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# REGULATIONS RELATING TO ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS IN RESPECT OF BASIC EDUCATION: PROMOTION OF NATIONAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION ACT, 1995

The President has, under section 27(2) of the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Act, 1995 (Act No. 34 of 1995), and after the procedures prescribed in sections 4(f)(i) and 27(1) and (2) of the said Act were complied with, made the Regulations in the Schedule.

#### **SCHEDULE**

#### **Definitions**

- 1. In these Regulations, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act bears the meaning so assigned and, unless the context indicates otherwise—
- "accounting officer" means the officer appointed by the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development under section 42(6) of the Act;
- "administrator" means-
- (a) an official in the Department designated by the Director-General for the purposes of dealing with applications for assistance in terms of these Regulations and matters related thereto; or
- (b) an employee of the National Students Financial Aid Scheme:
- "applicant" means the following persons who apply for assistance in terms of regulation 10:
- (a) A victim;
- (b) a relative or dependant of a victim; or
- (c) a person who exercises parental responsibility over a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim and who applies for assistance on behalf of a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim;
- "application form" means the form provided for in regulation 10(2);
- "assistance" means the monetary assistance provided for in regulation 5, 6 or 7 of the Regulations;
- "beneficiary" means a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim in respect of whom an application for assistance has been approved;
- "days" means calendar days;
- "dedicated official" means an official in the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development designated by the Director-General of that Department for the purposes of verifying the status of an applicant in terms of regulation 12;
- "Department" means the Government department responsible for basic education at national level;

- "Director-General" means the Director-General of the Department of Basic Education;
- "Fund" means the Fund established under section 42(1) of the Act;
- "fund administrator" means the officer designated by the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development under section 42(5) of the Act;
- "further education" means education offered by a school at the level of grades 10, 11 and 12;
- "general education" means the compulsory school attendance phase referred to in section 3 of the South African Schools Act;
- "grade R" means the reception year preceding grade 1;
- "household" means the following persons who live together:
- (a) A person married to a victim under any law, custom or belief;
- (b) a child of a victim irrespective of whether or not the child was born of unmarried parents or was adopted;
- (c) a grandchild of a victim;
- (d) the parents of a victim; and
- (e) the grandparents of a victim;
- "independent school" means a school registered or deemed to be registered in terms of section 46 of the South African Schools Act;
- "learner" means any person receiving education in terms of the South African Schools Act;
- "Minister" means the Cabinet member responsible for basic education at national level;
- "National Student Financial Aid Scheme" means the juristic person established by section 3 of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme Act, 1999 (Act No. 56 of 1999);
- "organ of state" means an organ of state as defined in section 239 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996;
- "public school" means a school contemplated in Chapter 3 of the South African Schools Act:
- "relative or dependant of a victim" means a relative or dependant of a victim as determined by the President in terms of Regulation 1(2) of the Regulations relating to Measures to Provide Urgent Interim Reparation to Victims, published under Government Notice No. R. 545 of 3 April 1998, in accordance with section 40(1)(c) of the Act;
- "school" means a public school or an independent school which enrols learners in one or more grades from grade R to grade 12;
- "school fees"-
- (a) for the purposes of a public school, means the school fees defined in section 1 of the South African Schools Act; and
- (b) for the purposes of an independent school, means any form of contribution of a monetary nature made or paid by a person or body in relation to the attendance or participation by a learner in any programme of that school;
- "Social Assistance Act" means the Social Assistance Act, 2004 (Act No. 13 of 2004);
- "South African Schools Act" means the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No. 84 of 1996);
- "the Act" means the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Act, 1995 (Act No. 34 of 1995);

"victim" means a person contemplated in the definition of "victim" in section 1 of the Act, and who has been found by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to be a victim, in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and "vulnerable household" means a household, which at the date of the application for assistance, consists of four or more members and where—

- (a) the majority of the members of the household is over the age of 65 years;
- (b) the majority of the members of the household is receiving social assistance in terms of the Social Assistance Act;
- (c) one of the members of the household, irrespective of his or her age, is physically or mentally disabled as contemplated in section 9 of the Social Assistance Act;
- (d) one of the members of the household, who is under the age of 18 years, must work in order to contribute to the income of the household due to the limited income of that household; or
- (e) only one member of the household is working.

# Objects and application of Regulations

- (1) The objects of these Regulations are to—
- (a) provide assistance in respect of grade R, general education and further education to victims and relatives and dependants of victims who meet the conditions, criteria and requirements set out in these Regulations; and
- (b) extend and supplement in respect of victims and relatives and dependants of victims, to the extent provided for in these Regulations, the assistance provided by organs of state in respect of basic education to members of the public in general.
- (2) Assistance to a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim may only be provided in respect of basic education offered at an independent school if the administrator is satisfied that the programmes offered by a public school are, having regard to the special needs of the victim or a relative or dependant of the victim, not suitable.
- (3) Assistance to a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim may, subject to regulations 5(6), 6(5), 7(5) and 21(1), be provided in respect of more than one category of assistance referred to in regulations 5, 6 and 7.

# Authority responsible for application of Regulations

- **3.** (1) (a) The Director-General is, subject to paragraph (b), responsible for the application of these Regulations.
- (b) The Director-General: Justice and Constitutional Development is responsible for the application of the Regulations in respect of matters which are the responsibility of the dedicated official and the fund administrator.
- (2) The Director-General may delegate the application of these Regulations to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme.

(3) The Department is responsible for the payment of any fees charged by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme for the application of these Regulations, if the application thereof is delegated to that Scheme.

#### Amount available for assistance

- **4.** (1) (a) Subject to paragraph (b), the accounting officer must, in consultation with the Director-General, determine annually in writing, by not later than 15 September of every year, the amount available for the next year for assistance in terms of these Regulations.
- (b) The accounting officer must determine the amount available for assistance for 2015 within 30 days after the date of commencement of these Regulations.
- (2) The accounting officer must, in determining the amount, take into account—
- (a) the amount which is still available in the Fund;
- (b) existing commitments of the Fund;
- (c) other forms of reparation to victims, which were approved by Parliament in terms of section 27(2) of the Act and which are under consideration by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, which must be paid from the Fund;
- (d) the amount paid out as assistance during the previous year, if applicable;
- (e) the number of beneficiaries assisted the previous year, if applicable; and
- the number of applicants who met the criteria set out in regulation 9(1) but who have not received assistance as a result of the application of the most deserving criterium, as set out in regulation 9(3), if applicable.

