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SASSA and Post Office ready for 1 April

IT'S ALL systems go for grant recipients with payments on track.

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The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) and the South African Post Office (SAPO) are ready to pay social grants to beneficiaries from 1 April without interruptions.

SASSA Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Pearl Bhengu made the announcement when she briefed the media on the state of readiness for SAPO to take over from Cash Paymaster Services (CPS) on paying social grants to beneficiaries.

In the past, SASSA relied on CPS services to pay cash payments, direct deposits and electronic payments.

SASSA and SAPO signed a service agreement in December last year as a partnership to ensure the smooth payment of social grants.

The pilot projects have successfully been implemented since January this year when beneficiaries who receive grants via commercial banks, including Postbank, had money paid directly into their accounts.

According to Bhengu, SASSA has made direct



■ South African Social Security Agency Acting CEO Pearl Bhengu and South African Post Office CEO Mark Barnes are confident that all social grant will be paid on time.

payments to more than 2.3 million beneficiaries for the month of March, and this number will be increased in April 2018.

She said a total of 5.7 million beneficiaries transacting through the SASSA Payment Card will be paid directly by SASSA without the assistance of CPS in April. This means that approximately 7.7 million of the 10.7 million beneficiaries will be paid directly.

At the moment, approximately 2.8 million benefi-

ciaries receive their money in cash at SASSA pay points.

SAPO CEO Mark Barnes said the post office will ensure that payments of social grants are uninterrupted from 1 April.

"The testing of the bulk account opening process with a sample of 1 000 existing SASSA beneficiaries data was seamlessly concluded in February," said Barnes.

According to Barnes, the special disbursement account has the following features:

- No deductions
- Three free cash withdrawals
- One free balance enquiry per month
- One free mini-statement per month
- Free full statement covering up to a maximum of three months on demand
- Free first replacement card

Old SASSA cards valid until September

Bhengu said beneficiaries who are still using old SASSA cards may continue to do so until 30 September 2018.

"We will soon introduce the new SASSA cards via the Post Office and beneficiaries will be informed about the process to be followed," Bhengu added.

She also called on beneficiaries of social grants to ignore agents who claim that the current SASSA card has expired and is being replaced by another card. ■

Beneficiaries who are not sure about the information being provided should call the SASSA toll-free number on 0800 60 10 11



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I-MISA yanceda ingcali yezokwakhiwa kweedolophi

INKQUBO KARHULUMENTE ayincedisi kuphela ekuqinisekiseni ukuba iziphathamandla zinezakhono ezifanelekileyo kodwa iguqula ubomi bolutsha.

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Ukukhulela kwikhaya elihlelekileyo nelikhokelwa ngumama ongatshatanga ongapangeliyo kungakwenza uzidele futhi uzoyikisele kwezinye izinto kodwa okuzange kumthintele uVele Mukhodiwa ekuleqeni iphupha lakhe lokuba yingcali yokwakhiwa kweedolophu.

UMukhodiwa, ovela kwilali yaseLuheni kuMasipala weNgingqi yaseThulamela eLimpopo, wafumana imfundo yesiDanga kwi-*Urban and Regional Planning* kwiYunivesithi yaseVenda ngowama-2016.

Ungomnye wabantu abaxhamla kwi-Arhente yeNkxaso kaMasipala yeziSeko zezi-Bonelelo (i-MISA) yeNkqubo yeziThwala-zidanga eziTsha. I-MISA yinkqubo ezamelazi-thwala-zidanga amathuba emisebenzi nawokufumana uqeqesho ngomse-

benzi usemsebenzi ni kwiinkalo ezifunekayo zobugcisa ukuze zibhaliswe njengeengcali.

I-MISA licandelo likarhulumente kazwelonke eliyinxenye yeSebe loLawulo lweNtsebenziswano. YasekwangekaCanzibe ngowama-2012.

“Emva kokuphumelela ibangale-12 ngowama-2008, ndanyanzeleka ukuba ndibe nonyaka endingabhali-swanga ndawo ukuze ndicebe indlela endiza kuyihlawula ngayo iimali zaseyunivesithi,” watsho uMukhodiwa.

Ngowama-2010, wabhalisa kwiYunivesithi yaseRhawutini kodwa ingxaki yemali zange imvumele ukuba awugqibe unyaka wokuqala wakhe waze wanyanzeleka ukuba asiyeke isikolo.

Kunyaka olandelayo, wabhalisela izifundo zeN3 kwi-*Electrical Engineering* kwikholeji yalapha kodwa wakhawuleza waqonda ukuba ezo zifundo

azilobizo lwakhe. Waphinda waqalisa ukuthumela izicelo kwiYunivesithi ngethemba lokufumana inkxaso-mali yokufunda.

Ngethamsanqa, iYunivesithi yaseVenda yasamkela isicelo sakhe waze waqalisa ngesiDanga kwi-*Urban and Regional Planning* ngowama-2012.

“IsiKimu sikaZwelonke soncedo lwabaFundi ngeMali yokuFunda (i-NSFAS) sandihlawulela izifundo zam zonyaka wokuqala yaza i-MISA yandinika ibhasari xa bendisenza unyaka wam wesibini yandixhasa ngolo hlobo ndade ndazigqiba izifundo zam ngowama-2016,” watsho.

Ibhasari yahlawula zonke iindleko zakhe zemfundo, kuquka ukuhlolwa, iincwadi, indawo yokuhlala nokutya.

Ngo-2017 uMukhodiwa waqalisa ngengqesho yoqhelaniso nomsebenzi kuMasipala weNgingqi wasePrince Albert kwiSebe

leeNkonzo zemiSebenzi yeSebe nezoLuntu.

