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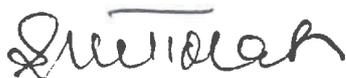
11 February 2026

CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS RELATING TO COVID-19 SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS ISSUED IN TERMS OF SECTION 32, READ WITH SECTION 13, OF THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 2004 (ACT NO. 13 OF 2004), AS AMENDED

I, Nokuzola Tolashe, Minister responsible for Social Development, under Section 32(1) and (2), read with section 13 of the Social Assistance Act, 2004 (Act No.13 of 2004) intend to make amendments to the Regulations relating to Covid-19 Social Relief of Distress as set out in the Schedule.

Interested persons or organisations are hereby invited to submit written comments on the draft regulations within 21 days from the date of publication thereof. Comments shall be forwarded to Dr Maureen Mogotsi, Chief Director: Social Assistance by:

- (a) **Post to:**
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- (b) **Hand to:**
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N TOLASHE (MP)
MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
DATE: 06/02/2026

SCHEDULE

In these regulations "Regulations" means the regulations published in the Government Notice No. R. 2042 of 22 April 2022, as amended by Government Notice No. R. 2381 of 16 August 2022, Government Notice No. R. 3210 of 29 March 2023, Government Notice No. R. 4466 of 25 March 2024 and Government Notice No. R. 6137 of 22 April 2025.

Amendment of regulation 5 of Regulations

1. Regulation 5 of the Regulations is hereby amended by—
(a) the substitution for sub-regulation (1) of the following sub-regulation:

"(1) The monthly amount of the COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress is R370 per successful applicant and is payable for the months in the period 1 April **[2025]** 2026 to 31 March **[2026]** 2027".

- (b) the substitution for sub-regulation (3) of the following sub-regulation:

"(3) The payments in terms of these regulations—

- (a) are limited to the amount appropriated for the **[2025/2026]** 2026/2027 financial year to the vote of Social Development for social relief of distress; and
(b) may only be made in respect of applications, made during the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March **[2026]** 2027, and approved by the Agency".

Amendment of Regulation 6C of Regulations

2. Regulation 6C of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution of the following regulation:

"To ensure uninterrupted assessments and payments made during the transition between the Regulations published on **[25 March 2024]** 22 April 2025 under Notice No **[4466]** 6137: and these Amendment Regulations, the Agency may use data used during the March **[2025]** 2026 assessment cycle, in terms of regulation 2, for continued assessments of clients up to 31 May **[2025]** 2026".

Short title and Commencement

3. 4. These Regulations are called Amendment Regulations Relating to COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress, 2026 and take effect on 1 April 2026.