# Assistance in respect of grade R

- **5.** (1) Assistance in the following forms may be provided in respect of grade R:
- (a) Payment of school fees, not exceeding an amount of R5 000,00 per annum;
- (b) payment of a boarding allowance, not exceeding an amount of R20 000,00 per annum;
- (c) payment of a school uniform allowance, not exceeding an amount of R2 500,00 per annum; and
- (d) payment of a transport allowance, not exceeding an amount of R3 000,00 per annum.
- (2) The assistance referred to in subregulation (1) may only be provided in respect of a beneficiary who attends a school which enrols learners for grade R.
- (3) Assistance in respect of a school uniform may only be provided if the school attended by a beneficiary requires the wearing of a school uniform.
- (4) Assistance in respect of boarding may only be provided if—
- (a) the beneficiary does not reside with his or her family;

- (b) the beneficiary has to pay for boarding; and
- (c) the beneficiary cannot attend the nearest school—
  - due to the distance between the beneficiary's place of residence and the location of the school or unavailability of public transport directly from the beneficiary's place of residence to the school; or
  - (ii) because the nearest school is full or cannot accommodate the beneficiary due to his or her special needs.
- (5) (a) Assistance in respect of transport may only be provided if—
- (i) the beneficiary has to travel to and from the school;
- (ii) the beneficiary does not reside in a school hostel;
- (iii) the beneficiary does not travel free of charge to the school; and
- (iv) the school attended is-
  - (aa) situated in a radius of more than 1,5 km from the place of residence of the beneficiary; and
  - (bb) the nearest school which has a vacancy and can accommodate the beneficiary, having regard to the special needs of the beneficiary.
- (b) Paragraph (a) (iv) (aa) is not applicable in respect of a beneficiary who is physically or mentally disabled.
- (6) The assistance referred to in subregulation (1) may only be provided for one year.

# Assistance in respect of general education

- **6.** (1) Assistance in the following forms may be provided in respect of general education:
- (a) Payment of school fees, not exceeding an amount of R9 000,00 per annum;
- (b) payment of a boarding allowance, not exceeding an amount of R20 000,00 per annum;
- (c) payment of a school uniform allowance, not exceeding an amount of R2 500,00 per annum; and
- (d) payment of a transport allowance, not exceeding an amount of R3 000,00 per annum.
- (2) Assistance in respect of a school uniform may only be provided if the school attended by a beneficiary requires the wearing of a school uniform.
  - (3) Assistance in respect of boarding may only be provided
- (a) the beneficiary does not reside with his or her family;
- (b) the beneficiary has to pay for boarding; and

if—

- (c) the beneficiary cannot attend the nearest school—
  - due to the distance between the beneficiary's place of residence and the location of the school or unavailability of public transport directly from the beneficiary's place of residence to the school; or
  - (ii) because the nearest school is full or cannot accommodate the beneficiary due to his or her special needs.

- (4) (a) Assistance in respect of transport may only be provided if—
- (i) if the beneficiary has to travel to and from the school;
- (ii) the beneficiary does not reside in a school hostel;
- (iii) the beneficiary does not travel free of charge to the school; and
- (iv) the school attended is-
  - (aa) situated in a radius of more than 2 km from the place of residence of the beneficiary; and
  - (bb) the nearest school which has a vacancy and can accommodate the beneficiary, having regard to the special needs of the beneficiary.
- (b) Paragraph (a) (iv) (aa) is not applicable in respect of a beneficiary who is physically or mentally disabled.
- (5) The assistance referred to in subregulation (1) may only be provided for a period not exceeding five years.

# Assistance in respect of further education

- **7.** (1) Assistance in the following forms may be provided in respect of further education:
- (a) Payment of school fees, not exceeding an amount of R15 000,00 per annum;
- (b) payment of a boarding allowance, not exceeding an amount of R20 000,00 per annum;
- (c) payment of a school uniform allowance, not exceeding an amount of R3 000,00 per annum; and
- (d) payment of a transport allowance, not exceeding an amount of R3 500,00 per annum.
- (2) Assistance in respect of a school uniform may only be provided if the school attended by a beneficiary requires the wearing of a school uniform.
- (3) Assistance in respect of boarding may only be provided if—
- (a) the beneficiary does not reside with his or her family;
- (b) the beneficiary has to pay for boarding; and
- (c) the beneficiary cannot attend the nearest school—
  - due to the distance between the beneficiary's place of residence and the location of the school or unavailability of public transport directly from the beneficiary's place of residence to the school; or
  - (ii) because the nearest school is full or cannot accommodate the beneficiary due to his or her special needs.
- (4) (a) Assistance in respect of transport may only be provided if—
- (i) the beneficiary has to travel to and from school;
- (ii) the beneficiary does not reside in a school hostel:
- (iii) the beneficiary does not travel free of charge to the school; and
- (iv) the school attended is-
  - (aa) situated in a radius of more than 3 km from the place of residence of the beneficiary; and

- (bb) the nearest school which has a vacancy and can accommodate the beneficiary, having regard to the special needs of the beneficiary.
- (b) Paragraph (a)(iv)(aa) is not applicable in respect of a beneficiary who is physically or mentally disabled.
- (5) The assistance referred to in subregulation (1) may only be provided for a period not exceeding three years.

#### **Escalation of amounts**

- **8.** (1) The amounts referred to in regulations 5, 6, 7 and 9 must be increased automatically with 8% on 1 January 2016 and thereafter on the first day of January of every consecutive year.
- (2) The accounting officer must, by not later than 31 January of each year—
- (a) publish the new amounts in the Gazette; and
- (b) in writing inform the Director-General of the new amounts, who must make this information available on the website of the Department.

