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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 Sisekelo Sepumelelo Yomplanimadorobha

IHLELO LIKARHULUMENDE alisizi kwaphela ngokuqinisekisa ukubandulwa ngefanelo kwaborhulumende bekhaya kodwana litjhugulula namaphilo wabantu abatjha.

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Ukukhulela ekhaya elalinganabuyobegodu liphethwe ngumma ombelethi otjheja abentwana ayedwa kwakungaqintelisa amathuba wetuthuko yomntwana kodwana lokho akhange kukhandele u-Vele Mukhodiwa ekuphumeleliseni ibhudango lakhe lokubamplanimadorobha.

U-Mukhodiwa, obuya esabelweni se-Luheni ngaphasi koMasipala weNdawo i-Thulamela eseLimpopo, wafumana iZiqu ze-*Urban and Regional Planning* eYunivesithi ye-Venda ngomnyaka wee-2016.

Ungomunye wabazuzi ehlelweni lokuSekelwa kweFundo yeLutjha ngaphasi kw-Ejensi eSekela umThangalasisekelo kaMasipala (i-MISA). Ihlelweni linqophe ukunikela abafundi abaneziqithuba lokufumana ilemuko lomsebenzi emikhakheni

ebuthekhnikhali bebakghone ukutloliswa eenhlanganweni zabasebenzi bamabizelo.

I-MISA iliphiko likarhulumende welizwelo ke ngaphasi komNyango wezokuBusa ngokuBambisana. Umkhakha lo wahlonywa ngoMrhayili wee-2012.

“Ngemva kokuphasa uMethrighi ngomnyaka wee-2008, ngahlala umnyaka woke ngicabanga bonyana ngizokubhadela ngani iindleko zeyunivesithi,” kwatjho u-Mukhodiwa.

Ngomnyaka wee-2010, watlolisa eYunivesithi yeJwanasbhege, ngetjhuu elimbi ukuthayela kweemali khange kumvumele ukobana aqede ngitjho neemfundo zomnyaka wakhe wokuthoma, ngenca yalokho walisa.

Ngomnyaka olandelako, watlolisela iimfundo ze-*Electrical Engineering N3* ekholiji yangekhobo kodwana wabona bonyana leziimfundo azikhambe-

lani nebhudango lakhe. Wathoma phasi godu, wathumela iimbawo zokwamukelwa emayunivesithi ngethemba lokufumana isizo leemali zokufunda.

Ngetjhuu, iYunivesithi ye-Venda yamukela isibawo sakhe wabe wathoma ukufundela iziqu ze-*Urban and Regional Planning* ngomnyaka wee-2012.

Wathi, “isiKhwama seliZwelo ke seSizo leeMali zokuFunda (i-NSFAS) sabhadela iindleko zokufunda zomnyaka wami wokuthoma, i-MISA yangena ngomfundalize nasele emnyakeni wesibili yangisekela bengaqeda iimfundo zami ngomnyaka wee-2016”.

Umfundalize lo wabhadela zoke iindleko zakhe, ezifaka hlangana iimali zokufunda, ukuthengwa kweencwadi, indawo yokuhlala nokugoma.

Ngomnyaka wee-2017 u-Mukhodiwa wathoma ibandulolemuko lomsebenzi kwaMasipala weNdawo

i-Prince Albert ngaphasi kwezemiSebenzi yomNyango neZenzelwa zomPhakathi.

“Lihlala likhona ithuba lokufikelela okufunako epilweni, indabakulu kubekezelela. Kufanele wenze koke okusemandlenakho ukobana utjhugulule ubujamo bakho bewuthuthukise ipilwako,” kwatjho u-Mukhodiwa.

Ihlelo lokuSekelwa kweFundo yeLutjha ngaphasi kwe-Ejensi eSekela umThangalasisekelo kaMasipala njenganje linabafundi abama-70 esele bathweswe iziqu, hlangana nabo abaplani bemakho yeeyingi neyamadorobha bama-31, abosonjiniyera begezi bama-24, abali-12 ngabaneziqithuba ze-*Civil Engineering* kuthi bathathu kube baphathi zokwakha nakumaphrojekthi. Boke baqatjhe bomasipala eemfundeni zolithoba njengengcenyeye yalelihlelo.

