

# YOU AND YOUR **R I G H T S**

## Grant-in-Aid

You can apply for a Grant-in-Aid if you have a disability which means you need **regular care by another person**.

To get this grant, you must be receiving a **Disability Grant** OR an **Older Person's Grant** OR a **War Veteran's Grant**. You cannot get it by itself.

From 1 October 2019, the grant is **R430** per month.

You can apply for a grant at your nearest SASSA office, either :

- At the same time as you apply for the grant to which it is linked; or
- When you begin to need regular care by another person.

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**You do not pay anything to apply.**

You must take **proof of your disability** with you – as well as documents like your ID and proof of your marital status. But if you don't have these documents, you CAN still apply using alternative identification.

If you cannot go to the SASSA offices yourself, SASSA will arrange to visit your home to complete the application. After this you can have a friend or family member act for you.

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SASSA must start paying your grant within **three months** once it is approved.

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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.

“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 state must take reasonable 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**

“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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For any enquiries about grants or to report social grant fraud, phone the SASSA helpline number:

**0800 601 011**

If you have labour problems, contact the **Black Sash HELPLINE** for **FREE** paralegal support and advice:



**072-66 33 739**  
**help@blacksash.org.za**

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