#### Conditions for assistance

- **9.** (1) A victim or a relative or dependant of a victim may, subject to regulation 11(2) and the availability of money in the Fund, receive assistance provided for in these Regulations if, at the date of the application for assistance—
- (a) the annual gross income of the household of which he or she is a member does not exceed R132 000,00; or
- (b) he or she qualifies as a member of a vulnerable household.
- (2) The annual gross income of the household is the total amount in cash or otherwise, received by or accrued to or in favour of the household, irrespective of the source and nature thereof.
- (3) (a) The administrator must, if there are not sufficient funds available for a particular year to provide assistance to all the victims or relatives or dependants of the victims—
- (i) in respect of whom applications for assistance were submitted before the cut-off dates referred to in regulation 10(3)(b); and
- (ii) who meet the conditions referred to in subregulation (1), determine which applications are the most deserving.
- (b) In determining which applications are the most deserving, the administrator must take into account—
- (i) the annual gross income of the household of which the victim or a relative or dependant of a victim is a member:
- (ii) the number of members of the household;
- (iii) the number of members of the household contributing to the income of the household:
- (iv) whether the victim or a relative or dependant of a victim is physically or mentally disabled as contemplated in section 9 of the Social Assistance Act; and

- (v) the amount of financial aid, assistance or concession provided for in regulation 10(4), received by the victim or a relative or dependant of a victim, if applicable.
  - (4) A victim or a relative or dependant of a victim who—
- (a) has received assistance in terms of these Regulations;
- (b) wishes to receive further assistance to complete his or her school education; and
- (c) complies, subject to subregulation (1), with all the conditions, criteria and requirements contained in these Regulations,

receives priority over any other applicant, if there are not sufficient funds available in a particular year.

# Application for assistance

- **10.** (1) The following persons may apply for assistance:
- (a) A victim;
- (b) a relative or dependant of a victim; or
- (c) a person who exercises parental responsibility over a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim on behalf of a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim.
- (2) (a) An application for assistance must correspond substantially with the application form, Form 1, contained in the Annexure.
- (b) The application form must be available on the websites of the Department and the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development and at the offices of the dedicated official, the administrator and the fund administrator.
- (3) (a) An application for assistance must be made annually and be submitted to the dedicated official on or before the cut-off dates provided for in paragraph (b).
- (b) The cut-off dates for the submission of applications for assistance are as follows:
- (i) The cut-off date for assistance for 2015 is three months after the date of commencement of these Regulations; and
- thereafter, 30 September of every year for applications for assistance for the subsequent year.
- (c) An application for assistance submitted after the cut-off date as provided for in paragraph (b) may be considered if the applications submitted on or before the cut-off date have been disposed of and if funds for the particular year are still available.
- (d) An application for assistance submitted after the cut-off date must be considered in the manner provided for in regulation 9, 12, 13 and 14.
- (4) (a) A person who applies for assistance must disclose any financial aid, assistance or concession received or to be received from organs of state by the victim or a relative or dependant of the victim for the particular year for which assistance is applied.
- (b) Any amount so received, must be calculated and deducted from the amount for which the beneficiary qualifies in terms of these Regulations.

- (c) A beneficiary who received any financial aid, assistance or concession from an organ of state subsequent to the approval of his or her application for assistance must in writing disclose that fact to the administrator.
- (d) Any amount received as referred to in paragraph (c), must be calculated and deducted from the amount which must still be paid to the beneficiary or for which the beneficiary may qualify in terms of these Regulations in respect of the next year.
- (5) The application form must be signed by the person who completes it and, if the form is not completed by a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim, it must also be countersigned by the victim or the relative or dependant of the victim, if he or she is able to do so.
- (6) (a) The documents required in the application form must be attached to the application form.
- (b) The administrator may refuse to consider an application if the documents required in the application form are not attached, but only after the administrator has taken reasonable steps in assisting the applicant to obtain these documents.
- (7) The banking details of the persons and institutions to which the school fees, the transport allowance, the school uniform allowance and the boarding allowance must be paid, as required in the application form, must be confirmed by the bank by affixing the official stamp of the bank.
- (8) The application form must, after completion, be submitted to the dedicated official electronically or by facsimile or registered post.

#### Subsequent application for assistance

- 11. (1) A victim or a relative or dependant of a victim who applied for assistance in terms of these Regulations for a particular year but whose application was not approved due to non-compliance with the conditions, criteria and requirements provided for in these Regulations, may apply for assistance in respect of any other subsequent year.
- (2) (a) A victim or a relative or dependant of a victim who received assistance in terms of these Regulations for a particular year and who wishes to receive further assistance in subsequent years to complete his or her school education, must make an application annually for further assistance which must be submitted to the dedicated official in the manner provided for in regulation 10(8) on or before the cut-off dates provided for in regulation 10(3)(b).
- (b) The conditions, criteria and requirements provided for in these Regulations, excluding the conditions in regulation 9(1), are applicable to a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim referred to in paragraph (a).
- (c) The dedicated official does not have to comply with regulation 12(1) in respect of a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim referred to in paragraph (a).

# Verification of status of applicant

- **12.** (1) Subject to subregulation (2), the dedicated official must within 30 days after receipt of an application form—
- (a) in respect of every application form received, verify whether the person indicated as a victim in the application form, is a victim; and
- (b) in addition, where applicable, verify whether the person indicated in the application form as a relative or dependant of a victim, is a relative or dependant of a victim.
- (2) (a) The dedicated official may, in order to verify the information referred to in subregulation (1)—
- (i) require the applicant to provide additional information or documentation regarding the application; or
- (ii) obtain the required information or documentation from any other person or institution.
- (b) Where the dedicated official requires additional information, the 30-day period referred to in subregulation (1) must be calculated from the date of receipt of the additional information.
- (3) (a) The dedicated official must complete a certificate that corresponds substantially with Form 2 contained in the Annexure, if he or she finds that the person applying for assistance is a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim.
- (b) The dedicated official must, if he or she receives an application for assistance from a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim in respect of whom a certificate provided for in paragraph (a) has already been issued previously, submit a certified copy thereof to the administrator together with the application.
- (c) The dedicated official must follow the procedure provided for in regulation 14(3), if he or she intends making a finding that the appplicant is not a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim.
- (d) The provisions of regulation 14(4) and (5) apply with the necessary changes required by the context in respect of decisions of the dedicated official under this regulation.
- (e) The dedicated official must not submit an application to the administrator for consideration if the dedicated official finds that the applicant is not a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim.
- (4) The dedicated official must upon completion of the certificate provided for in subregulation (3)(a), submit the application form, the attachments thereto and the certificate to the administrator and inform the applicant in writing thereof.