UmJaphethe womPhathi oyiHloko kwa-MISA

uNtandazo Vimba uthe i-ofisakhe izwisisa isidingo esiqakathekileko samakghonofundwa wabosonjiniyera newezazi zokwakha eSewula Afrika.

UVimba uthe, “Asifuni kwaphela abantu abatjha abaneziqithuba kilemikhakha, kodwana kufanele siqinisekise bonyana banebandulo elamukelekako ngokwezininga leentjhabatjhaba begodu batloliwe neenhlangano ezingamelele ibizelo labo”.

Wangezelela ngokuthi, “Abomasipala bethu batlologa khulu abantu abafundele amakghono. Sinomsebenzi omkhulu wokutjhugulula urhulumende weendawo zemakhaya ukuthi asebenze ngefanelo ngemizamo yethu yokuthuthukisa amakghono”.



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Ababelethi Bazokubonakala Emakhethweni We-SGB

ABABELETHI BANETHUBA lokubamba indima ebonakalako ekulawulweni kweenkolo ngomnqopho wokuthuthukisa amazinga nokwenza iinkolo zibe yindawo engcono yabentwana.

Amakhetho we-miKhandlu eLawula iinkolo (ama-SGB) azokubanjwa ngoNtaka nonyaka, kanti ababelethi bayakhuthazwa ukuzibandakanya khona bazokufaka isandla ngokubonakalako efundweni yabentababo.

Amakhetho azokubanjwa kizo zoke iinkolo zombuso elizweni mazombe.

UNgqongqotjhe wezeFundo esiSekelo u-Angie Motshekga uthe amakhetho la angamakhulu ngelizweni kungasabalwa amakhetho waborhulumende bemakhaya newelizwe loke.

“Amakhetho wama-SGB asiza ngokungezelela amaziso womphakathi ekubeni nelizwi eku-

lawulweni kweenkolo. Ukusebenza kweenkolo kuyathuthuka lokha ababelethi bafaka isandla ngokubonakalako eendabeni zesikolo.”

Uthe amabhodi alawula iinkolo anendima ekulinganiseni amakareko wababambindima ngomnqopho wokusekela inembombono efanako yokufikelela imiphumela yefundoemihlenekhambisana needingo zomphakathi nokuthuthukiswa kezomnotho.

Ama-SGB ajamele yoke imikhakha yomphakathi ozombezele iinkolo, kufaka hlangana ababelethi, abotitjhere, abasebenzi besikolweni abangasibo abotitjhere nabafundi. Isikhathi se-ofisi sokuphatha kwamalunga we-SGB minyaka emithathu.

Ababelani abalandelako bangakhethelwa iinkhundla ku-SGB:

- Ababelethi babafundi esikolweneso.
- Abotitjhere besikolweso
- Abasebenzi besikolweni abangasibo abotitjhere.
- Abafundi esikolweni sesekhondari.

Iyini imisebenzi ye-SGB?

- Kuthatha iqunto ngomthethokambiso wesikolo wokutloliswa kwabafundi.
- Kuthatha iqunto ngomthethokambiso wesikolo welimi lokufundisa.
- Kuthatha iqunto ngekolo ezokulandelwa ngesikolweni.
- Kutlama umthethosisekelo wesikolo nekghonakaliso

- yenembombono
- Kutlama umtlolo wokuziphatha kwabafundi nekambiso yamagadango wokukhalima.
- Kuhlelwa nokulawulwa kweemali.
- Kutjhukumisa ngokuqatjhw kwabasebenzi.
- Kusekela utitjherehloko, abotitjhere nabanye abasebenzi.

Igunya lokulawula iinkolo

UmThetho oLawula iinkolo weSewula Afrika unikela ama-SGB amagunya aneleko wokulawula iinkolo. Lokhu kukhambisana nokuhlontjhw okuqakathekileko kwamaziko asekelo intando yenengi.

Ngokuzibandakanya emakhethweni wama-SGB, ababelethi baqinisekisa bonyana iindingo zabentababo eenkolweni ziyatjhejwa. Nanyana kungadingeki bonyana ababelethi abafuna ukuba malunga we-SGB babe neziqithuba zefundo, ababelethi abanamakghono

wokulondwa kweminingwana, ukuhlolwa kweencwadi zemali nelwazi lezomthetho abanekareko, begodu banetjisakalo ekuthuthukisweni kwezefundo, bayakhuthazwa ukobana bangenele amakhetho njengabongikhetani.