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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(5) AND (10) OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002): MEASURES TO PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

I, **Ms Lindiwe Zulu**, the Minister of Social Development, in terms of regulation 4(5), read with regulation 4(10) of the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) and published in *Government Gazette* No. 43258, Government Notice No. R480 of 29 April 2020 as amended by Government Notices No. R.608 of 28 May 2020, R. 714 of 25 June 2020, R. 763 of 12 July 2020, R. 846 of 31 July 2020, R. 891 of 17 August 2020, R. 999 of 18 September 2020 and R. 1011 of 20 September 2020 hereby issue the Directions set out in the Schedule hereto, in order to prevent and combat the spread of the COVID-19.

**MS LINDIWE ZULU, MP****MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT****DATE: 06/10/2020**

SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In this Schedule unless the context indicates otherwise–

“Directions” means the Directions published in *Government Gazette* No. 43182, Government Notice No. R. 430 of 30 March 2020 as amended by Government Notices No. R. 455 of 07 April 2020, No. R. 517 of 09 May 2020, No. R. 727 of 02 July 2020 and No. R. 853 of 6 August 2020.

Amendment of paragraph 6 of the Directions

2. Paragraph 6 of the Directions is hereby amended by-

(a) the substitution for subparagraph (l)(vii)(ii) of the following:

“(ii) Temporary disability grants which lapsed in July 2020 or are due to lapse during the months of August to October, will not lapse until the end of 31 December 2020 and must continue to be paid until 31 December 2020.”.

(b) the substitution for subparagraph (l) (vii)(kk) of the following:

“(kk) Care dependency grants, which were extended to October 2020 under the Directions published in Government Notice No. R. 517 of 9 May 2020 and care dependency grants that will lapse during the months of November to December, will not lapse in October 2020, but will continue to be paid until 31 December 2020.”.

(c) the substitution for subparagraph (l)(viii)(hh)v. of the following:

“ v. that the Agency must reassess its decision taking into consideration the reasons provided for in the application for reassessment, against the latest available information, including checking with banks to determine whether a person has no income, within a period of 30 days from the date on which the application for reassessment was received by the Agency and inform the applicant of the outcome of the reassessment and provide reasons for such a decision;”;

- (d) the deletion of subparagraph (l)(viii)(cc)v.;;
- (e) the substitution for subparagraph (l)(viii)(dd) of the following:

“(dd) In order to access or to have the application reconsidered for the benefit referred to in sub-item (cc), through an application, an applicant must grant consent for SASSA to verify his or her identity, residency, sources of income or social security benefits with-

- i. the Department of Home Affairs;
- ii. the Unemployment Insurance Fund;
- iii. Banking institutions;
- iv. NSFAS;
- v. SARS; and
- vi. any other government institution deemed necessary by SASSA.”;

- (f) the substitution for subparagraph (n) of the following subparagraph:

“Drop-in Centres

(n) Visit by beneficiaries to, gathering, seating and eating in, Drop-in Centres is allowed, subject to compliance with the following measures:

- (i) Symptom screening
 - (aa) Every person visiting the centre must be screened to ascertain whether he or she has any of the observable symptoms associated with COVID-19, namely, fever, cough, sore throat, redness of eyes, shortness of breath or difficulty in breathing.
 - (bb) A person may not be allowed to enter the premises if such a person presents with symptoms outlined in sub-item (aa).
- (ii) Social distancing

A person in charge of the facility or centre must ensure that-

 - (aa) there is a minimum of one and a half metres between persons; and
 - (bb) there is adherence to the Health Protocols.
- (iii) Personal Protection
 - (aa) The wearing of a facemask is compulsory for the duration of any visit to the premises.

- (bb) A person in charge of the premises must ensure that hand sanitiser, disinfectants and facilities to wash hands with water and soap are available and that the hand sanitiser has at least 70% alcohol content, or is a generic alternative and is in accordance with the recommendations of the Department of Health.
 - (cc) Surfaces and equipment used by visitors as well as toilets, common areas and door handles must be regularly cleaned.
 - (iv) Health Protocols for Facilities or Centres
 - (aa) A person in charge of the premises must ensure that seating arrangements, where applicable, are compliant with social distancing norms.
 - (bb) A person in charge of the centre must keep a register which must be archived for a period of not less than a month with the following details of every person visiting:
 - (i) Full names;
 - (ii) residential address; and
 - (iii) contact number.
 - (cc) Where physical contact with an object is required, such object must be sanitised before contact by another person.
 - (dd) Persons over the age of 60 years and persons with comorbidities must be encouraged not to visit.”; and
- (g) the substitution for subparagraph (p) of the following subparagraph:

“Inter-country Adoptions

(p) Inter-country adoptions are allowed during Alert Level 1 of the national state of disaster.”.

Commencement

3. These Directions come into effect on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*.

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