

## Social Assistance Act, 2004

ACT NO.	13 of 2004
CATEGORY	Family & Social

### Summary

Establishes the legal basis for social grants administered by SASSA.

### Full text of the Act

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- to provide for the rendering of social assistance to persons;
- to provide for the mechanism for the rendering of such assistance;
- to provide for the establishment of an inspectorate for social assistance; and
- to provide for matters connected therewith.

Commencement

1 April 2021, Chapter 4 (Gazette 44299 of 19 March 2021)

1 April 2006, except Chapter 4 (Gazette 28652 of 31 March 2006)

Amendments

The Southern African Legal Information Institute provides a complete amended Act at [https://www.saflii.org/za/legis/consol\\_act/saa2004174/](https://www.saflii.org/za/legis/consol_act/saa2004174/) [Updated to 30 May 2022]

Amended by Social Assistance Amendment Act 16 of 2020

Amended by Social Assistance Amendment Act 5 of 2010

Amended by Child Justice Act 75 of 2008

Amended by Social Assistance Amendment Act 6 of 2008

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