#### Processing of application for assistance

- **13.** (1) The administrator must, on receipt of the completed application form and the certificate provided for in regulation 12(3) and despite regulation 14(1) and (2)—
- (a) forthwith, for the purposes of the speedy processing of the application and rendering of assistance, obtain any further information or documentation or clarify any uncertainties with regard to the information in the application form; and

- (b) satisfy himself or herself that—
  - (i) the assistance applied for falls within the ambit of these Regulations;
  - (ii) the conditions, criteria and requirements provided for in these Regulations have been complied with or met;
  - (iii) a decision has not already been made in respect of the beneficiary for the particular year in respect of which the assistance is applied for, with reference to the register referred to in regulation 17(4) or any other document containing information in this regard; and
  - (iv) there are sufficient funds available to provide the assistance applied for.
- (2) The administrator must, for the purposes of considering an application for a transport allowance take into account—
- (a) the distance to be travelled by the beneficiary between his or her place of residence and the location of the school attended; and
- (b) other modes of transport that are available and the cost thereof.
- (3) The administrator must, for the purposes of this regulation, consider the application for assistance, where applicable, on the basis of documentary proof, including an affidavit if no other documentary proof is available.

# Decision on application for assistance

- **14.** (1) The administrator may not make any decision regarding an application for assistance before the expiry of the cut-off dates referred to in regulation 10(3)(b).
- (2) (a) The administrator must make a decision regarding an application—
- (i) submitted on or before the cut-off date referred to in regulation 10(3)(b)—
  - (aa) within 60 days after the expiry of the cut-off date; or
  - (bb) within 60 days after receipt of the application form from the dedicated official in terms of regulation 12(4),

whichever date is the latest: or

- (ii) submitted after the cut-off date referred to in regulation 10(3)(b), within 60 days after receipt of the application form from the dedicated official in terms of regulation 12(4).
- (b) The time period referred to in paragraph (a) may, if the administrator has acted—
- (i) in terms of regulation 13(1)(a), be extended for a period equivalent to the period required to receive the additional information or clarify the uncertainty; and
- (ii) in terms of subregulation (3)(a), be extended for a period equivalent to the period calculated from the date of that notice until the date specified in that notice within which the applicant may respond.
- (3) (a) The administrator must, if he or she intends to refuse an application for assistance, notify the applicant in writing of the intention and the disqualifying factor and invite the applicant to respond

thereto in the manner and before the date specified by the administrator in the notice.

- (b) The date specified by the administrator in the notice referred to in paragraph (a) must allow for a period of at least 40 days for the applicant to respond.
- (c) The administrator may, if no response has been received after the expiry of the date specified in the notice, make a decision in respect of the application for assistance.
- (d) The administrator must, if a response is received from the applicant, upon receipt thereof, consider that response and make a decision in respect of the application for assistance.
  - (4) The administrator must in writing—
- (a) record the decision;
- (b) record the reasons for the decision;
- (c) record the amount to be paid; and
- (d) record the calculations made, including the calculations if any deductions are made in terms of regulation 10(4)(b) or (d).
- (5) The administrator must, within seven days after a decision has been made, inform the applicant orally, if his or her contact particulars are available, and in writing—
- (a) of the decision;
- (b) of the amount of the assistance to be provided;
- (c) about any deductions made; and
- (d) about his or her right to lodge representations in terms of regulation 18, should the applicant be aggrieved by any decision made by the administrator in terms of these Regulations.

# Payment of assistance

- **15.** (1) (a) The administrator must, if the application for assistance is approved, make arrangements with the persons or institutions to be paid regarding payment.
- (b) The administrator must, before making any payment in terms of this regulation, enquire from the persons or institutions to be paid whether he or she is aware of any financial aid, assistance or concession referred to in regulation 10(4) received by the beneficiary.
- (c) The administrator must, if it appears from the enquiry provided for in paragraph (b) that the beneficiary has received any financial aid, assistance or concession which has not been disclosed by the beneficiary, calculate such amount and deduct it from the amount for which the beneficiary qualifies in terms of these Regulations.
- (d) The administrator must, before deducting the amount referred to in paragraph (c), give the beneficiary a reasonable opportunity to explain the receipt of the financial aid, assistance or concession.
  - (2) (a) Payment of assistance must be made—
- (i) by electronic transfer; and
- (ii) to the persons or institutions referred to in paragraph (b).
- (b) The administrator must make payments in respect of the following expenses to the following persons or institutions:

- (i) School fees must be paid to the relevant school;
- (ii) the boarding allowance must be paid to the person, institution or body responsible for the management and administration of a school hostel or place where the beneficiary resides or boards;
- (iii) the school uniform allowance may be paid to the supplier of the school uniform or the beneficiary; and
- (iv) the transport allowance may be paid to the beneficiary or the person or institution providing transport to the beneficiary.
- (3) The administrator must, when making a payment, have regard to sound financial administrative principles, procedures and processes.
- (4) The administrator may, on a regular basis, make a payment to the persons or institutions referred to in subregulation (2)(b).
- (5) (a) The administrator may make an advance payment to a beneficiary in respect of the assistance provided for in subregulation (2)(b)(iii) and (iv) before a beneficiary has incurred any expense in this regard, if it appears to the administrator to be advisable and if he or she is satisfied, upon submission of proof by the beneficiary, that these expenses will be incurred.
- (b) The administrator may make an advance payment in respect of the boarding allowance of a beneficiary if it appears to the administrator to be advisable and if he or she is satisfied, upon submission of proof, that these expenses will be incurred.
- (c) A beneficiary who receives an advanced payment in terms of this regulation in respect of a boarding allowance or a school uniform allowance must, within 30 days after having received an advanced payment, submit to the administrator proof of payment of the expense in respect of which an advanced payment was received.
- (d) The administrator may not make any further payments or advanced payments in terms of this regulation if proof of payment of the expense in respect of which an advanced payment was made, has not been received as required by paragraph (c).
- (e) The administrator may, in writing, direct a beneficiary or a person who exercises parental responsibility over the beneficiary to refund any amount, which has been paid in advance in terms of this regulation, if the expenditure in respect of which the advanced payment was made, has not been incurred.
- (f) The administrator may only give a direction referred to in paragraph (e), if he or she is satisfied that the expenditure has not been incurred as a result of circumstances over which the beneficiary or person who exercises parental responsibility over the beneficiary had no control.
- (6) (a) The administrator may, if assistance in respect of boarding is paid for the accommodation of a beneficiary at a place other than a school hostel, on a regular basis request proof—
- (i) from the person who provides accommodation that the beneficiary is still residing or lodging there;
- (ii) from the person who provides accommodation, of the amount payable in respect of the accommodation of the beneficiary; and
- (iii) from the school that the beneficiary is still registered with the school.

