

Termination of Child Support Grant for Community Health Workers (CHWs)

The PSA was alerted that CHWs did not receive their SASSA Child Support Grant as it was terminated on the basis that they are working as public servants. The problem arose after the pronouncement that government employees were receiving grants from SASSA that they should not be receiving. Sadly, SASSA ignored the fact that applicants whose monthly incomes is less than R4 000 qualify for a Child Support Grant and caused inconvenience in the lives of CHWs by terminating their grants. It is public knowledge that CHWs are receiving R3 500 per month and thus qualify to receive the grant. The termination is thus not in accordance with SASSA prescripts.

CHWs were inconvenienced and were not able to provide for their children. They approached the PSA for assistance and SASSA was contacted. SASSA advised that all affected CHWs must approach their local offices with salary advices, bank statements, copies of their IDs and copies of children's birth certificates for their grants to be reinstated. The reinstatement of the grants is, however, not automatic as personal circumstances and incomes differ, as some are married and their husbands' incomes will also be taken into account.

Members who are experiencing work-related problems, including non-compliance with the *OHSA*, are urged to contact queen.seema@psa.co.za. Those who want to join the PSA can contact paulina.moloto@psa.co.za / 082 880 8957 and/or Lawrence.muvhango@psa.co.za / 082 880 8995.

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