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SASSA and Post Office ready for 1 April

IT'S ALL systems go for grant recipients with payments on track.

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he South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) and the South African Post Office (SAPO) are ready to pay social grants to beneficiaries from 1 April without interruptions.

SASSA Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Pearl Bhengu made the announcement when she briefed the media on the state of readiness for SAPO to take over from Cash Paymaster Services (CPS) on paying social grants to beneficiaries.

In the past, SASSA relied on CPS services to pay cash payments, direct deposits and electronic payments.

SASSA and SAPO signed a service agreement in December last year as a partnership to ensure the smooth payment of social grants.

The pilot projects have successfully been implemented since January this year when beneficiaries who receive grants via commercial banks, including Postbank, had money paid directly into their accounts.

According to Bhengu, SASSA has made direct mately 2.8 million benefi- features:



South African Social Security Agency Acting CEO Pearl Bhengu and South African Post Office CEO Mark Barnes are confident that all social grant will be paid on time.

payments to more than 2.3 million beneficiaries for the month of March, and this number will be increased in April 2018.

She said a total of 5.7 million beneficiaries transacting through the SASSA Payment Card will be paid directly by SASSA without the assistance of CPS in April. This means that approximately 7.7 million of the 10.7 million beneficiaries will be paid

At the moment, approxi-

ciaries receive their money in cash at SASSA pay points. SAPO CEO Mark Barnes said the post office will ensure that payments of social grants are uninterrupted from 1 April.

"The testing of the bulk account opening process with a sample of 1 000 existing SASSA beneficiaries data was seamlessly concluded in February," said Barnes.

According to Barnes, the special disbursement account has the following

- No deductions
- Three free cash withdraw-
- One free balance enquiry per month
- One free mini-statement per month
- Free full statement covering up to a maximum of three months on demand
- Free first replacement card

Old SASSA cards valid until September

Bhengu said beneficiaries who are still using old SAS-SA cards may continue to do so until 30 September 2018.

"We will soon introduce the new SASSA cards via the Post Office and beneficiaries will be informed about the process to be followed," Bhengu added.

She also called on beneficiaries of social grants to ignore agents who claim that the current SASSA card has expired and is being replaced by another card. ■

Beneficiaries who are not sure about the information being provided should call the **SASSA toll-free number** on 0800 60 10 11



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MISA ke moralo wa katleho bakeng sa moradi wa toropo

LENANEO LENA LA MMUSO ha le netefatse feela hore batsamaisi ba mebuso ya lehae ba kwetlisitswe ka nepo empa le fetola le maphelo a batjha.



Vele Mukhodiwa ke mojalefa wa Lenaneo la MISA *Young Graduate* ya fumaneng Grata ya *Urban and Regional Planning* ho tswa Yunivesithing ya Venda.

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o holela lelapeng le sotlehileng le etellwang pele ke Mme ya phelang a le mong ebile a sa sebetse ho ka tetebetsa motho maikutlo empa hona ha wa thibela Vele Mukhodiwa ho lelekisa toro ya hae ya ho ba moradi wa teropo.

Mukhodiwa, ya hlahang motseng wa Luheni Masepaleng wa Lehae wa Thulamela ho la Limpopo, o fumane grata ya hae ya Bachelor in Urban and Regional Planning ho tswa Yunivesithing ya Venda ka selemo sa 2016.

Ke emong wa ba kgotseng molemo lenaneong la *Municipal Infrastructure Support Agent* (MISA) *Young Graduate*. Le shebaneng le ho fumanela makerajuate a qetileng sekolong mosebetsi le tataiso dithutong tsa bona tsa setekgeniki hore e tle e be diporofeshenale tse ngodisitsweng.

MISA ke karolo ya mmuso wa naha ka hara Lefapha la Kopanelo ya Mebuso. Lenaneo lena le thehilwe ka kgwedi ya Motsheanong selemong sa 2012.

"Ka mora ho qeta lengolo la metiriki ka selemo sa 2008, ke ile ka lokela ho nka kgefutso hore ke batlisise hantle hore ke tlo lefa ditjeo tsa ka tsa yunivesithi jwang," o buile jwalo Mukhodiwa.

Ka selemo sa 2010, o ile a ingodisa Yunivesithing ya Johannesburg empa maemo a ditjhelete ha a ka a mo dumella ho qeta dithuto tsa hae tsa selemo sa pele mme a lokela ho tlohela sekolo.

Selemong se latelang o ile a ingodisetsa dithuto tsa *Electrical Engineering N3* kholejeng ya lehae empa ha morao a elellwa hore ha se seo a se batlang. A qalella hape fatshe ho romela mangolo a dikopo tsa ho kena sekolo diyunivesithing ka tshepo ya hore a ka fumana matlole.

Ka lehlohonolo Yunivesithi ya Venda e ile ya amohela kopo ya hae mme a qala grata ya hae ya *Urban and Regional Planning* ka selemo sa 2012.

"Sekema sa Naha sa Thuso ya

Matlole a Baithuti (NSFAS) se ile sa mo lefella dithuto tsa selemo sa pele mme MISA ya tla ka thuso ya ditjhelete ha a etsa dithuto tsa selemo sa bobedi mme ba mo tshehetsa ka matlole ho fihlela a qeta dithuto tsa hae ka selemo sa 2016," o buile jwalo.

Thuso ya ditjhelete e ile ya kwala ditlhoko tsohle tsa dithuto tsa hae, ho kenyeletsa tjhelete ya thuto, dibuka, bodulo le dijo.

