



SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS GRANT: APPLYING WITH ASYLUM SEEKER OR SPECIAL PERMIT DOCUMENTATION

TO APPLY FOR THE SRD GRANT GO HERE



[HTTPS://SRD.SASSA.GOV.ZA/SC19B/AUTH](https://srd.sassa.gov.za/sc19b/auth)



The Covid-19 Social Relief of Distress Grant ('Covid-19 SRD grant') is a 'special' grant rolled out for a six month period only, from May 2020. Eligible candidates will receive R350 each month during that limited period. Originally this grant was only open to South African citizens, refugees and permanent residents. On 18th June 2020, following litigation, by the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town + Norton Rose Fullbright, a court order was issued. This court order meant that people with asylum seeker or 'special permit' status in South Africa would be able to access the Covid-19 SRD grant - subject to certain criteria. This infographic explains more about applying for SRD grant if you are an asylum-seeker or special permit holder.



WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE SRD GRANT?

The following categories of people can apply for the Covid-19 SRD grant, subject to other criteria: South African citizens, refugees, permanent residents - and those with asylum seeker visas or special permits, so long as they were valid at the beginning of the national lockdown (15 March 2020). For more information on the details you will need from your document see the pictures on page 4 and 5 below.



HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE SRD GRANT?

The direct link is <https://srd.sassa.gov.za/sc19b/auth> or you can visit
You can apply online at <https://srd.sassa.gov.za/> for additional ways to apply.



HOW LONG WILL I BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THE GRANT?

Eligible individuals can be paid the grant for June, July, August September, and October 2020.

This was then extended until the end of January 2021, and then again to end of April 2021 (please note, if you already qualified for the SRD grant before, you do not need to apply again).



MY ASYLUM PERMIT/SPECIAL PERMIT HAS EXPIRED, CAN I STILL APPLY FOR THE COVID-19 SRD GRANT?

Yes, so long as your asylum seeker or special permit documentation was valid on 15 March 2020 (the date that the National State of Disaster was declared) you are eligible to apply for the Covid-19 SRD grant. Also note that any asylum seeker or refugee documentation that expired from 15 March 2020 has been deemed extended by the Minister of Home Affairs until 30 June 2021.



I DON'T HAVE MY ORIGINAL ASYLUM SEEKER DOCUMENT/ SPECIAL PERMIT. I HAVE A COPY ONLY. CAN I STILL RECEIVE THE COVID-19 SRD GRANT?

Yes, all the applications will be verified by the Department of Home Affairs so as long as you are registered on the Department of Home Affairs' system, you are eligible to apply for the grant.



I HAVE CHANGED BY ADDRESS, AND SO IT IS NOT THE SAME AS THE ADDRESS ON MY ASYLUM DOCUMENT, WHICH ADDRESS MUST I USE?

You must use your current address.



I DO NOT HAVE A BANK ACCOUNT, CAN I STILL APPLY FOR THE COVID-19 SRD GRANT?

Yes. You do not need a bank account to receive the grant, it can be sent to your nearest post office in a Postbank account.



WHAT DOCUMENTS WILL I NEED TO APPLY FOR THE COVID-19 SRD GRANT?

You will need your asylum seeker document, or your passport with your special permit in it.
You will also need these documents if you collect your money



AFTER MAKING THE APPLICATION, WHEN WILL I KNOW WHETHER I WILL RECEIVE THE GRANT?

Once the application has been validated, client will receive a sms with the outcome of the application.
To follow up, you can call the toll-free SASSA National Call Center on 0800 601 011.



IF MY APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT IS DECLINED, CAN I APPEAL THIS DECISION?

Yes, you would need to send an email to: covid19srdappeals@sassa.gov.za or visit <https://srd.sassa.gov.za/>.



I AM AN ASYLUM SEEKER. MY HUSBAND AND I ARE ON THE SAME FILE, CAN WE BOTH APPLY FOR THE GRANT?

