

DID YOU KNOW THAT REFUGEES CAN NOW ACCESS SOCIAL GRANTS?

According to the Social Assistance Act No. 13 of 2004 and its amendments in 2012, qualifying refugees in possession of a valid refugee permit can access social grants. Refugees can access seven types of grants. These are divided into two parts: namely the old age grants and child support grants. The grants which refugees over the age of 60 years of age can access are: Older Persons Grant, Disability Grant and Grant in Aid. The types of grants which refugee children can access include; Foster Child Grant, Child Support Grant and Care Dependency Grant.

*** All grant applicants will go through a means test**

DEFINING BENEFICIARIES OF GRANTS:

GRANT FOR ELDERLY/OLD PEOPLE

This is a grant given to persons older than the age of 60 years. To access this grant you will need; to be an adult person who is 60 years or older for both women and men; be in possession of a valid refugee permit; have proof of your residential address.

DISABILITY GRANT

The disability grant is meant for persons older than 18 years with severe mental or physical disability supported by a medical record/certificate from a doctor. A further grant called Grant-in-Aid is a supplementary grant to adults who are already in receipt of the disability grant or older person who needs full time care. The requirements for one to access these grants are; be in possession of a valid refugee permit; have proof of your residential address; medical records.

CHILD SUPPORT GRANT

The child support grant is given to a parent/caregiver of a child under the age of 18 years. A care dependancy grant is given to a parent/primary care giver who is providing permanent care to a child with severe mental or physical disability.

Foster Child Grant is given to a foster parent who has a foster care order from the court. the requirements for the grants for children are; to be the parent/primary care-giver of a child under the age of 18 years; be in possession of the child's birth certificate; be in possession of a foster care order obtained from the court.

WHERE CAN REFUGEES ACCESS THESE GRANTS?

You can apply in person, for these grants at your nearest South African Social Security Agency (SASSA). There is NO APPLICATION FEE. You will need to go through a means test which will determine whether you qualify for the grants. A means test is a set of conditions which help the government to determine if you qualify for a grant. The government will ask you to prove that you need the income by showing you earn less than a certain amount of money.

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A GUIDE TO ACCESSING SOCIAL GRANTS FOR REFUGEES

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