

The three Grants

The following points on poverty

40 - 50 % of South Africans are living in poverty– that means that half of the country is struggling to pay for food, clothing, education and their home.

There is support available to you - the Department of Social Development offers these grants:

Child Support Grant

1. This is available to any care giver caring for a child who is under 14 years of age – both the child and care giver must reside in South Africa and meet the requirements of the means test (to learn more about the means test you can visit www.sassa.gov.za)
2. The care giver cannot accept any other grants
3. The care giver qualifies for this grant if they earn an income of less than R800 (urban) or R1 100 (rural or informal settlement)
4. The care giver must be a parent or genuine caretaker of the child
5. The care giver must have a 13 digit bar coded ID document and the child must have a 13 digit birth certificate

Foster Care Grant

1. Foster parents are people who are mandated by the Children's Court to care for children – foster parents will need a court order that reflects their foster care status
2. Foster children who are under the age of 18 qualify for a foster care grant and children over 18 who are still at school can qualify until the age of 21
3. The child must be a South African resident and have a 13 digit bar coded ID document
4. The foster child must pass the means test (to learn more about the means test you can visit www.sassa.gov.za)

Care Dependency Grant

1. This grant is for parents whose children are disabled or very ill
2. The parents will need to supply a medical report to qualify for this grant
3. The applicant and the child must reside in South Africa – the applicant will need a 13 digit bar coded ID document and the child will need a 13 digit birth certificate
4. The child must be between 1 and 18 years of age
5. The applicant, spouse and child must all meet the requirements of the means test (to learn more about the means test you can visit www.sassa.gov.za)

For more information about grants you can visit www.sassa.gov.za or you can phone the Social Development Hotline on 0800 601 011 or the Information Support Hotline on 0860 222 777.