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SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY

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at the right time and place. NJALO!*]

Foster Child Grant





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Qualifying requirements

- You and your child must live in South Africa;
- The child must have been placed in your legal foster care and you must have a valid court order to confirm this;
- You must be a South African citizen, permanent resident or refugee, and
- The child must remain in your care.

The required documents for a foster care grant?

The following original documents or certified copies thereof, must accompany an application for a foster child grant.

- Your identity document and that of your spouse;
- The birth certificate of the foster child;

- Where you do not have an identity book, or the child does not have a birth certificate, an affidavit may be completed.

The affidavit will be provided to you by SASSA;

- Proof of spousal relationship status.

The following documents will be accepted as proof of spousal relationship:

- A sworn statement or an affidavit
- Divorce Order
- Marriage certificate
- Spouse's death certificate if deceased
- The court order placing the child in your foster care

The affidavits mentioned above will be provided to you by SASSA.

Where do you apply for a grant?

- You apply at the SASSA Local Office nearest to where you live;

How do you apply for foster child grant?

- Firstly contact a social worker from the nearest Department of Social Development office for assistance with the application for a court order confirming foster parent status (you cannot apply for a foster child grant without a court order);
- The application form will 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 of the SASSA Official who assisted you;
- Keep this receipt – it is your only proof of application;
- You do not have to pay any money to apply;
- If your application rejected by the SASSA, you must be informed of the reason in writing;
- You have the right to request SASSA to reconsider its decision, if you are unhappy with the decision made. This request for SASSA to reconsider its decision must be informed by the outcome of your application. If the reconsideration decision is still unfavorable, you have the right to appeal to the Minister of Social Development.

Date of award of the grant


If your grant is approved, you will be paid from the date of the legal placement of the child in your care by the Children's Court.

If your application for a grant is unsuccessful

You must be informed in writing of the reasons, your right to request the decision to be reconsidered, and your right to appeal.

Method of payment

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

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

Suspension of a foster child grant

The following may result in the suspension of a foster child grant

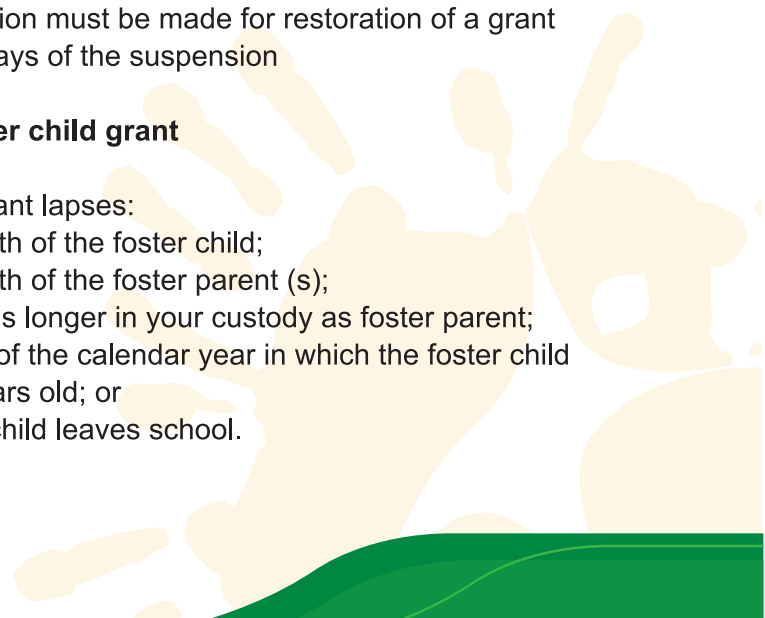
- If the grant is not claimed for three consecutive months;
- You are absent from the Republic for a period exceeding 90 days;
- You cease to be a refugee;
- Failure to co-operate when a grant is reviewed;
- Committing a fraudulent activity or misrepresentation;
- If the grant was approved in error.

Restoration of grants

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

Lapsing of a foster child grant

The foster child grant lapses:

- On the death of the foster child;
 - On the death of the foster parent (s);
 - If the child is longer in your custody as foster parent;
 - At the end of the calendar year in which the foster child turns 18 years old; or
 - When the child leaves school.
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Reviews

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. Foster Child Grants are reviewed on the expiry date of the court order or the extension order.

Responsibility of the beneficiaries

It is your responsibility to keep SASSA informed of changes in your circumstances. You are required to inform SASSA of any change in your residential and/or postal address, as SASSA's primary means of communicating with you is through registered mail. Failure to respond to notices sent by SASSA may result in the suspension of your grant.

Fraud

SASSA exercises zero tolerance to fraudulent activities.





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