

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

BY SUBSISTENCE PRODUCERS / FARMERS FOR SUPPORT FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT STIMULUS INITIATIVE

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development invites applications from subsistence producers / farmers to be supported through the Presidential Employment Stimulus Fund. The main objective of this initiative is to support employment of marginalised producers / farmers. The fund will enable subsistence producers / farmers to retain self-employment in the agricultural sector, thereby contributing to food security and economic growth.

1. Application process is free of charge (you do not need data to apply)

- All applications will be done electronically using your mobile phone or a phone of a member of your household. The system only allows one application per household.
- The process is like loading airtime.
- The USSD number will work on all mobile networks (Vodacom, MTN, Telkom or Cell C); You can use any of the 11 official languages.
- Dial *134*4536# on your mobile phone and follow the prompts to choose the commodity that you are applying for, complete steps 1 to step 10.
- Once you have completed the process you will be issued with a unique reference number. Save this number for future reference.

2. Farming commodities supported through this initiative

The following commodities and maximum production sizes to be supported are listed below:

Commodity	Production size required for support	
Vegetable and fruit	1 ha or smaller (smaller than 100 meters x 100 meters or two soccer fields)	
Maize/ soya/ cotton/ sugar/ grain products/ other	1ha or smaller (smaller than 100 meters x 100 meters or two soccer fields)	
Poultry	Broilers	100 broilers or less
	Layers	50 layers or less
Livestock	Small stock units	25 animals or less
	Large stock units	5 animals or less

Production size required for support

NOTE:

- Award sizes will range between **R1 000 and R9 000** and are dependent on the support applied for and verified production activity.
- The size of the non-financial e-voucher will be determined **after physical verification** by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.

3. The qualifying criteria:

A: Compulsory Criteria, B: Functional Criteria C: Verification criteria to be applied to all applications are listed below:

A: Compulsory Criteria	B: Functional Criteria:	Points to be awarded per applicant			
a. 18 yrs and older b. RSA citizen, with RSA ID c. Currently active in Agricultural production /farming d. Only one application per household will be permitted (with exception for community group projects) e. Should not be a Government Employee f. Not a recipient of DALRRD funding for the current Financial Year 20/21	Applications are encouraged from vulnerable subsistence producers such as: a. Women b. Youth c. Persons living with disabilities d. Child-headed households e. Farm dwellers / farmworkers f. Military Veterans		Type	Points	Proof
		Gender	Women	5	RSA ID
			Men	3	
		Age	Youth	5	RSA ID
			36 yrs and older	3	
		Disability	People Living with Disabilities	5	Medical Record SASSA Disability Grant card Holders
			No disability	3	
NOTE: A Failure to meet all compulsory criteria will result in a disqualification .	NOTE: B Not achieving the 11 points minimum required, will result in a disqualification .	Military Veteran		2	Military Veterans Database
		Child-headed households form part of a special category and will be visited with social workers.		2	RSA ID
		Minimum of 11 points is required to qualify for a verification visit.			

C: Verification Criteria

The size of the non-financial e-vouchers will be determined after physical verification.

Failure to produce the following evidence during the site visit, will result in the following actions:

Evidence	Action
Invalid ID	Disqualification
No valid RSA ID	Disqualification
No proof of production/farming	Disqualification
No medical record / proof of SASSA disability grant	Lowering points being awarded in terms of functionality- this could lead to disqualification in section B above
Military Veteran Status not confirmed on Military Veterans Database	Lowering points being awarded in terms of functionality – this could lead to disqualification in section B above

For details on the selection criteria, **please visit the nearest local office of the Department of Agriculture OR visit the DALRRD website on: www.dalrrd.gov.za** or visits your nearest office of the Department of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) in your province.

Disclaimer:

- Due to limited funds, not all approved applicants will be funded in accordance with their requests.
- Submission of the application does not guarantee approval.
- Allocations of awards will be based on a proportional percentage allocation per province.
- The department reserves its right to limit the number of applications it may process.
- There shall be no right of appeal against unsuccessful application.
- The department reserves its right to exclude applicants whose details and information is not correctly submitted.
- The applicants grant consent to the department to verify details and information in relation to respective applications.

The closing date for the USSD application is 22 December 2020 at 16h00. Late applications will not be considered.

For more information on the project please contact: Ms Mpho Kate Mholo at 060 525 6694 or visit **www.dalrrd.gov.za** or contact your nearest Extension Officer in the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.



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