



how to apply for the child support grant

remember:

Social grants are income transfers paid to South African citizens who need financial assistance

who qualifies:

Primary Caregiver must:

- be a South African citizen or a permanent resident or a refugee
- reside in South Africa
- be the main caregiver
- meet the requirements of the means test (and spouse)

The child must:

- be 18 years old or younger
- have been born after 31 December 1993
- reside in South Africa
- cannot be cared for in a state institution

note:

You cannot get this grant for more than 6 children who are not your biological or legally adopted children.

how to apply for a child support grant:

- You can apply at your nearest SASSA office (see map)
- The form must be completed in the presence of a SASSA officer
- You will be given a receipt once the application is complete. Please keep this receipt as it is your only proof of registration
- Provide birth certificate of the child
- Provide identification document of caregiver
- Take payslips as proof of payment

note:

If you are too sick to travel, a family member or friend can apply on your behalf with a letter written by you authorising the application. You can apply within the first month of baby's birth.

if you don't have identification or the child's birth certificate, you must submit:

- An affidavit on a standard SASSA form in the presence of a Commissioner of Oaths who is not a SASSA official
- A sworn statement by a reputable person (e.g. councillor, traditional leader, social worker, minister of religion) who knows the applicant and child

- Proof that you have applied for an ID and/or birth certificate at the Department of Home Affairs
- A temporary ID issued by the Department of Home Affairs (if applicable)
- Baptismal certificate if available
- Road to Health clinic card if available
- School report if available

when do you receive your social grant?

If your grant is approved, you will be paid from the date on which you applied. You will be issued with a SASSA payment card – this card is used to access the money. These are alternative payment methods:

- Banks including Postbank
- Institutions – contact your nearest SASSA office

if your application is unsuccessful

- You have the right to request SASSA to reconsider its decision
- If the reconsidered decision is still unsuccessful, you have the right to appeal to the Minister of Social Development
- You will be informed in writing of the reasons your application was refused

note:

Should you choose to ask SASSA to reconsider their decision, your submission for reconsideration should be done within 90 days of notification

suspension of the child support grant

The child support grant will be suspended under these circumstances:

- Changes in financial circumstances
- The outcome of a review
- Failure to cooperate when a grant is reviewed
- Committing a fraudulent activity or misrepresentation
- Where a grant was approved in error.

lapsing of grants

The grants will lapse in the case of:

- Death
- Admission to a state institution
- If the grant has not been claimed for 3 consecutive months
- If you cease to be a refugee
- If the child for whom the grant is received turns 18

The intention of the child support grant is to ensure that children attend and complete schooling. It is therefore a requirement that a school attendance certificate is produced for children aged between 7 and 18 years. However, failure to produce this certificate or failure to attend school will not result in the refusal to pay their child support grant.

the means test

SASSA will evaluate your income and assets to determine whether you qualify for income assistance:

- An unmarried caregiver whose annual income is below R45,600 will qualify
- For married caregivers, if the combined annual income is below R91,200 they will qualify

how much will you receive from sassa?

The Child Support Grant is **R510 per month** (as of October 2023)

additional information on support and care grants

If you have a disability or your baby has a disability, the Government provides either the **Disability Grant** for you, or the **Care Dependency Grant** for your baby to help cover the costs of the additional care that is required. Ask your health worker or a social worker about this grant. If you are fostering a child in your care, you will be able to claim a **Foster Care Grant** to help with the costs of providing for the child.

Go to the nearest Department of labour centre or the website to get the various forms:

<http://www.labour.gov.za/DOL/legislation/acts/how-tos/unemployment-insurance-fund-uif/how-to-claim-uif-maternity-benefits>