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Care Dependency Grant





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Qualification requirements

- You must be a parent, primary care-giver or foster parent
- You must be a South African citizen; permanent resident or a refugee;
- You and the child must live in South Africa;
- The child must be under the age of 18 years;
- Must submit a medical / assessment report confirming that the child is severely disabled and receives permanent care or support services;
- Both you and your spouse must meet requirements of the means test (except if you are a foster parent);
- The care-dependent child / children must not be permanently cared for in an institution funded by the state

What are the required documents for Care Dependency Grant?

The following original documents or certified copies thereof, must accompany an application for a care dependency grant:

- Your identity document and that of your spouse: or
- The birth certificate of the child
- Where you or your spouse or the child does not have identity documents, you can complete an affidavit to confirm the details. The affidavit must be supplied to you by SASSA.
- Proof of spousal relationship status. The following documents will be accepted:
 - Sworn statement or an affidavit
 - Divorce Order
 - Marriage certificate
 - Spouse's death certificate if deceased
- A sworn statement or an affidavit indicating your income and that of your spouse if you are married.
- Supporting documents as deemed necessary to prove income.
- A medical assessment confirming that the child due to his or her physical or mental disability requires and receives permanent care or support services

Where you are requested to confirm any information in an affidavit, the affidavit will be supplied to you by SASSA.

Where do you apply for a grant?

- You apply at the local SASSA office nearest to where you live.

How do you apply?

- If you are too sick , old or disabled to travel to the offices to apply for the grant, then a family member or friend can apply on your behalf;
- Your application form must be completed in the presence of an officer from SASSA;
- An officer from SASSA must assist you to complete an application form if you are unable to do so;
- When your application is completed you will be given a dated stamped receipt; bearing the name the SASSA official who assisted. Keep this receipt – it is your only proof of application;
- You do not have to pay any money to apply;
- If your application is approved or rejected by SASSA, you must be informed in writing and the reason for the rejection must be indicated
- You have the right to request SASSA to reconsider its decision, if you are unhappy with the decision made. The request for SASSA to reconsider its decision must be informed by the outcome of your application If the reconsidered decision is still unfavorable, you have the right to appeal to the Minister of Social Development

Date of award of a grant

If your grant is approved, you will be paid from the date on which you applied.

Method of payment

You can receive your grant through one of the following methods:

- Cash payment at designated pay points
- Bank including Post bank
- Institutions

NB: If you are unable to collect the grant yourself you may nominate a person to collect it on your behalf.

Suspension of a grant

The following may result in the suspension of a grant:

- Changes in circumstances (financial and medical);
- Outcome of a review;
- Failure to co-operate when a grant is reviewed;
- The furnishing of false information in your application;
- Where the grant was approved in error.


Restoration of grants

- An application must be made for restoration of a grant within 90 days of the suspension

Lapsing of the grant

Lapsing of a grant:

- The grant will lapse on the last day of the month in which the care dependent child has died, or ;
- On the last day of the month in which the care

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- dependent child attains the age of 18 years ; or
 - On the first day of the seventh month following the date on which the care dependent child was admitted to an institution funded by the State; or
 - If you or the child ceases to be a refugee

Reviews

You must declare any income at the time of application. If you fail to provide necessary documentation during the review your grant will be suspended.

Reviews are done to verify that a beneficiary still complies with conditions for the continuation of the grant. This is to make sure that you are still entitled to the grant. A review is conducted to check that your circumstances have not changed since you have applied for the grant or were last reviewed, and in some cases that you are still alive through completion of a Life Certificate.

SASSA must notify you in writing at least three months before the date of the review indicating where and when the review will take place and what may happen as a result of it. Home visits are conducted for bed-ridden beneficiaries. When the process is completed, you must be given a receipt of compliance.

SASSA will review the grant of a refugee when his or her refugee status expires.

Responsibility of the beneficiaries

It is your responsibility to keep SASSA informed of changes in your personal and financial circumstances. Should your physical and/ or postal address change, you must inform SASSA immediately. All official notices are sent by registered mail to your last known address. Failure to receive and act upon these notices may result in your grant being suspended.

Fraud

SASSA exercises zero tolerance to fraudulent activities.

What is a means test?

In South Africa social assistance is subject to means testing which implies that SASSA evaluates the income of the person applying for social assistance in order to determine whether the person's means are below a stipulated amount. This means test is a way of determining whether a person qualifies to receive a grant as grants are indeed meant for those who have insufficient means to support themselves.

If the applicant is married half of the annual joint income will be taken into consideration. If the applicant fosters a care dependent child, he/she can receive both a foster child grant and a care dependency grant for the same child. In this case, neither grant is means tested.

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