ECONOMIC RELIEF MEASURES DURING COVID-19

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ECONOMIC RELIEF MEASURES
(Small Business Development Interventions)

DEBT RELIEF FINANCE SCHEME

This facility is a soft-loan facility aimed at assisting existing SMME’s in order to keep them afloat during the Covid-19 pandemic for a period of 6 months from April 2020.

WHO QUALIFIES?

SMME’s which are negatively affected due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

HOW CAN PEOPLE ACCESS THE RELIEF MEASURE?

1. Register on https://smmesa.gov.za/ (Obtain reference number)
2. Complete the online application form (SMMESA reference number required. Obtain this number at the start of the registration)
3. Upload required supporting documents

CONTACT DETAILS

Telephone: 0860 663 7867 or 0860 ONE STOP


Email applications to smmerelief@sefa.org.za

General enquiries: info@dsbd.gov.za
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RESTUCTURING OF SEFA-FUNDED LOANS

The Debt Restructuring Facility is geared towards SEFA-funded SMMEs which are negatively affected by the pandemic. A payment moratorium/holiday will be given to the qualifying SMME’s for a period of a maximum of 6 months, in an effort to reduce the instalment burden of loan obligations on the affected SMME’s.

WHO QUALIFIES?

The facility is geared towards SEFA-funded SMME’s which are negatively affected by the pandemic. The SMME’s will be required to illustrate the direct linkage.

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BUSINESS GROWTH/RESILIENCE FACILITY

SMME’s who locally manufacture or supply hygiene, medical products, and food items which are in demand in order to curb and manage the spread of the Covid-19 virus. This facility offers working capital, stock, bridging finance, order finance and equipment finance. The funding amount will be based on the funding needs of the actual business.

WHO QUALIFIES?

SMME’s geared to take advantage of supply opportunities resulting from the Coronavirus pandemic or shortage of goods in the local market.

HOW CAN PEOPLE ACCESS THE RELIEF MEASURE?

2. Complete the online application form [SMMESA reference number required. Obtain this number at the start of the registration]
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SPAZA SUPPORT SCHEME

This scheme aims to strengthen Spaza shops as locals’ convenient access to basic goods, as well as facilitate bulk buying opportunities, and realise the potential for Spaza shops to serve as a market for locally manufactured goods.

WHO QUALIFIES?
Permit holding – owner managed South African Spaza shops.

HOW CAN PEOPLE ACCESS THE RELIEF MEASURE?

2. Apply for the Spaza Support Scheme at participating banks
3. Bank to send application to DSBD for verification and validation
4. Upon approval, Spaza collects purchasing card from Bank
5. Spaza to go to participating wholesaler to purchase

CONTACT DETAILS

Telephone: 0860 663 7867 or 0860 ONE STOP
Enquiries: Spazasupport@dsbd.gov.za

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ECONOMIC RELIEF MEASURES (Agriculture and Land Reform)

COVID-19 AGRICULTURAL DISASTER SUPPORT FUND
Covid-19 Agricultural Disaster Support Fund for smallholder and communal farmers.

WHO QUALIFIES?

1. Smallholder/communal farmers with a minimum turnover of R20 000, but not exceeding R1 million per annum.

2. South African citizens who have already been farming for at least 12 months.

3. Farmers producing:
   - Poultry
   - Vegetables
   - Fruits
   - Other livestock
   - Winter field crops

HOW CAN PEOPLE ACCESS THE RELIEF MEASURE?
Application forms are available at both the national, provincial and district offices of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development. Alternatively, the application forms can be accessed via our website: www.dalrrd.gov.za or individuals can apply online by sending an email to applications@dalrrd.gov.za
ECONOMIC RELIEF MEASURES (Tourism Sector Interventions)

TOURISM RELIEF FUND

The Tourism Relief Fund provides once-off capped grant assistance to Small Micro and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMME’s) in the tourism value chain to ensure their sustainability during, and post, the implementation of government measures to curb the spread of Covid-19 in South Africa.

Capped at R50 000 per entity, grant funding can be utilised to subsidise expenses towards fixed costs, operational costs, supplies and other pressure cost items.

