

FACT SHEET FOR SOCIAL SUPPORT GRANTS

Here are Some Quick Facts about the Social Support Grants for COVID and how to apply for them

Payment of Salary Relief Grant for Persons Registered with NIB

- The National Insurance Board will pay Salary Relief Grant to persons who are currently making contributions to the NIBTT
- Value of the Salary Relief Grant is \$1500.00

HOW to APPLY: Look out for NIB guidelines soon!

For Persons who are Self-Employed and NOT Paying NIS

Self-employed and other persons who are not paying NIS - we have your back

HOW to APPLY: Persons will be required to register via the portal of the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development. Forms are available on the websites of the MSDFS, Labour, MOC and tconnect. Completed forms should be emailed to undermentioned addresses relevant to your area:

- supportforyou.east@gov.tt (Barataria/Blanchiessuse to Toco)
- supportforyou.north@gov.tt (Morvant to Maraval/Las Cuevas/Diego Martin/Petit Valley/Chaguaramas)
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Once verified by the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development, disbursement of the grant will be completed by the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services.

Food Support to families with children registered to receive meals under the School Feeding Programme and do not have a Food Card:

- Your child's name Must be the Ministry of Education's School Feeding Programme in order to receive temporary food support.
- Remember this is ONLY for those families who are NOT ALREADY on Food support
- **HOW to APPLY:** Persons will be contacted by their MP Offices, and should only visit their MP office when they are called;
- It should be noted that each family will receive one card.
- Each person will be required to sign a **declaration**.
- DO NOT dispose your Temporary Card as these cards will be topped up for an additional two (2) months during the month of April, 2020.

Support to existing recipients of Food Support, Public Assistance and Disability Assistance Grants (including the DAG for children),

- **Food Support:** Additional support will be provided via a top up during the month of April for three (3) months, depending on the size of the family, to be paid in April 2020;
- **Public Assistance:** Additional income support in the sum of \$150.00, \$300.00, \$450.00 and \$500.00, depending on the size of the family to be paid in the month of April, for a period of three(3) months. This will be paid via a separate cheque, by April 15, 2020;
- **Disability Assistance Grants:** Persons who receive DAG (including the DAG for children) will receive \$150 per month for the three (3) months, to be paid via a separate cheque by April 15, 2020.
- **HOW to APPLY: These persons do not have to complete an application. The increases are automatic**

Food Support for persons who are Retrenched, Terminated or now experiencing Reduced Income:

- Temporary Food Support Cards valued at \$510 will also be issued for a period of three months
- Assessment by the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development and further verification by the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services that you are not already in receipt of Food Cards.

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Rental Assistance Grant

- For persons who are Retrenched, Terminated or now experiencing reduced income
- Rental Assistance value is \$2,500 per month for a period of three (3) months initially, and up to six (6) months as required.
- If this support is required beyond the six months, the rental assistance grant will be reduced to \$1,500 and then a further reduction to \$1,000.00 for any additional months required.
- The total period of rental assistance must not exceed twelve (12) months.

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