- (b) The administrator may refuse to make any further payments relating to the accommodation of the beneficiary if proof of the facts referred to in paragraph (a) was requested but not submitted within the period specified by the administrator.
- (7) The administrator may only make a payment to a person or an institution in respect of accommodation referred to in subregulation (6)(a), upon receipt of documentary proof confirming—
- (a) the amount to be paid;
- (b) that the beneficiary is registered at the school;
- (c) if applicable, that the beneficiary hires accommodation at a place other than at a school hostel; and
- (d) any other information which, in the opinion of the administrator, is necessary to ensure accountability.
  - (8) The administrator must—
- (a) retain proof of payments;
- (b) in writing inform the beneficiary and the person or institution to which a payment has been made, of such payment; and
- (c) in writing inform the beneficiary that he or she must submit to the administrator a certified copy of his or her results provided by the school which he or she attended, within two weeks after receipt thereof.
- (9) The administrator must monitor the receipt of the records received and keep record thereof.

# **Payment from Fund to Department**

- **16.** (1) The fund administrator must make regular payments from the Fund to the Department to reimburse that Department for the payments made in terms of regulation 15(2).
- (2) The fund administrator must make at least 4 payments per year and the last payment must be made before the end of February of each year.
- (3) The fund administrator may not make any payment to the Department without—
- (a) receiving a claim from the Department; and
- (b) proof of payment of the assistance in terms of these Regulations by the Department or, if the application of these Regulations was delegated to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme, by the Scheme.
- (4) The payments made by the fund administrator to the Department in a particular year may not exceed the amount determined by the accounting officer in terms of regulation 4(1).

# Keeping of records and registers by dedicated official and administrator

- 17. (1) The dedicated official must keep proper records of—
- (a) the persons who applied for assistance;
- (b) the information received in connection with the applications for assistance:
- (c) the documents received in support of the applications for assistance; and

- (d) full particulars of the decisions made in respect of the applications received.
- (2) The dedicated official must compile a register containing the following particulars in respect of every application for assistance received:
- (a) The name of the applicant;
- (b) the nature of assistance applied for;
- (c) the name of the victim or relative or dependant of a victim for who assistance is applied;
- (d) the year for which the assistance is applied; and
- (e) the decision made by the dedicated official in respect of the application.
  - (3) The administrator must keep proper records of—
- (a) the applications received from the dedicated official;
- (b) the information received in connection with such applications;
- (c) the documents received in support of such applications;
- (d) the decisions made; and
- (e) the payments made.
- (4) The administrator must compile a register containing the following particulars in respect of every payment made:
- (a) The name of the beneficiary in respect of whom the assistance is paid;
- (b) the nature of assistance;
- (c) the year for which the assistance is paid;
- (d) the date on which the amount was paid out;
- (e) the amount paid out; and
- the particulars of the persons or institutions to whom payments have been made.
- (5) The dedicated official and administrator must on a daily basis, excluding weekends, update the registers referred to in subregulations (2) and (4).
- (6) The administrator must keep record of the information referred to in regulation 4(2)(d) to (f) and submit that information to the accounting officer at the end of August of each year.

#### Representations by aggrieved persons

- **18.** (1) (a) An applicant who is aggrieved by a decision of the dedicated official in respect of the verification of the status of the applicant in terms of regulation 12, may make representations to the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services.
- (b) An applicant who is aggrieved by a decision of the administrator made in terms of these Regulations, may make representations to the Minister.
  - (2) The representations referred to in subregulation (1)—
- (a) may be made at any time but not later than 60 days after receipt of the notification of the decision of the dedicated official or the administrator;
- (b) must be in writing:
- (c) must indicate the reasons why the person is aggrieved; and
- (d) must, where possible, be accompanied by documents supporting the reasons why the person is aggrieved.

- (3) The representations must be submitted to the Minister or the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, as the case may be, in one of the following ways:
- (a) By registered post;
- (b) by delivering them personally at the office of the Minister or the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, as the case may be; or
- (c) by facsimile transmission, in which case proof of the transmission must be retained and the original thereof must be submitted by registered post.

#### **Processing of representations**

- 19. (1) The dedicated official and the administrator must, immediately upon notification that representations have been made in terms of regulation 18 in respect of a decision taken by him or her, submit to the Minister or the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, as the case may be, the documents in his or her possession relating to the decision, together with his or her reasons for the decision.
- (2) The Minister or the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, as the case may be, may, in order to make a finding regarding the representations, make any enquiries he or she deems fit.
- (3) The Minister or the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, as the case may be, must, as soon as circumstances permit, make a finding in regard to the representations and inform the person who made the representations orally, if the contact particulars of the person are available, and in writing of his or her finding.

### Cession, assignment or attachment of assistance

- **20.** Despite any law to the contrary, any amount which has been paid or is to be paid as assistance in terms of these Regulations may not—
- (a) be ceded or assigned by the beneficiary or any other person or institution who received a payment in terms of these Regulations;
- (b) be attached under a judgment of a court of law; or
- (c) form part of the estate of the beneficiary or any other person or institution who received a payment in terms of these Regulations, should such estate be sequestrated.

