

F.5 Transfer Payments

Transfer payments, also known as unrequited transfers, are payments not made in consideration of goods and services currently produced but represent a unilateral transfer of income or capital from one person or group to another.

5.1 Gifts

5.1.1 Monetary gifts and loans

Authorised Dealers may allow resident individuals to transfer monetary gifts and loans within the limit specified in point 2.2.2, Section H, per applicant during a calendar year to non-resident individuals and to resident individuals who are overseas temporarily, excluding those residents who are abroad on holiday or business travel.

5.1.2 Gift parcels

In lieu of monetary gifts, Authorised Dealers may allow the exportation of gift parcels containing goods other than gold or gold jewellery, but subject to the limit specified in point 2.2.2, Section H, per applicant during a calendar year.

5.1.3 Krugerrand coins

In addition to monetary gifts or gift parcels, Authorised Dealers may attest Forms N.E.P. in respect of the export of Krugerrand coins or the equivalent in fractional Krugerrand coins up to an amount of R30 000 as gifts by residents to non-residents.

5.2 Donations

5.2.1 Donations to missionaries by private individuals

Authorised Dealers may allow residents (natural persons) who are over the age of 18 years to transfer funds within the limit specified in point 2.2.2, Section H, to missionaries, provided that a letter from an official or recognised religious body is viewed confirming that the person is a missionary abroad.

5.2.2 Donations to missionaries by religious bodies

Authorised Dealers may allow religious bodies to transfer up to R20 000 per annum per beneficiary to missionaries, provided that a letter from an official or recognised religious body is viewed confirming that the person is a missionary abroad.

5.2.3 Donations to charitable, religious or educational bodies

Applications by official or recognised charitable, religious or educational bodies for the transfer of funds to such bodies in countries outside the Common Monetary Area should be submitted to the Exchange Control with full particulars of the underlying request.

5.3 Maintenance

5.3.1 General requirements

Authorised Dealers may allow their customers to effect maintenance transfers, within the limit specified in point 2.2.2, Section H, provided that the proposed beneficiaries are either the father, mother, brother or sister of the applicant and are in necessitous circumstances.

Before effecting any transfer, commencing a series of transfers or continuing a series of transfers, Authorised Dealers must obtain from the applicant documentary evidence signed by a magistrate or civic official in the city or town in which the beneficiary is resident stating, inter alia:

- The full names of the beneficiary;
- the address of the beneficiary;
- the family relationship with the remitter in the RSA (this relationship may only be father, mother, brother or sister); and
- confirming that the beneficiary is in need.

New documentary evidence must be called for after one year, and thereafter on an annual basis if the transfers are to continue.

5.3.2 Matters to be referred to the Exchange Control

It is necessary to submit an application to the Exchange Control for an amount in excess of the limit or for the benefit of a person outside the stated family relationship.

5.3.3 Factors to be considered

The following information should be furnished to the Exchange Control :

- A breakdown, expressed in rand, of the beneficiary's monthly living expenses;
- the financial circumstances of the beneficiary;
- the manner in which the beneficiary maintained himself/herself until then; and
- any other information confirming the necessity for assisting the beneficiary with maintenance transfers.

5.4 Alimony and child support payments

Authorised Dealers may permit transfers to non-residents for alimony and child support against production of a court order. Where the applicant wishes to effect a monthly payment in excess of the amount stipulated, Authorised Dealers may transfer up to an amount of R9 000 per month over and above the amount awarded by the court.