“Akunakuze ushiywe lixsha ekufikeni apho ufuna ukuba khona ebomini. Kufuneka wenze konke okusemandleni akho ukuguqula iimeko okuzo ngokunjalo uphucule iimeko ophila kuzo,” utshilo uMukhodiwa.

Inkqubo yeziThwala-zidanga eziTsha i-MISA ngoku inezithwala-zidanga ezingama-70, kuquka iingcali zokucwangcisa nokwakhiwa kweedolophu neengingqi ezingama-31, iinjini zombane ezingama-24, iinjini zezokwakha ezili-12 kunye neengcali zezokwakha nabaphathi beeprojekthi abathathu. Bonke bakoomasipala kuwo onke amaphondo alithoba njengenxenye yenkqubo.

Intloko yesiGqeba esiLawulayo (i-CEO) eliBambela ye-MISA uNtandazo Vimba uthe i-ofisi yakhe iyakuqonda ukuba kukho ingxaki

enkulu yokunqongophala kweengcali ezinezakhono zobunjineli nezokwakha eMzantsi Afrika.

“Asifuni kuphela abantu abatsha abaneziqinisekiso zemfundo kwezi zifundo, kodwa sifuna ukuqinisekisa ukuba bafumana uqeqesho olukumgangatho wehlabathi jikelele kwaye bazingcali ezibhalisiweyo,” watsho uVimba.

“Oomasipala banengxaki enkulu yokunqongaphala kweengcali ezinezakhono ezikumgangatho ophezulu. Sinoxanduva olukhulu lokuqinisekisa ukuba oomasipala banabasebenzi abazingcali ezinezakhono ezikumgangatho ophezulu, ngokusebenzisa amalinge ethu okuxhobisa abasebenzi ngezakhono,” uqokele watsho. **V**



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Abazali baza kuzibalula kunyulo lwee-SGB

ABAZALI BANETHUBA lokudlala indima ephambili kulawulo lwezikolo zikarhulumente ngenjongo yokuphucula umgangatho wokusebenza nokwenza isikolo sibe yindawo ephucukileyo yabantwana babo.

Unyulo lwamaqumrhu olawula lwesikolo (i-SGB) luza kubanjwa ngeyo-Kwindla kwaye abazali bayathundezwa ukuba bathathe inxaxheba ukuze babandakanyeke kwimfundo yabantwana babo.

Unyulo luza kwenziwa kuzo zonke izikolo zikarhulumente kulo lonke elilizwe.

UMphathiswa weMfundo esiSiseko u-Angie Motshekga uthe olu lelonyulo lukhulu kweli lizwe, ngaphandle konyulo lukarhulumente weengingqi (oomasipala) nolukazwelonke.

“Unyulo lwee-SGB lwenza ukuba uluntu nabahlali bazive beyinxalenye futhi benesabelo kwimfundo yabantwana. Umgangatho wokusebenza wezikolo

ukholisa ukuphucuka xa abazali bezibandakanya ngenkuthalo nangomdla kwimicimbi yesikolo.”

Uthe ii-SGB zinendima enkulu ezifanele ukuyindlela ukuqinisekisa ukuba zonke izinto ezibalulekileyo neziphambili kubo bonke abachaphazelekayo zithathelwa ingqalelo ukuze kulwelwe ukuzalisekisa imibono yabo yeziphumo ezincumisayo zemfundo ezihambelana ngqo neemfuno zoluntu nophuhliso loqoqosho.

Ii-SGB zimele bonke abantu abachaphazelekayo nabadlala indima. Ababantu baquka abazali, ootitshala, abantu abancedisa esikolweni kunye nabafundi. Ixesha elihlalwa ngamalungu e-SGB yiminyaka emithathu.

Aba bathathi-nxaxheba balandelayo banokunyulwa kwi-SGB:

- Abazali babantwana abakweso sikolo.
- Ootitshala abakweso sikolo.
- Abasebenzi kweso sikolo abangengobahloli.
- Abafundi besikolo samabanga aphezulu.

Yintoni imisebenzi ye-SGB?

- Umgaqo-nkqubo wokwamkelwa kwabafundi esikolweni.
- Ukwenza izigqibo ngomgaqo-nkqubo weelwimi wesikolo.
- Iintlobo zenkolo eziza kulandelwa esikolweni.
- Ukuqulunqa umgaqo-siseko

wesikolo nenkcazo yomnqophiso.

- Ukuqulunqa imigaqo yokuziphatha kwabafundi ecacisa neenkqubo zoluleko.
- Uhlathlo lwabiwo-mali nolawulo lwemali.
- Ukucebisa ngokuqeshwa kwabasebenzi.
- Ukuxhasa inqununu, ootitshala nabanye abasebenzi.

Amagunya okulawula izikolo

Umthetho weziKolo zaseMzantsi Afrika unika ii-SGB amagunya abalulekileyo okulawula izikolo njengenxalenye yamaziko abalulekileyo olawulo ngentando yoninzi.

Ngokuzibandakanya kwinkqubo yonyulo, abazali baqinisekisa ukuba isikolo sisibenzela futhi sanceda abantwana babo.

Nangona kungeyomfuneko ukuba amalungu e-SGB abaneziqinisekiso zemfundo yase-

sikolweni, abazali abanezakhono zobuchule bokugcina iincwadi, ezocwangciso-mali kunye nezomthetho ngokunjalo abo banomdla nabanothando olushushu emfundweni, bayakhuthazwa ukuba bazigqatse kunyulo. **V**