Applications for monies from the Guardians Fund: Information, requirements and documentation needed

The application (J251) together with the bank detail form must be completed by the beneficiary and returned to the relevant Guardians Fund office for consideration of the application.

Please take note of the following:

- The Certificate of Identity must be completed by the Executor. If the Executor is not available, two of the co-heirs who have received their inheritances, may sign the said certificate.
- The original or a certified copy of the bar-coded Identity book and a set of fingerprints must be furnished.
- The marriage certificate must be lodged, if applicable.
- A married beneficiary must be assisted by her spouse, if applicable. If the marital power of such husband / wife is excluded, this fact must be stated. If the accrual system applies to your marriage, your husband / wife must assist you.
- Names must be correctly spelled. If difference exists or if a name has been changed, an explanatory letter or a certificate of alteration of name must be lodged.
- The application form must be signed and dated on or after the date upon the beneficiary becomes legally entitled to claim the benefit.
- Order of Adoption Order must be submitted, if applicable.

Beneficiary resident outside the Republic:

- Signature of the Beneficiary (Applicant) must be authenticated by a Notary Public.
- The Certificate of Identity can also be completed by the Embassy with the official stamp.
- A certified copy of the passport as well as the birth certificate of the beneficiary (Applicant) must be lodged.
- A certified copy of the marriage certificate of the Beneficiary (Applicant) to be submitted. (If applicable)
- A letter stating in which currency the money must be transferred to, the bank name and bank account details.
- A letter to the Master of the High Court stating whether you have always been a non resident of South Africa or emigrated and when. This letter must also be authenticated by the Notary Public or Embassy with the official stamp. Full details of emigration must be submitted.
- Authenticated copy of your citizenship certificate to be attached.
- Name of bank who handled your or your parent’s emigration settlement, branch name, town, person who handled the transfer as well as telephone number.
- A non resident is classified as:
  1. A person who has never lived in South Africa (Reserve Bank Clearance is easier to obtain).
  2. An emigrant.
  3. A person who lives or studies overseas with no formal emigration (a very strong motivation strengthened by proof is to be submitted additionally).

ALL COSTS IN OBTAINING RESERVE BANK CLEARANCE AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS ARE BORNE BY THE BENEFICIARY AND NOT THE GUARDIANS FUND.