

SASSA – SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS GRANT APPLICATIONS (R350 PM)

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The application process for this grant, first announced some weeks ago by the President, will be launched on Monday 11 May, according to a statement by SASSA.

Below is a summary of the key facts relating to this grant. A previous post on our website detailed who qualifies for the grant and the information that will be needed from applicants.

- The WhatsApp and related electronic application options will go live on Monday
- Applicants without smart phones will also be able to access this new platform through a Short Message Service (SMS) using the Unstructured Supplementary Data Service (USSD)
- There is a new number for applications, which will be announced by the Minister at the media conference on Monday
- Volunteers and community development workers will be deployed to assist those who have no access to technology with applications
- Manual applications will not be done at SASSA offices at all and there will be no need to fill in paper application forms
- Applicants are cautioned not to provide their banking details to anyone to avoid scams
 - SASSA will only request banking information once the application has been approved – this will be done electronically through a secure site
- Payment will be through direct deposit into the applicant's bank account
- Applicants without bank accounts - their payment will be made through a money transfer

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