

*“Everyone has the right to have access to appropriate social security, including, if they are unable to support themselves and their dependents.”*

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

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For enquiries about grants, phone the SASSA helpline number: **0800 601 011**



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## Care Dependence Grants

You can apply for a Care Dependency Grant if you are a biological parent, foster parent or a primary caregiver who looks after a child who is disabled and who requires permanent care or support services.

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To qualify you should earn less than;

\* R16 900 per month (single parent or caregiver)

\* R33 800 a month (married)

Eligibility: A SA citizen, a refugee or a permanent resident.

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Refugees can now apply – but asylum seekers, undocumented migrants and foreign nationals are not eligible.

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In addition to the Care Dependency Grant, you may also receive a Foster Child Grant – but will not be eligible then for the Child Support Grant.

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You may apply for a grant at your nearest SASSA office – application is free.

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Please take the following documents with you;

- Identity document (ID) for yourself and the child.
- Proof of marital status
- If no ID document you may still apply using any alternative form of identification.

If your grant is approved, you can apply for temporary assistance in the form of **Social Relief of Distress (SRD)** while you wait for your first payment.

The SRD money will be deducted from your grant amount.

If your household is in need, you can apply for **indigency status** at your municipal offices. This may help with the cost of water, electricity and property rates.

You may also be entitled to receive **child maintenance** from the biological parents or other parent of the child.

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