Yes, you can both apply. You would each need to do the application separately. If you have any difficulties, contact: 0800 60 10 11 or visit <https://srd.sassa.gov.za/>.



MY CHILDREN ARE DOCUMENTED IN MY ASYLUM FILE, CAN THEY APPLY ON THEIR OWN FOR THE GRANT?

The Covid-19 SRD grant is only available to persons who are older than 18 years old. If your children are documented in your asylum file, but are over the age of 18 years, then they may be eligible to apply.

You can apply directly here: <https://srd.sassa.gov.za/sc19b/auth>
For frequently Ask questions go to : <https://srd.sassa.gov.za/assets/faq.pdf>



I HAVE AN ASYLUM SEEKER DOCUMENT. WHICH REFERENCE NUMBER / ID NUMBER DO I USE FOR THE APPLICATION?

You must use the File Number as it appears on your asylum seeker document. Note that other mandatory information is also required during application, but the File Number is used to uniquely identify each applicant. People with an asylum seeker visa must provide the following information:

- File Number
- First Name
- Surname
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Permit Expiry Date

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
DEPARTMENT: HOME AFFAIRS

Section 22 of the Refugees Act No. 130 of 1998

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

ASYLUM SEEKER TEMPORARY PERMIT

REFERENCE NO.: CTRC001430011

As determined in part B hereof.

A. PARTICULARS OF HOLDER

SURNAME: [Red arrow points to this field]

FIRST NAME(s): [Red arrow points to this field]

DATE OF BIRTH: [Red arrow points to this field]

NATIONALITY: [Red arrow points to this field]

FILE NUMBER: [Red arrow points to this field]

ALTERNATIVE FILE NUMBER:

GENDER: [Red arrow points to this field]

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: DRC

PLACE OF ISSUE: Cape Town

EXPIRY DATE: [Red arrow points to this field]

B. CONDITIONS

1. The holder of the permit may reside temporarily in the Republic of South Africa for the purpose of applying for asylum in terms of the Refugees Act No. 130 of 1998.

2. The permit holder shall, without expenses to the state, leave the Republic on before 17/07/2017 or such later date as duly authorised by a Refugee Status Determination Officer if his/her application for asylum has been rejected.

3. The permit entitles the holder to: EMPLOYMENT AND STUDIES IN THE RSA.

4. Failure to comply with the conditions of this permit will be dealt with in terms of Section 37 (b) and Section 22 (b) of the Refugees Act 1998.

5. All permit holder are obliged to respect the laws of South Africa

6. This permit will lapse if the permit holder does not appear in person as required at the designated Refugee Reception Office or if he/she departs from the Republic without prior authorisation from the Director-General.

7. All other permits issued prior to the issuance of this permit are automatically nullified.

8. Other conditions: Appear hearing done on 03 June 2015. Awaiting Appeal Results email sent 19/10 (case pending in cr)

I MIEZI BULLINGIDI RUDDY agree to the above conditions and understand that a breach thereof will result in an offence in terms of Section 37 of the Refugees Act.

PLACE: Cape Town DATE: 24/01/2017

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REFUGEE RECEPTION OFFICIAL NAME: [Red arrow points to this field]

APPOINTMENT/FORCE NO. DATE: PLACE:

ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN: Cape Town NUMBER OF EXTENSIONS: 14 PERMIT EXPIRY DATE: 17/07/2017

REFUGEE HOLDER SIGNATURE: REFUGEE OFFICIAL SIGNATURE: [Red arrow points to this field]

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WHICH REFERENCE NUMBER / ID NUMBER DO I USE FOR THE APPLICATION?

Special Permit Holders must provide both the Reference Number and Passport Number as it appears on their permit. Note that other mandatory information is also required during application, but the Reference Number and Passport Number combination is used to uniquely identify each applicant.

Special Permit holders must provide the following information:

- Reference Number
- Passport Number
- Control Number
- First Name
- Surname
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Permit Expiry Date

