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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

NO. R. 7117 **11 February 2026**

CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS RELATING TO COVID-19 SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS ISSUED IN TERMS OF SECTION 32, READ WITH SECTION 13, OF THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 2004 (ACT NO. 13 OF 2004), AS AMENDED

I, Nokuzola Tolashe, Minister responsible for Social Development, under Section 32(1) and (2), read with section 13 of the Social Assistance Act, 2004 (Act No.13 of 2004) intend to make amendments to the Regulations relating to Covid-19 Social Relief of Distress as set out in the Schedule.

Interested persons or organisations are hereby invited to submit written comments on the draft regulations within 21 days from the date of publication thereof. Comments shall be forwarded to Dr Maureen Mogotsi, Chief Director: Social Assistance by:

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N TOLASHE (MP)
MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
DATE: 06/02/2026

SCHEDULE

In these regulations "Regulations" means the regulations 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, Government Notice No. R. 4466 of 25 March 2024 and Government Notice No. R. 6137 of 22 April 2025.

Amendment of regulation 5 of Regulations

1. 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 successful applicant and is payable for the months in the period 1 April **[2025]** 2026 to 31 March **[2026]** 2027".

(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 **[2025/2026]** 2026/2027 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 **[2026]** 2027, and approved by the Agency".

Amendment of Regulation 6C of Regulations

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

"To ensure uninterrupted assessments and payments made during the transition between the Regulations published on [**25 March 2024]** 22 April 2025 under Notice No **[4466]** 6137: and these Amendment Regulations, the Agency may use data used during the March **[2025]** 2026 assessment cycle, in terms of regulation 2, for continued assessments of clients up to 31 May **[2025]** 2026.".

Short title and Commencement

3. **4.** These Regulations are called Amendment Regulations Relating to COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress, 2026 and take effect on 1 April 2026.

ISIMEMO SOKUPHAWULA NGEZICHIBIYELO ZEZIMISO EZIPHATHELENE NOSIZO LWEZENHLALAKAHLE KWINGCINDEZI YE-COVID-19 EZIKHISHWE NGOKWESAHLUKO SAMA-32, ESIFUNDWA NESAHLUKO SE-13, SOMTHETHO WOSIZO LWEZENHLALAKAHLE WONYAKA WE-2004 (UMTHETHO WE-13 WONYAKA WE-2004, NJENGOBA UCHITSHIYELWE)

Mina, Nokuzola Tolashe, uNgqongqoshe obheke uMnyango Wezokuthuthukiswa Komphakathi, ngokweSahluko sama-32(1) nesesi-(2), esifundwa nesahluko se-13 soMthetho Wosizo Lwezenhlalakahle wonyaka we-2004 (uMthetho wesi-13 wonyaka we-2004) ngihlose ukuchibiyela iZimiso eziphathelene noSizo Lwezenhlakahle Lwengcindezi ye-covid-19 njengoba zishiwo kuSheduli.

Abantu noma izinhlangano ezinentshisekelo ziyamenywa ukuba ziphawule ngokubhala phansi mayelana nezimiso ezisasetshenzwa kungakapheli izinsuku ezingama-21 kusukela ngosuku lokushicilelwa kwazo. Ukuphawula kuzodluliselwa ku-Dkt. Maureen Mogotsi, uMqondisi Omkhulu: USizo Lwezenhlalakahle:

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Kulezi zimiso, "iZimiso" zisho izimiso ezishicilelwe kwiSaziso Sikahulumeni Esingunombolo R. 2042 somhla zingama-22 Ephreli 2022, njengoba zichitshiyelwe ngeSaziso Sikahulumeni Esingunombolo R. 2381 somhla zi-16 Agasti 2022, iSaziso Sikahulumeni Esingunombolo R. 3210 somhla zi-29 Mashi 2023, iSaziso Sikahulumeni Esingunombolo R. 4466 somhla zi-25 Mashi 2024 kanye neSaziso Sikahulumeni Esingunombolo R. 6137 of 22 April 2025.

Ukuchitshiyelwa kwesimiso sesi-5 seZimiso

1. 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 umfakisicelo ngamunye ophumelele futhi akhokhwa izinyanga zesikhathi esisuka mhla zi-1 Ephreli [**2025**] 2026 ukuya mhla zi-31 Mashi [**2026**] 2027".

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

"(3) Izinkokhelo ngokwalezi zimiso —

(a) (a) ziphelela kwinani elabelwe unyakazimali we-**[2025/2026]** 2026/2027 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 [**2026**] 2027, futhi zavunywa yi-Ejensi".

Ukuchitshiyelwa kweSimiso sesi-6C seZimiso

2. 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 2024]** 22 Ephreli 2025 ngaphansi kweSaziso esingunombolo **[4466]** 6137: kanye nalezi Zimiso, i-ejensi ingasebenzisa umniningo osetshenziswe ngesikhathi sikaMashi [**2025**] 2026 esingumjikelezo wokuhlola, ngokwesimiso sesi-2, sokuhlolwa okuqhubekayo kwamakhasimende kuze kufike mhla zi-31 Meyi **[2025]** 2026. "

Isihloko Esifushane Nokuqala

3. Lezi Zimiso zibizwa ngokuthi iZimiso Ezichitshiyelwe Ezimayelana Nosizo

Lomphakathi Lwe-COVID-19 zonyaka we-2026 futhi zizoqala ukusebenza mhla zi-1 Ephreli 2026.

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