

Dear Sir/Madam,

SASSA Social Grant for Older Persons.

You may be eligible for a Social Grant for Older Persons from the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA). This may assist you financially by supplementing any income that you are currently in receipt of. Please look through the qualifying requirements for a SASSA Grant for Older Persons listed below to see if you do indeed qualify.

The following are the qualifying criteria for a SASSA Social Grant for Older Persons:

- An applicant must be a South African citizen, permanent resident or documented refugee and must be living in South Africa.
- An applicant cannot already be in receipt of any other social grant for him/herself.
- A person living in a state-funded institution (such as a state-run nursing home, hospital or prison) is not eligible for such a grant.
- An applicant must be 60 years of age or older.
- An applicant, along with his/her spouse, must not have assets and income exceeding certain limits. This is called the means test and is amended annually by the Minister of Finance in conjunction with the Minister of Social Development.

The current means test limits applicable as from 1 April 2023 are as follows:

Marital Status	Assets Threshold	Income Threshold
Single	R 1 372 800.00	R 96 840.00 per annum
Married (Combined income of both applicant and his/her spouse)	R 2 745 600.00	R 193 680.00 per annum

Please note that assets include the value of property you own. However, if you occupy the property you own, then it does not have a value for the purposes of the means test.

Should your income (together with that of your spouse, where applicable) be less than the above threshold limits, then you may qualify for a grant. Grants for older persons are paid on a sliding scale, so the more income you receive from other sources, including the pension from the Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF), the less the amount you may receive in a social grant.

Should you wish to apply for a Social Grant for Older Persons, you will be required to complete application forms at a SASSA office, and submit the required supporting documents. You can also apply online at <https://services.sassa.gov.za>. Should you apply online, please ensure that all the documents submitted are certified as true copies of the originals.

All questions and queries in this regard need to be directed to SASSA. This can be done through the SASSA offices, through email to GrantEnquiries@sassa.gov.za or through the call centre on 0800 60 10 11.

Yours sincerely,



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