

*“Everyone has the right to have access to social security, including, if they are unable to support themselves and their dependants, appropriate social assistance. The legislative and other measures, within its available resources, to achieve the progressive realisation of each of these rights”*

**Section 27 of the South African Constitution (27.1.a-c,2.,3.)**

“Everyone has the right to administrative action that is lawful, reasonable, and procedurally fair... and everyone whose rights have been adversely affected by administrative action has the right to be given written reasons.”

**Section 33 of the South African Constitution (33.1.2.3.a-c)**

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For any enquiries about grants, phone the SASSA helpline number:

**0800 601 011**

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The Child Support Grant is monthly income support to adults who care for children who are born after 31 December 1994. (Under 18)

From **1 October 2018** the Child Support Grant is **R410** per month.

To qualify for the grant a single parent or caregiver must earn **R3 700 or less per month**. A married couple must jointly earn R7 600 or less per month.

The parent or primary caregiver must be a **South African citizen or a permanent resident or a refugee**.

Children between **16 and 18 years old who are heading households CAN** apply for the grant with the support of a supervising adult.

If your grant is approved, you can apply for temporary assistance in the form of **social relief of distress (SRD)** while you wait for the first payment. The SRD will be deducted from your grant.

You must take your identification **documents** (ID and the child's ID) and proof of marital status. If you do not have these you can still apply using alternative identification.

When you apply for a child support grant, you need to provide the **child's last school report**. If your child does not attend school, you can still apply for the grant. You should also be assisted by a social worker.

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SASSA legally has three months from the date of applications to start paying a Grant once it has been approved.

You can apply for a grant at your **nearest SASSA** office – you do not pay anything to apply.

**You do not have to pay for school fees** if your child is getting the Child Support Grant.

If your household is in need you can apply for "indigence" status at your municipal offices – this may help you with the cost of water, electricity and property rates.

You may be entitled to receive child **maintenance** from the biological parents or other parent of the child. You must try to get this through a court order.