apply if the employee renders services mainly inside a special economic zone [SEZ] to an employer who is operating inside the SEZ).



Domestic workers.



Not a connected person to the employer, but was employed by the employer or an associated person to the employer on or after 1 October 2013 and is paid the minimum wage applicable to that employer or if a minimum wage doesn't apply, is paid the amount contemplated in the Minimum Wage Act and not more than R6 000 remuneration.

POVERTY & SOCIAL RELIEF:

TAX RELIEF EMPLOYMENT TAX INCENTIVE

HOW TO APPLY:

From 1 April 2020 to 31 July 2020, employers will be able to claim an additional employment tax incentive relief (ETI).

ETI reimbursements will be processed monthly, as opposed to twice a year. Employers will follow the normal process, but monthly claims can be done.

ACCELERATED PAYMENT OF EMPLOYMENT TAX INCENTIVE

DETAILS OF SUPPORT:



SARS aims to accelerate the payment of employment tax incentive reimbursements from twice a year to monthly, to get cash into the hands of compliant employers as soon as possible.

ELIGIBILITY:

All tax-compliant business as registered with SARS.

HOW TO APPLY:

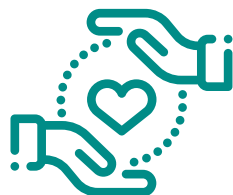


As per current process done by business, but can be done monthly. Please visit www.sars.gov.za

ECONOMIC RELIEF

SOLIDARITY FUND

DETAILS OF SUPPORT:



The Presidency, in collaboration with South African businesses seed capital, **provides relief** on existing SME debts and repayments of up to R150 million.

ELIGIBILITY:



100% SA-owned, SARS-registered, tax & UIF-compliant.



Trading for a minimum of 2 years & impacted by Covid-19.



Employees are at least 70% South African, SARS-registered and tax-compliant.

HOW TO APPLY:

Register your business and application on the small-business database:
<https://smmesa.gov.za>

ECONOMIC RELIEF

COVID-19 SMME DEBT RELIEF SCHEME - R200 MILLION FUND SIZE

DETAILS OF SUPPORT:



A soft loan funding for six months, starting from April 2020.



R500 000 maximum per SMME. The interest will be calculated at prime less 5%, which currently means an interest rate of 3.75%.

ELIGIBILITY:



CIPC-registered by 28 February 2020.



100% SA-owned, SARS-registered, tax & UIF-compliant.



Employees are at least 70% South African, SARS-registered and tax-compliant.



Priority to businesses owned by women, youth and people with disabilities.

HOW TO APPLY:

Registration on the national SMME database - <https://smmesa.gov.za>

TOURISM RELIEF FUND

DETAILS OF SUPPORT:



Tourism and hospitality SMMEs under stress due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.



Grant funding can be used to subsidise fixed and operational costs, supplies and other pressure items. An expert panel will evaluate all applicants. Preference will be given to enterprises that meet the highest qualification criteria.

R50,000



Funding is capped at R50 000 per entity.

ELIGIBILITY:



CIPC-registered.
In existence for over a year.



Turnover of more than R2.5million per annum.



Tax-compliant & UIF-registered.



Minimum wage compliant.

ECONOMIC RELIEF

TOURISM RELIEF FUND

ELIGIBILITY:

ELIGIBLE TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY CATEGORIES INCLUDE:



Accommodation establishments, hotels, resort properties, B&B's, guest houses, lodges and backpackers.



Hospitality related services, restaurants, conference venues, professional catering and attractions.



Travel and related services, tour operators, travel agents, tour guides.



Car rental companies and coach operators.

HOW TO APPLY:

Website Application link:

www.tourism.gov.za/Pages/COVID19tourismrelieffund.aspx

Email: callcentre@tourism.gov.za Or covidrelief@tourism.gov.za

Call centre: 0860 868 747

BANKS



Various banks provide relief to its customers. Please approach your local bank.

ECONOMIC RELIEF

COVID-19 SMME DEBT RELIEF SCHEME - R200 MILLION FUND SIZE

DETAILS OF SUPPORT:



Loan funding @ prime -5%
Working capital: Stock, bridging finance, purchase order
finance, capital requirement finance.

ELIGIBILITY:



The business is
owner-operated.



The business has
the required
municipal permit
to trade.



The business is
willing to buy
locally made
goods from
designated
South African
small businesses.



Spaza shops to
meet required
hygiene
regulations during
the lockdown.



Is
SARS-registered.

HOW TO APPLY:

Registration on the national SMME database - <https://smmesa.gov.za>
Contact debtrelief@seda.org.za for assistance with microenterprises

ECONOMIC RELIEF

SPORTS COVID-19 RELIEF FUND - R150 MILLION FUND SIZE

DETAILS OF SUPPORT:



Beneficiaries must submit a claim that does not deviate from the original MOA and provide supporting documents such as contracts and valid invoices.



The DSAC reserves the right to determine a flat rate fee for all such beneficiaries.

ELIGIBILITY:



SARS-registered and compliant. Their taxes must be up to date.



Athletes on the Operational Excellence Programme are also eligible to apply for the relief funding.



Proof of booking and cancellation.



Athletes who have not earned the status of being national athletes will be catered for by their provinces.

ENQUIRIES:

Visit the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture: www.srsa.gov.za

The following people may be reached via phone:

Mickey Modisane: 082 992 0101

Zimasa Velaphi: 072 172 8925

Masechaba Ndlovu: 066 380 7408

ECONOMIC RELIEF

ARTS AND CULTURE COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

DETAILS OF SUPPORT:



Beneficiaries will have to submit a claim that does not deviate from the original MOA and provide supporting documents such as contracts and valid invoices.



The DSAC reserves the right to determine a flat rate fee for all such beneficiaries.



Fund Size:
R150 Million

ELIGIBILITY:



Culture: Projects funded by the Department where the first tranche payment was made and an MOA was signed will be reimbursed for the costs incurred.



Arts: After a project or event was cancelled, relief will only be available for: Producers, Organisers, Project Managers, Beneficiaries of the Department.

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