

## THE DIRECT PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE MONIES

The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development wants to ensure that people have easier and quicker access to their maintenance monies. We are therefore encouraging that maintenance payments be made DIRECTLY from the employer or the person paying maintenance to the bank account of the beneficiary.

This process of direct payment will ensure that maintenance monies are paid out quicker and easier. Maintenance beneficiaries will no longer have to wait for their monies to be paid by the Court. This will greatly improve the lives of those children that rely on maintenance monies as their sole means of support.

When maintenance monies are paid directly and the person paying the maintenance does not pay the maintenance monies, then that beneficiary must come to the maintenance court to report the non- payment and the court will take the necessary action to ensure that your monies are recovered.

It is very important that the beneficiary does NOT change their bank account which is used to collect the monies. If the bank account is changed, immediately notify the court of the change in the banking details.

Please request that you receive your maintenance directly into your bank account – this will help you to receive your money quicker. The Court staff will assist you to complete the necessary forms. You MUST have your identity document.

