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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

NO. R. 6137 **22 April 2025**

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 2004 (ACT NO. 13 OF 2004) AS AMENDED

AMENDMENT REGULATIONS RELATING TO COVID-19 SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS

I, Nokuzola Gladys Tolashe, the Minister for Social Development, made, in terms of section 32(1) and (2), read section 13 of the Social Assistance Act, 2004 (Act No.13 of 2004), the Regulations as set out in the Schedule.

NG TOLASHE (MP)
MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
DATE:17/04/2025

SCHEDULE

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE

[ ] Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.
_____Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

Definition

1. In these regulations, "Regulations" means the Regulations relating to Covid-19 Social Relief of Distress published in the Government Notice No. R. 2042 of 22 April 2022, as amended by Government Notice No. R. 2381 of 16 August 2022, Government Notice No. R. 3210 of 29 March 2023 and Government Notice No. R 4466 of 25 March 2024.

Amendment of regulation 2 of Regulations

1. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the deletion of paragraph *(b)* of sub-regulation (3).

Amendment of regulation 5 of Regulations

2. Regulation 5 of the Regulations is hereby amended by—

(a) the substitution for sub-regulation (1) of the following sub-regulation:

"(1) The monthly amount of the COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress is R370 per **[person]** successful applicant and is payable for the months in the period 1 April **[2024]** 2025 to 31 March **[2025]** 2026".

(b) the substitution for sub-regulation (3) of the following sub-regulation:

"(3) The payments in terms of these regulations—

(a) are limited to the amount appropriated for the **[2024/2025]** 2025/2026 financial year to the vote of Social Development for social relief of distress; and

(b) may only be made in respect of applications, made during the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March **[2025]** 2026, and approved by the Agency".

Amendment of Regulation 6C of Regulations

3. Regulation 6C of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution of Regulation 6C for the following regulation:

"**Transitional provision**

6C. To ensure uninterrupted assessments and payments made during the transition between the Regulations published on 25 March **[2023]** 2024 under Notice No. 4466: and these Regulations, the Agency may use data used during the March **[2024]** 2025 assessment cycle, in terms of regulation 2, for continued assessments of clients up to 31 May **[2024]** 2025.".

Short title and Commencement

4. These Regulations are called Amendment Regulations Relating to COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress, 2025 and take effect on 1 April 2025.

UMNYANGO WOKUTHUTHUKISWA KOMPHAKATHI

Inombolo R. **2025**

UMTHETHO WOSIZO LOMPHAKATHI WONYAKA WE-2004 (UMTHETHO WE-13 WONYAKA WE-2004) NJENGOBA UCHITSHIYELWE IZIMISO EZIMAYELANA NOSIZO LOMPHAKATHI NGEZIKHATHI ZENHLEKELE YE-COVID 19

Mina, Nokuzola Gladys Tolashe, uNgqongqoshe woMnyango Wokuthuthukiswa Komphakathi, mayelana nesahluko sama-32(1) kanye nese-(2), esifundwa kwisahluko se-13 soMthetho Wosizo Lomphakathi wonyaka we-2004 (uMthetho we-13 wonyaka we-2004), wenze iZimiso njengoba zifakwe kwiSheduli.

NG TOLASHE (u-MP)
UNGQONGQOSHE WEZOKUTHUTHUKISWA
KOMPHAKATHI USUKU:17/04/2025

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AMANOTHI ENCAZELO JIKELELE

[ ] Amagama abhalwe agqanyiswa phakathi kwabakaki abayisikwele akhombisa ukukhishwa okusuka kwimithetho ekhona.

_____ Amagama adwetshelwe ngomugqa owugqinsi akhombisa okufakiwe okusuka kwimithetho ekhona.

Izincazelo

1. Kulezi Zimiso, "iZimiso" zisho iZimiso ezihlobene noSizo Lomphakathi Lwenhlekele ye-COVID-19 ezishicilelwe kwiSaziso Sikahulumeni esingunombolo R. 2042 somhla zingama-22 Ephreli 2022, njengoba zichitshiyelwe ngeSaziso Sikahulumeni esingunombolo R. 2381 somhla zi-16 Agasti 2022, ngeSaziso Sikahulumeni esingunombolo R. 3210 somhla zi-29 Mashi 2023 kanye neSaziso Sikahulumeni esingunombolo R 4466 somhla zi-25 Mashi 2024.

Ukuchitshiyelwa kwesimiso sesi-2 seZimiso

1. ISimiso sesi-2 seZimiso lapha siyachitshiyelwa ngokucishwa kwesigaba (b) sesimiswana sesi-(3).

Ukuchitshiyelwa kwesimiso sesi-5 seZimiso

2. ISimiso sesi-5 seZimiso siyachitshiyelwa —

(a) ngokufaka esikhundleni sesimiswana soku-(1) salesi simiswana esilandelayo:

"(1) Inani lanyanga zonke loSizo Lomphakathi Ngezinhlekele ze-COVID-19 ama-R370 **[umuntu]** umfakisicelo ngamunye ophumelele futhi akhokhwa izinyanga zesikhathi esisuka mhla zi-1 Ephreli **[2024]** 2025 ukuya mhla zi-31 Mashi **[2025]** 2026".

(b) ngokufaka esikhundleni sesimiswana sesi-(3) sesimiswana esilandelayo:

"(3) Izinkokhelo ngokwalezi zimiso —

(a) (a) ziphelela kwinani elabelwe unyakazimali we-2025/2026 2025/2026 evotini loKuthuthukiswa Komphakathi ukuze kusizwe umphakathi kwinhlekele; futhi

(b) ingakhokhwa kuphela mayelana nezicelo, ezenziwe phakathi komhla zi-1 Epheli 2022 ukuya mhla zi-31 Mashi **[2025]** 2026, futhi zavunywa yi-Ejensi".

Ukuchitshiyelwa kweSimiso sesi-6C seZimiso

3. ISimiso sesi-6C seZimiso lapha siyachitshiyelwa ngokufaka esikhundleni seSimiso 6C isimiso esilandelayo:

"uMbandela wesikhashana

wesi-6C. Ukuqinisekisa ngaphandle kokuphazamiseka ukuhlolwa kanye nezinkokhelo ezenziwe ngesikhathi soguquko esiphakathi kweZimiso ezishicilelwe mhla zi-25 Mashi **[2023]** 2024 ngaphansi kweSaziso esingunombolo 4466: kanye nalezi Zimiso, i-ejensi ingasebenzisa umninongo osetshenziswe ngesikhathi sikaMashi **[2024]** 2025 esingumjikelezo wokuhlola, ngokwesimiso sesi-2, sokuhlolwa okuqhubekayo kwamakhasimende kuze kufike mhla zi-31 Meyi [2024] 2025. "

Isihloko Esifushane Nokuqala

4. Lezi Zimiso zibizwa ngokuthi iZimiso Ezichitshiyelwe Ezimayelana Nosizo Lomphakathi Lwe-COVID-19 zonyaka we-2025 futhi zizoqala ukusebenza mhla zi-1 Ephreli 2025.

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