

Expanded Social Package (ESP)

The City of Johannesburg is updating its indigent register, the Expanded Social Package (ESP). The City is calling on all eligible individuals to register for the (ESP) benefits.

To qualify for ESP package you must:

- Be a South African citizen
- Must reside within COJ Boundaries
- Monthly Income (0 – income not Exceeding R6 086.37)

The Expanded Social Package (ESP) targets vulnerable residents in the City such as: the unemployed, youth, Person with disabilities, displaced persons, senior citizens, woman and children.

People with different levels of need will qualify for different levels of subsidy according to the City's measure of poverty. Individuals do not need to be account holders to apply or a homeowner to qualify for the metered Services.

What are the benefits?

- Water Subsidy
- Electricity Subsidy

Other Rebates include Non-Metered Services:

For Pensioners (Age 60 and above) Rates Rebate for properties valued under R2 5 000 000 (two million five hundred rand)

The account must be in the pensioner's name.

For Working age Citizens and the Unemployed (Aged 18-59)

Rates rebates on properties valued under R500 000.00

Documents Required for Registration:

- Proof of income, SASSA Card AND 3 Months Latest Bank Statement OR sworn affidavit confirming that you do not have a bank account and no other source of income (any other source of income must be declared)
- South African Identity Document
- Proof of residence
- City Of Johannesburg Rates & Taxes Account
- City Power Account/Prepaid Meter Card or Meter Number
- Eskom Account/Prepaid Electricity
- Johannesburg Water Account/Pre-Paid Account Number (ITU Number on the receipt)

In the absence of any of the above documents, a sworn Affidavit must be provided.

Individuals will further qualify for referral for programmes and services offered by the City of Johannesburg department e.g Skills Development, Social Service Interventions, Food Resilience, Youth Programmes, Intervention Programmes for the Homeless, etc.

Re-registration process (Every six (6) months)

- Any individual whose benefits has expired or about to expire are encouraged to re-register with all the required documents on or before 15th of a month.

Home Registrations for Chronically Ill

- Email: espunit@joburg.org.za /011 (407-6688/6751)