# Period of application

- **21.** (1) These Regulations apply for a period of five years from the date of commencement thereof.
- (2) Despite the expiry of these Regulations, the dedicated official and the administrator must, in respect of an application which is received by him or her before the date of expiry of these Regulations, apply these Regulations as if they had not expired: Provided that the application for assistance is in respect of the year in which these Regulations expire and funds are available.

# Short title and commencement

- **22.** (1) These Regulations are called the Regulations relating to Assistance to Victims in respect of Basic Education, 2014.
- (2) These Regulations come into operation on 7 November 2014.

#### **ANNEXURE**

#### FORM 1

#### [Regulation 10]

#### APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE IN RESPECT OF BASIC EDUCATION

PROMOTION OF NATIONAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION ACT, 1995 (ACT 34 OF 1995)

#### **READ THIS FIRST**

#### Only a person who -

- (a) has been found by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) to be a victim; or
- (b) is a relative, such as the child, or a dependant of a victim, such as a grandchild, may request assistance.

#### To qualify for assistance-

- (a) the household of which the person who needs assistance is a member, must not earn more than R132 000,00 gross income
  per year; or
- (b) the person who needs assistance must be a member of a vulnerable household.

A household consists of the spouse, children, grandchildren, parents and grandparents of a victim.

A vulnerable household is a household consisting of four or more members, where:

- \* the majority of members are over the age of 65 years;
- \* the majority of members are receiving social assistance;
- \* one member is physically or mentally disabled;
- \* one of the members is under the age of 18 years and has to work; or
- \* only one of the members is working;

Remember to attach the required documents confirming the information given in this form, for example, certified copies of an identity book and proof of income, otherwise your application will not be considered.

A. PARTICULARS OF PI	ERSON WHO COMP	LETES FORM				
1. Title:					(Mr. I	Miss, Mrs, Dr)
2. Surname:			÷		(,,,,	viico, iviio, 21)
3. First Names:						
4. ID number:			5. Date of birth:		***************************************	
6. Gender:	*Male / Femal	e				
7. Contact details:	* Home address (State below the address address of another person  * Postal address	s where you live and on who can be conta	ess of other person (if to which mail may be sent. cted, e.g. place of worship, ess of other person (if	If you do not l school, comm	nave an addre unity leader, e	ess, state the etc)
Telephone Numbers:	Home: ( )	Wor	k: ( )	Cell no:		
8. (a) Are you completing t	his form on behalf of	somebody else?			*Yes	/ No
(b) If you are completing	this form on behalf o	of somebody else	e, also complete part I	B (B1 & B2)	below.	
9. If you are applying for as	sistance, complete th	ne following:				
(a) Are you a victim?					*Yes	/ No
(b) If you are not a victi (i) what is the r	m - name of the victim?					

(ii) are you a	relative or dependant (	of a victim?			*Yes	/No
(c) If you are a relative (for eg: are you the s	e or dependant of a vio pouse, child, grandchild	ctim, what is you or sibling of a vict	ur relationship wi im)	th the victim: .		
10. (a) If you are applying	for assistance, do yo	u have any disa	bility?:		*Yes	/ No
(b) If yes, give details	of the disability:					
Signature					Date	
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B.1 PARTICULARS OF F				n. Indicate here	e the particula	rs of the person
who needs assistance.  1. Title:						(Mr, Miss, Mrs)
2. Surname:			**************************************			`
3. First Names:						
4. ID number:			5. Date of birth:			
6. Gender:	*Male / Female	9				
	does not have an address community leader, etc)  * Postal address		ess of other perso			
Telephone Numbers:	Home: ( )		k: ( )	Cell n		
8. Is the person who needs						
(a) A victim?	assistance.				*Yes	/ No
	viatim					
	e of the victim? ative or dependant of				 *Yes	/ No
	tive or dependant of a			•		
	ouse, child, grandchild o					••••••
9. (a) Does the person wh	no needs assistance h	ave any disabili	ty?		*Yes	/ No
(b) If yes, give details o	of the disability:					

Signature of the person completing the form on behalf of the person who needs assistance

Date

B.2 PARTICULARS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/AID/CONCESS ASSISTANCE	SIONS RECEIVED BY PERSON WHO NEEDS
Complete this part only if the person who needs assistance has received an or any discount or has been exempted from paying school fees. Indicate her	y form of assistance from the State, for example, a bursary te the form of assistance and the amount received.
1. Name of the institution / person who granted / is to grant the aid / a	assistance:
2. The year for which aid / assistance was received or is to be received	red:
3. Nature and amount of the assistance / aid received or is to be received.	eived:
4. Conditions attached to the aid / assistance:	
(Attach documents to support the above information.)	
C. FORMS OF ASSISTANCE APPLIED FOR	CONTROL OF THE CONTRO
The forms of assistance include payment of school fees, alloward boarding and transport allowances.	nces for the purchasing of school uniforms and
C.1 ASSISTANCE IN RESPECT OF GRADE R (Reg 5)	
I. Assistance in respect of school fees:	
If assistance is needed in respect of school fees, complete the fo	ollowing:
1. Year in respect of which assistance is needed:	
2. Details of School	
(a) Name of School:	
(b) Address of School:	
(Indicate the physical address, in other words, where the scho	
Total amount of fees payable to school:	
Banking details of the school in whose bank account	
the money is to be paid :	
Name of Account holder:	(Bank in question must affix its stamp here to confirm the banking details of the school)
Name of bank:	-
Branch code:	
Account number:	
Assistance in respect of accommodation:     If assistance is needed in respect of accommodation, complete	the following:
Boarding home Details :     Name of hostel / boarding home:	Ç
Address of hostel / boarding home:	
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(Indicate the physical address, in other words, where the hostel / bo	arding home is situated.)
<ol><li>Amount of boarding fees per annum which has to be paid: . (Attach proof of the amount payable and that the person who needs</li></ol>	
<ol> <li>(a) Is the school attended/to be attended by the person who n</li> <li>Yes /No</li> </ol>	eeds assistance the nearest school?
<ul><li>(b) If not –</li><li>(i) What is the distance between the place of residence of school?</li></ul>	f the person who needs assistance and the nearest
(ii) Is there public transport available directly from the plac and the nearest school?	ce of residence of the person who needs assistances  * Yes /No
(iii) If the person who needs assistance cannot be accomm	nodated at the nearest school, indicate why not:
The nearest school is full	
or The person who needs assistance has special needs.	eeds, namely
Banking details of the institution / person in whose bank acconnumbers  Name of Account holder:	unt the money is to be paid:
name of Account holder:	
Name of bank:	(Bank in question must affix its stamp here
Branch code:	to confirm the banking details of the
Account number:	hostel/boarding home)
III. Assistance in respect of the purchasing of school uniform If assistance is needed in respect of the purchasing of a school	i: ol uniform, complete the following:
1. Does the school attended/to be attended by the person who uniform?	needs assistance require the wearing of a school  * Yes /No
<ol> <li>If yes, amount applied for the school uniform per annum:         (Attach proof of the amount payable and that the person who needs to wear a school uniform.)</li> </ol>	assistance, is required
Banking details of the institution / person in whose bank account holder:	ount the money is to be paid:
Name of bank:	The state of the s
Branch code:	to confirm the banking details of the institution/person)
Account number:	
V. Assistance in respect of transport:  If assistance is needed in respect of transport, complete the fo	llowing:
1. Method of transport to be used by the person who needs as	sistance:
2. Particulars of institution / person providing transport:	
3. Distance between place of residence of the person who nee	ds assistance and school where education is
offered:	
4. Amount which has to be paid for transport for the year: (Attach proof of the amount and of the fact that the person who need	s assistance, makes use of this method of transport.)
5. Does the person who needs assistance reside in a school h	
6. (a) Is the school attended / to be attended the nearest school	ol? * Yes /No

