

COVID-19 SRD GRANT UPDATE

AUGUST 2021

I RECEIVED THE SRD GRANT BEFORE. DO I NEED TO APPLY AGAIN?

Yes. The previous Social Relief of Distress (SRD) grant expired on 30 April 2021. This means that if you applied for the previous SRD grant, you must now re-apply again. Each applicant only needs to apply once but, after that, the Department of Social Development will check your situation every month to see if you still qualify for the SRD grant.

WHICH PERIOD DOES THIS SRD GRANT COVER?

If you qualify, this SRD grant will start from August 2021. This will be reviewed every month. These SRD grants can be paid up to 31 March 2022, provided the qualifying criteria continue to be met.

There will be no retrospective payments for the months when the SRD grant was not in existence (from May to July 2021).

HOW CAN I APPLY FOR THIS GRANT, AND BY WHEN?

The R350 Covid-19 SRD application channels will be opened from Friday, 06 August 2021.

You can apply by using one of the following:

WhatsApp 0600 123 456 and select SASSA
USSD *134*7737#
E-mail SRD@sassa.gov.za
Call Centre 0800 60 10 11
Website www.srd.sassa.gov.za

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE SRD GRANT?

Only people who meet the criteria and have no financial support should apply for this grant.

It is important to note that there will be no 'automatic qualification'. You have to show that you qualify according to the criteria, below.

To qualify for the SRD grant, you must hold one of the following:

- A Permanent Resident or Refugee document registered on the Home Affairs database or,
- A Special Permits (Special Angolan Dispensation, Lesotho Exemption Permit or a Zimbabwe Exemption Permit) or,
- An asylum seeker document (this must have been valid as of 15 March 2020).

Also, to qualify, applicants must:

- Currently live within the borders of the Republic of South Africa,
- Be above the age of 18 and below the age of 60;
- Be unemployed
- Not be receiving any social grant in respect of himself or herself;
- Not be receiving an unemployment insurance benefit and must not qualify to receive an unemployment insurance benefit;
- Not be receiving a stipend from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme and other financial aid;
- Not be receiving any other government COVID-19 response support; and
- Not be a resident in a government funded or subsidised institution.

GOT MORE QUESTIONS?

You can find out more about the SRD grant at www.gov.za/covid-19/individuals-and-households/social-grants-coronavirus-covid-19. The Advocacy Team at the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town is not able to assist in applying for the SRD grant but we can refer you to the right place for help. You can contact the team by sending a WhatsApp to 078 260 3536. Or, you can call, SMS or send a please-call-me to 083 433 5062.