

## WHAT IS SIBONELO SAVINGS AND CREDIT COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD?

Sibonelo is a member - owned savings and credit co-operative society ltd for the people employed in any Government Ministry, Agricultural parastatals, Co-operative movement employees and their spouses. **The bond is now open to everybody but terms and conditions apply.** Sibonelo SACCO was established to enable members to save and borrow money at competitive interest rates for provident and productive purposes. Sibonelo was established in 1984 with an initial membership of 20.

### OBJECTIVES

- To encourage among its members the spirit and practice of thrift, mutual help and self in accordance with co-operative principles.
- To enhance the mobilization of personal savings to increase domestic capital formation.
- To facilitate the creation of funds to be loaned to members for productive and provident purposes at low interest rates.
- To meet the members needs by offering a variety of financial services.
- To provide Loan Protection Insurance Services for members.
- To develop and maintain within the membership and the public environment for promoting savings and credit societies as tools for personal, family and community economic growth.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

All Swazi citizens who are Government employees and its parastatals, Co-operative Movement and their spouses. The bond is now open to everybody but terms and conditions apply.

Joining Fee	200.00
Burial joining fee	E20.00
Share Capital	E2000.00(payable within 3 to 6 months)
Savings Minimum	E200.00
Burial	E72.00/ month E97.00/ month
Subscription	E200.00/year

### PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

#### Ordinary Savings

As a way of promoting the culture of saving, members are compelled to save at least the minimum every month. This also serves as a borrowing power to each individual member. A market rate of interest is paid annually. Minimum Ordinary savings are as follows:

Basic salary E2,001.00 to E10,000.00	-	E200.00
Basic salary E10,001 to E15,000.00	-	E300.00
Basic salary E15,001.00 and above	-	E400.00

#### School Savings

The minimum savings per month is E100 and is withdrawable anytime through our mobile services \*604#. The savings earn 10% per annum.

#### Holiday Savings

The minimum savings per month is E100 and is withdrawable anytime through our mobile services \*604#. The savings earn 10% per annum.

#### Fixed Deposit

Members with excess funds are encouraged to invest under this fund, which will earn an interest of 11% per annum. The minimum deposit is E500.00.

#### Dlanubeke Savings Investment Plan

Members are encouraged to save a minimum of E100.00 towards this investment so as to create a pool of funds for future investments as individuals or groups. Interest rate of 10% per annum.

#### Career Fund

To encourage members to save towards tertiary education needs for their children as Government scholarships are not easily accessible. The minimum savings per month is E100 and is withdrawable only when the beneficiary produces an acceptance letter from any college or University of choice with interest. Interest rate of 10.5% per annum however, this interest earned shall be ploughed back into the fund annually. This fund should still benefit the beneficiary even after the Principal member has passed on.

#### Sibekelo Retirement Fund

In order to enable members to spend a luxurious Life after retirement, this fund was introduced. The minimum savings per month is E100 and is withdraw able only upon retirement of member and shall require written proof from employer. Interest rate of 10.5% per annum, however this interest earned shall be ploughed back into the fund annually. All members are eligible to save with this fund but it shall be mandatory for those within and above the age of 40 years.

#### Loans

All members have an equal opportunity to borrow from the different loan types of the society. The members' entitlement differs in accordance to each type of loan.

#### Long-term Loans

Members are given loans to a maximum of two times their savings but after a member has served a Probationary period of 3 months. The interest rate is decided from time to time. However, the maximum loan per member is E350,000.00

NB: The 5c's i.e. **Character, Capacity, Collateral, Capital requirements, Circumstances**) and lending principle is used.

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### Emergency Loans

In the event of an emergency a member can apply for an emergency loan up to E5,000.00

### Short term Loan

This product has been designed to cater for pressing needs of members. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is E2,000.00 at flat interest rate of 5%. For members' convenience short loans are obtained through our mobile services (\*604#).

### Medium Term Loan

This loan was designed for all members of Sibonelo who want to boost their money – making businesses. This loan is between E1000.00 and E17,500.00 and repayable within 6 - 18 months at an interest rate of 1.6% per month.

### Farm /Hardware Facility

This product was developed to help members acquire farm input, building material and any other hardware. This loan is between E1000.00

and E20,000.00 and repayable within 6-18 months at an interest rate of 1.7% per month.

### Amount

### Period

E1,000.00 - E10,000.00	12 months
E10,100.00 - E20,000.00	18 months

### Loan Protection

All outstanding loans for members are fully covered under our risk Management program. This arrangement means that in the event of death, the member dies with the debt.

### Burial Scheme

All members are expected to join our Burial Scheme. The premium fee for this scheme is E72.00 per month. (For more information refer to Burial scheme brochure)



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