(b) If not, why not:  The nearest school is full  or  The person who needs assistance has special n	eeds, namely
7. Banking details of the institution / person in whose bank acc Name of Account holder:	count the money is to be paid:
Name of bank:	(Bank in question must affix its stamp here to confirm the banking details of the institution/person)
Signature of applicant or the person completing the form on behalf of the person who needs assistance	Date
C.2 ASSISTANCE IN RESPECT OF GENERAL EDUCATION (Re	g 6)
Assistance in respect of school fees:     If assistance is needed in respect of school fees, complete the feet.	following:
Year in respect of which assistance is needed:      Details of School: Name of School:	
Address of School:	
(Indicate the physical address, in other words, where the school is s  3. Total amount of fees payable to school:  (Attach proof of enrolment at school and of the amount payable to the payable is per annum or term.)  4. Banking details of the school in whose bank account the mone Name of Account holder:	e school. Indicate whether the amount
Name of bank:  Branch code:  Account number:	(Bank in question must affix its stamp here to confirm the banking details of the school)
II. Assistance in respect of accommodation:  If assistance is needed in respect of accommodation, complete	e the following:
Boarding home Details :     Name of hostel / boarding home:	
Address of hostel / boarding home:	
(Indicate the physical address, in other words, where the hostel / bo	arding home is situated.)
Amount of boarding fees per annum which has to be paid: .  (Attach proof of the amount payable and that the person who needs)	s assistance, is hiring accommodation.)
3. (a) Is the school attended/to be attended by the person who is *Yes /No  (b) If not —  (i) What is the distance between the place of residence of school?	

<ul><li>(ii) Is there public transport available directly from the plac and the nearest school?</li></ul>	e of residence of the person who needs assistance  * Yes /No
(iii) If the person who needs assistance cannot be accomm	nodated at the nearest school, indicate why not:
The nearest school is full	,,,,,,,, .
or	
The person who needs assistance has special ne	eds, namely
4. Banking details of the institution / person in whose bank according	unt the money is to be paid:
Name of Account holder:	
Name of bank:	(Bank in question must affix its stamp here to confirm the banking details of the
Branch code:	hostel/boarding home)
Account number:	
III. Assistance in respect of purchasing of school uniform:	
If assistance is needed in respect of the purchasing of a <b>schoo</b>	l uniform, complete the following:
Does the school attended/to be attended by the person who uniform?     * Yes /No	needs assistance require the wearing of a school
<ol><li>If yes, amount applied for the school uniform per annum: (Attach proof of the amount payable and that the person who to wear a school uniform)</li></ol>	needs assistance, is required
<ol><li>Banking details of the institution / person in whose bank acco Name of Account holder:</li></ol>	unt the money is to be paid:
Name of bank:	(Bank in question must affix its stamp here
Branch code:	to confirm the banking details of the
Account number:	institution/person)
IV. Assistance in respect of transport: If assistance is needed in respect of transport, complete the fol	lowing:
Method of transport to be used by the person who needs ass	_
2. Particulars of institution / person providing transport:	
3. Distance between place of residence of the person who need	
offered:	
4. Amount which has to be paid for transport for the year: (Attach proof of the amount and of the fact that the person who need	ds assistance, makes use of this method of transport.)
5. Does the person who needs assistance reside in a school ho	
<ol> <li>(a) Is the school attended / to be attended the nearest schoo</li> <li>(b) If not, why not:</li> </ol>	!? *Yes /No
The nearest school is full	
The person who needs assistance has special ne	eds, namely
7. Banking details of the institution / person in whose bank account to Name of Account holder:	he money is to be paid:
Name of heart.	
Name of bank:	