Ka selemo sa 2017 Mukhodiwa o ile a qala tshebetso ya baithuti Masepaleng wa Lehae wa Prince Albert, Lefapheng la tsa Kgwebo le Ditshebeletso tsa Setjhaba.

"Ha hona mohlang o ka siuwang ke nako ya hore o ka fihla moo o lakatsang ho finyella teng bophelong. O lokela ho etsa ntho e nngwe le e nngwe e matleng a hao ho fetola maemo a hao le ho ntlafatsa maemo a bophelo ba hao," ho bua Mukhodiwa.

Lenaneo la MISA Young Graduate ha jwale le na le batjha ba nang le digrata ba 70, ho kenyelletsa baradi ba diteropo le mabatowa ba 31, dienjineri tsa motlakatse tse 24, dienjineri tsa meaho le di-

tsela tse 12 le batsamaisi ba kaho le diprojeke ba bararo. Kaofela makerajueti ana a amohetswe ke dimasepala naheng ka bophara diporofensing tsohle tse robong e le karolo ya lenaneo lena.

Ofisiri e Tshwereng Mokobobo e ka Sehloohong ya MISA Ntandazo Vimba o itse ofisi ya hae e utlwisisa bohlokwa ba tlhokeho ya bokgoni ba enjinering le kaho ya meaho ka hara Aforika Borwa.

"Ha re batle feela batjha ba nang le mangolo a thuto dikarolong tsena tsa bokgoni, empa re batla ho etsa bonnete ba hore ba na le boikwetliso bo tsebisahalang lefatshe ka bophara mme e be basebetsi ba porofeshenale ba ngodisitsweng," o buile jwalo Vimba.

"Dimasepala tsa rona di hloka diporofeshenale haholo. Re na le boikarabello bo boholo ba ho tsamaisa mebuso ya rona ya selehae ka tsela ya seporofeshenale ka ho ntlafatsa bokgoni ba basebetsi," o tlatselleditse jwalo.



Batswadi ba lokela ho itshupa dikgethong tsa Mekgatlo ya Taolo ya Dikolo (SGB)

BATSWADI ba na le monyetla wa ho bapala karolo e kgolo taolong ya dikolo tsa setjhaba ka sepheo sa ho ntlafatsa maemo le ho netefatsa hore dikolo eba dibaka tse nepahetseng bakeng sa bana ba bona.

ikgetho tsa Makgotla a Taolo ya Dikolo (SGB) di qala ka kgwedi ya Hlakubele mme batswadi ba kgothaletswa ho nka karolo hore ba tle ba tsebe ho bapala karolo ya bohlokwa thutong ya bana ba bona.

Dikgetho di tla etswa dikolong kaofela tsa setjhaba naha ka bophara.

Letona la Thuto ya Motheo Angie Motshekga le itse dikgetho tsena ke mohato wa bohlokwahadi naheng ena, ka ntle le dikgetho tsa mebuso ya lehae le tsa setjhaba ka kakaretso.

"Dikgetho tsa SGB di kenya letsoho ntlafatsong ya maikutlo a matlafetseng a setjhaba.

Tshebetso ya dikolo e ntlafala ha batswadi ba nka karolo ya bohlokwa le ho ba le kgahleho mererong ya sekolo."

O itse di SGB di bapala karolo e kgolo ho tsepamiseng maikutlo a mekgatlo yohle ya setjhaba ho tshehetseng sepheo se le seng sa ho fihlella ditholwana tsa thuto e ntle ho ananela ditlhoko tsa setjhaba le ntlafatso ya moruo.

SGB e emela mekgatlo kaofela ya dikolo tsa setjhaba, ho kenyelletsa batswadi, matitjhere, basebetsi bao e seng matitjhere le barutwana. Nako ya tshebetso ya ditho tsa SGB ke dilemo tse tharo.

Matla a taolo ya dikolo

Molao wa Dikolo wa Aforika Borwa o neha makgotla a

Batho ba latelang ba ka kgethwa ho ba ditho tsa SGB:

- Batswadi ba barutwana ba sekolo
- Matitjhere a sekolo seo.
- Moifo wa basebetsi bao e seng matitjhere sekolong seo.
- Barutwana ba sekolo sa sekondari.
 Mesebetsi ya makgotla a taolo ya dikolo ke efe?
- Ho nkeng qeto moralong wa kamohelo ya barutwana.
- Ho nkeng qeto moralong wa puo e

- sebediswang sekolong.
- Ho nkeng qeto mabapi le tumelo e tla sebediswa le ho latelwa sekolong.
- Ho rala molaotheo le setatemente sa tsamaiso ya sekolo.
- Ho rala molao wa boitshwaro o tla sebediswa bakeng sa ho kgalema barutwana.
- Taolo ya bajete le matlole.
- Ho fana ka dikeletso ho hirweng ha basebetsi.
- Ho tshehetseng mosuwehlooho, matitjhere le basebetsi ba bang.

taolo ya dikolo matla a ikgethileng a ho laola dikolo jwaloka karolo ya bohlokwa ya metheo ya demokerasi.

Ho nka karolo tsamaisong ya dikgetho, batswadi ba etsa

bonnete ba hore dikolo di phethahatsa ditlhoko tsa bana ba bona.

Le ha ditho tsa makgotla a dikolo di sa hloke hoba le mangolo a thuto, batswadi ba nang le bokgoni ba ho sebetsa ka dibuka tsa matlole le ditshebeletso tsa molao ka ho qolleha, le ba nang le kgahleho le lerato la thuto, ba kgothalletswa ho kenela dikgetho.