

| <b>Social Grant</b>          | <b>Purpose</b>  | <b>Who can apply?</b>  | <b>Grant amount</b>                | <b>Means test (max income and assets to be eligible for the grant)</b>  |
|------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Child Support Grant</b>   | Income support to caregivers of children in need.   | Parent or primary caregiver of children (age 18 and under).<br>SA citizens + permanent residents + refugees.                                   | R 400                              | Income:<br>Single = R4 000 pm or R48 000 pa<br>Married = R8 000 pm or R96 000 pa<br>No asset test.  |
| <b>Foster Child Grant</b>    | Income support to caregivers of children in foster care (you must have a court order).  | Foster parents of children under 18 (or up to 21 on the recommendation of a social worker).<br>SA citizens + permanent residents + refugees.   | R 960                              | Not means tested.   |
| <b>Care Dependency Grant</b> | Income support to caregivers providing permanent care to children with severe mental or physical disabilities (must have medical assessment). | Parent or caregiver or foster parent of children from 1 up to 18 years old (not for infants).<br>SA citizens + permanent residents + refugees. | R1 690                             | Income:<br>Single = R16 900 pm or R202 800 pa<br>Married = R33 800 pm or R405 600 pa<br><br>No asset test.                                |
| <b>Disability Grant</b>      | Income support to adults who are not able to work because of a mental or physical disability.   | Adults who are 18 or older<br><br>SA citizens + permanent residents + refugees.  | R1 690                             | Income:<br>Single = R6 510 pm or R78 120<br>Married = R13 100 pm or R157 200 pa<br>Assets:<br>Single = R1 115 400 or Married = R2 230 800 |
| <b>Older Person's Grant</b>  | Income support to older men and women.  | 60 years and older.<br><br>SA citizens + permanent residents + refugees.   | R1 690<br>(+ R20 if older than 75) | Income:<br>Single = R6 510 pm or R78 120<br>Married = R13 100 pm or R157 200 pa<br>Assets:<br>Single = R1 115 400 or Married = R2 230 800 |
| <b>Grant-in-Aid</b>          | Income support to people (already getting Older persons' Grant, War Veterans or Disability Grant) who need full-time care from someone.       | Adults who are 18 or older.<br><br>SA citizens + permanent residents + refugees.   | R400                               | Not means tested.   |
| <b>War Veteran's Grant</b>   | Income support to older men & women who served in 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> or Korean war.  | 60 years and older.<br><br>SA citizens + permanent residents.  | R1 690<br>+ R20                    | Income:<br>Single = R6 510 pm or R78 120<br>Married = R13 100 pm or R157 200 pa<br>Assets:<br>Single = R1 115 400 or Married = R2 230 800 |

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

- **Section 27 of the South African Constitution**

*“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**

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