

DSAC COVID-19 Relief Grants Wave 2 2020
Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply?	Creative industries' working individuals who do not have a regular salary source, whose income has been severely interrupted or stopped, and who rely solely on their creative work as their source of income. These are practitioners in the performing arts, heritage practitioners, technicians, sound engineers, roadies and other support workers in the live performance industry who have been affected by the shutdown of venues, festivals and other events as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.
From when can I apply?	Online from Monday 17 August 2020. Via WhatsApp from Wednesday 19 August 2020.
Until when can I apply?	Online applications close on 31 August 2020. WhatsApp applications close on 2 September 2020. If you complete your application by the closing date, an acknowledgement will be sent.
How do I apply?	Applicants can apply online (https://nac.praxisgms.co.za/xLogin/NAC/reglogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fdefault.aspx) or send a WhatsApp and say 'Hi' to +27 87 153 1027. NB: Once you have selected the platform on which you will apply, please continue on this platform for the duration of your application and ONLY submit ONE application per applicant – duplicate applications on one or both application platforms may result in disqualification.
Is this relief grant only for artists?	No, it is for performing artists and heritage practitioners, but also for technicians, sound engineers, roadies and other support workers in the live performance industry. Please note that visual artists, crafters and designers are not eligible for this grant and should apply to the Department of Small Business Development.
Can I apply if I don't speak English?	Yes – the application process can be followed in five of the 11 official South African languages, namely, Sepedi, isiZulu, Xitsonga, English and Afrikaans.
Is there any supporting documentation I need to supply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible applicants will need to submit a certified copy of their South African ID (no older than 3 months) • Applications also need to submit a valid tax clearance certificate OR a tax pin OR tax exemption certificate. • Individual applicants must also supply an original, stamped bank statement showing any income derived from arts, culture or heritage activities (for any period between March 2019 and February 2020). The bank statement must have the name of applicant on the bank's letterhead. • Proof of bank account (on the bank's letterhead). • Proof that as an applicant, you are a practitioner in the cultural and creative industries. As proof, you are welcome to provide one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Curriculum vitae (CV) ○ Portfolio/profile specifying your relevant experience in the arts ○ Relevant academic transcript ○ Brief description of what your most recent job entailed, or details of your last employment contract ○ Letter of reference from an arts organisation, artists and/or community leaders (including their full address and contact details) validating your work in this area (no older than 18 months). This must

	be dated and signed and listed as a reference in Section 2 of your application
Can I apply if I am considering becoming an artist, but have not yet initiated anything?	No.
Can I apply if I practice art as a hobby?	No. This relief is aimed specifically at those arts, culture and heritage practitioners whose income has been severely interrupted or stopped as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and who rely solely on their creative work as their source of income.
Can I apply if I don't have a matric certificate?	Yes. As long as you are someone who works within the arts, culture and heritage sectors, you can apply.
Can I apply as an individual or group?	The following groups/individuals are excluded from applying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications from organisations, e.g. NGOs, NPIs, NPCs, (Pty) Ltd. • Permanent or fixed-contract employees do not qualify. These individuals may explore other relief interventions available to businesses and labour. • Applicants who do not rely solely on the income earned from participating in art, culture and heritage activities. • Applicants who benefitted in the first cycle of the Relief Fund of DSAC or its provincial counterparts, or any other government COVID-19 response support. • Group applications (choirs, bands, etc.). • Visual artists, crafters and designers. • Support sectors, such as catering, transport and accommodation, etc. are not eligible.
How will I know if my application has been successful?	If your application is successful, you will be sent notification to inform you of the outcome of the Council's decision.