

SASSA Media Release

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### SASSA Lapses Public Servants' Grants

During September 2021, a routine check revealed that a number of public servants were receiving social grants, while SASSA did not have updated information on their income. SASSA suspended these grants, in line with the Regulations. However, it has since come to our attention that many of those whose grants were suspended were in fact public servants, such as interns, EPWP's and general workers, whose income would not exclude them from receiving the grant.

SASSA is in the process of reconsidering the individual circumstances of the affected beneficiaries and will reinstate their grants where indicated. However, all those affected will still be required to review their grants, and provide updated information on their employment and marital status, to ensure compliance with the legislation. These reviews must be done at the local SASSA offices.

SASSA administers social grants in accordance with the provisions of the Social Assistance Act, 2004. One of the requirements is that SASSA must ensure that the information utilised for grant payments is current and that grant payments are made only to those citizens who meet the qualifying criteria. This means that every beneficiary has a responsibility to inform SASSA of any changes to their personal circumstances, such as changes to their marital or employment status.

"We urge those affected to bear with us for the inconvenience. We will do everything in our power to resolve this matter as soon as possible. However, we also wish to remind all beneficiaries that any change in their circumstances must be reported to SASSA as soon after the change as possible, to avoid a repetition of this situation", said CEO Busisiwe Memela-Khambula.

Issued on behalf of SASSA

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