WHO QUALIFIES?

Categories eligible to apply for the Tourism Relief Fund include the following:

- Accommodation establishments: Hotels, Lodges, Bed and Breakfast (B&B’s), Guest Houses and Backpackers
- Hospitality and related services: Restaurants (not attached to hotels), Conference venues (not attached to hotels), Professional catering and Attractions
- Travel and related services: Tour operators, Travel agents, Tourist guiding, Car rental companies and Coach Operators.

HOW CAN PEOPLE ACCESS THE RELIEF MEASURE?

The fund has R200 million and funding is capped at R50 000 per entity.

CONTACT DETAILS

Telephone: 0860 868 747
Website: www.tourism.gov.za
Email: callcentre@tourism.gov.za
ECONOMIC RELIEF MEASURES (National Treasury)

DESCRIPTION
Tax measures

WHO QUALIFIES?
Tax compliant businesses

HOW CAN PEOPLE ACCESS THE RELIEF MEASURE?
Tax compliant businesses can apply to the South African Revenue Service for the tax relief measures.

These tax relief measures include:
• The introduction of a tax subsidy to employers of up to R500 per month for the next four months for those private sector employees earning below R6,500 under the Employment Tax Incentive. This will help over 4 million workers
• The South African Revenue Service will accelerate the payment of employment tax incentive reimbursements from twice a year to monthly, in order to get cash into the hands of tax compliant employers as soon as possible
• Tax compliant businesses with a turnover of R50 million or less will be allowed to delay 20% of their employees’ tax liabilities over the next four months, as well as a portion of their provisional corporate income tax payments without penalties or interest over the next six months. This intervention is expected to assist 75,000 small and medium term enterprises.

CONTACT DETAILS
Website: Csd@treasury.gov.za
COVID19IPAbelowR100m@sars.gov.za
ECONOMIC RELIEF MEASURES (National Treasury)

DESCRIPTION
Loans

WHO QUALIFIES?
Eligible businesses

HOW CAN PEOPLE ACCESS THE RELIEF MEASURES?
Eligible businesses can access this financial relief measure by contacting the banks with which they bank directly. The loan guarantee scheme is an initiative to provide loans, guaranteed by government, to businesses with an annual turnover of less than R300 million, in order to meet some of their operational expenses. Funds borrowed through this scheme can be used for operational expenses such as salaries, rent and lease agreements, contracts with suppliers, etc. Government and commercial banks are sharing the risks of these loans. Initially, the National Treasury has provided a guarantee of R100 billion to this scheme, with the option to increase the guarantee to R200 billion if necessary, and if the scheme is deemed successful.

CONTACT DETAILS
Participating banks include: Absa, First National Bank, Investec, Mercantile Bank, Nedbank and Standard Bank.
ECONOMIC RELIEF MEASURES
(UIF Covid-19 Relief Benefit)

DESCRIPTION

• Any UIF contributing business who is unable to pay salaries as a result of the lockdown period; and
• Any employee who is a contributor (works more than 24 hours a month) and there is an employer and employee relationship.

WHO QUALIFIES?

Employees

HOW CAN PEOPLE ACCESS THE RELIEF MEASURES?

Companies are encouraged to apply on behalf of their employees by:

• Visit: https://uifecc.labour.gov.za/covid19/

An email will be sent to your mailbox to indicate successful transmission.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please call 0800 030 007 for any enquiries. It should be noted that the call centre receives close to 80 000 calls per day, and it takes about 20 minutes for our agents to deal with a call.
ECONOMIC RELIEF MEASURES (Social Relief Grant)

WHO QUALIFIES?
- An unemployed person
- Must be over 18 years old
- Not receiving social grants, UIF OR NSFAS stipend

HOW CAN PEOPLE ACCESS THE RELIEF MEASURES?
Individuals are encouraged to apply via:
- Send message to: 082 046 8553
- USSD Code: *134*7737#
- Email: srd@sassa.gov.za

CONTACT DETAILS
The application form is not available online, but you can get it at your nearest SASSA office.
Telephone: 0600 123 456 and select SASSA
Website: https://www.sassa.gov.za/