Branch code:	
Account number:	(Bank in question must affix its stamp here to confirm the banking details of the institution/person)
Signature of applicant or the person completing the form on behalf of the person who needs assistance  C.3 ASSISTANCE IN RESPECT OF FURTHER EDUCATION (F	Date
Assistance in respect of school fees:     If assistance is needed in respect of school fees, complete the	
Year in respect of which assistance is needed:	
Details of School     (a) Name of School:	
(b) Address of School:	
(Indicate the physical address, in other words, where the school is	situated.)
Total amount of fees payable to school:	he school. Indicate whether the amount
<ol><li>Banking details of the school in whose bank account the mo Name of Account holder:</li></ol>	oney is to be paid :
Name of bank:  Branch code:  Account number:	(Bank in question must affix its stamp here to confirm the banking details of the school)
(Indicate the physical address, in other words, where the hostel /	boarding home is situated.)
<ol><li>Amount of boarding fees per annum which has to be paid (Attach proof of the amount payable and that the person who need</li></ol>	eds assistance, is hiring accommodation.)
3. (a) Is the school attended/to be attended by the person wh * Yes /No	o needs assistance the nearest school?
<ul><li>(b) If not –</li><li>(i) What is the distance between the place of residence school?</li></ul>	e of the person who needs assistance and the nearest
(ii) Is there public transport available directly from the p and the nearest school?	lace of residence of the person who needs assistance *Yes /No
(iii) If the person who needs assistance cannot be acco	mmodated at the nearest school, indicate why not:
The nearest school is full	

	or Beneficiary has special needs, namely			
	Banking details of the institution / person in whose bank accor Name of Account holder:	unt the money is to be paid	d:	
	Name of bank:	to confirm the ban	ist affix its stamp here oking details of the rding home)	
If	Assistance for the purchasing of school uniform:  assistance is applied for in respect of the purchasing of a sc  . Does the school attended/to be attended by the person who uniform?  * Yes /No			 
2	. If yes, amount applied for the school uniform per annum: (Attach proof of the amount payable and that the person who needs	assistance, is required to wea	 ar a school uniform.)	
3.	Banking details of the institution / person in whose bank account holder:	ount the money is to be pai	id:	
	Name of bank:  Branch code:  Account number:		ist affix its stamp here nking details of the n/person)	
lf :	ssistance in respect of transport: assistance is needed in respect of transport, complete the fo Method of transport to be used by the person who needs ass	•		
2.	Particulars of Institution / person providing transport:			
3.	Distance between place of residence of the person who need offered:	ds assistance and and sch	nool where education is	
4.	Amount which has to be paid for transport for the year: (Attach proof of the amount and of the fact that the person who nee	ds assistance, makes use of	this method of transport.)	
5.	Does the person who needs assistance reside in a school ho		Yes /No	
6.	(a) Is the school attended / to be attended the nearest school	ıl? * *	Yes /No	
	(b) If not, why not:  The nearest school is full  or  The person who needs assistance has special ne			
7.	Banking details of the institution / person in whose bank account of Account holder:			•••
	Name of bank:			
	Account number:			

(Bank in question must affix its stamp here to confirm the banking details of the institution/person)

Signature of applicant or the person completing the form on behalf of the person who needs assistance

D.	PARTICULARS OF COMPOSITION OF HOUSEHOLD	
A	household consists of the spouse, children, grandchildren, parents and grandparents of a	a victim.
1.	Number of members in household:	
2	Number of members in household who are working:	
۷.	Number of members in nousehold who are working.	
3	Number of members in household who are over the age of 65 years:	
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4.	Number of members in household who are receiving social assistance in terms of	
	the Social Assistance Act:	
5.	Number of members in household who are physically or mentally disabled as	
	contemplated in section 9 of the Social Assistance Act:	
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ь.	Number of members in household who are working in order to contribute to the	
	income of the household and are under the age of 18 years:	
	(Attach proof in support of the information provided above.)	

E. PARTICULA	RS OF INCOME OF MEMBE	ERS OF HOUSEHOLD
person who needs	assistance.	assistance in terms of these Regulations has previously been provided to the mplete particulars on a separate page/s and attach additional page/s to this form.
	ome of member(s) of househous a pension, salary, commission	old: n or seasonal and if it is seasonal, give details thereof.
Member 1:	Full names and Surname:	
	ID no.	
	Gross annual income:	
	Nature of the income:	
	Relationship with victim:	
Member 2:	Full names and Surname:	
	ID no.	
	Gross annual income:	
	Nature of the income:	
	Relationship with victim:	
Member 3:	Full names and Surname:	
	ID no.	
	Gross annual income:	

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	Nature of the income:		
	Relationship with victim:		
Member 4:	Full names and Surname:		
	ID no.		
	Gross annual income:		
	Nature of the income:		
	Relationship with victim:		
F. CERTIFICA	TION		
Department of Ju	ustice and Constitutional Deve	elopment to verify the correctness of any of my statements. I know tha	
	I knowingly give false informa		to the t I can
Signature of app	I knowingly give false informa blicant or the person completi person who needs assistance	ing the form Date	t I can
Signature of app	olicant or the person completi	ing the form Date	t I can
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Signature of app on behalf of the NOTE  The application	plicant or the person completi person who needs assistance	ing the form Date e n, be submitted to the dedicated official —	tican
Signature of app on behalf of the  NOTE  The application  (a) electronical	plicant or the person completing person who needs assistance form must, after completion	ing the form Date e n, be submitted to the dedicated official —	tican

#### FORM 2: CERTIFICATE BY DEDICATED OFFICIAL

# [Regulation 12]

# PROMOTION OF NATIONAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION ACT, 1995 (ACT 34 OF 1995)

(This form must be completed by the dedicated official (an official in the TRC Unit) when verifying whether the person who needs assistance is a victim or a relative or dependant of a victim)

A. PARTICULARS OF PERSON			
	WHO NEEDS ASSISTANCE IN TERMS OF REGUL	ATION 10	
Name of person who needs assistance:			
ID number/Date of birth:			
Date of application received:			
B. VERIFICATION BY DEDICATE	-D OFFICIAL		
The person mentioned in Part A			
(a) VICTIM:	* Yes / No		
(a) VIOTIWI.	163 / 140		
	TRC reference check	* Yes	/ No
	TRC reference number of victim		
	Additional documents / Information received	* Yes	/ No
	If Yes, specify		
Or			
(b) RELATIVE OF A VICTIM	*Yes / No		
His or her relationship with the	victim is as follows:		
Or			
(c) DEPENDANT OF A VICTIM:	* Yes / No		
• •			
• •	* Yes / No ency on the victim is as follows:		
• •			
• •	ency on the victim is as follows:		
The basis of his or her dependent	ency on the victim is as follows:		
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