



Ministerstwo Rodziny,
Pracy i Polityki Społecznej

Social Assistance System in Poland

Department of Social Assistance and Integration

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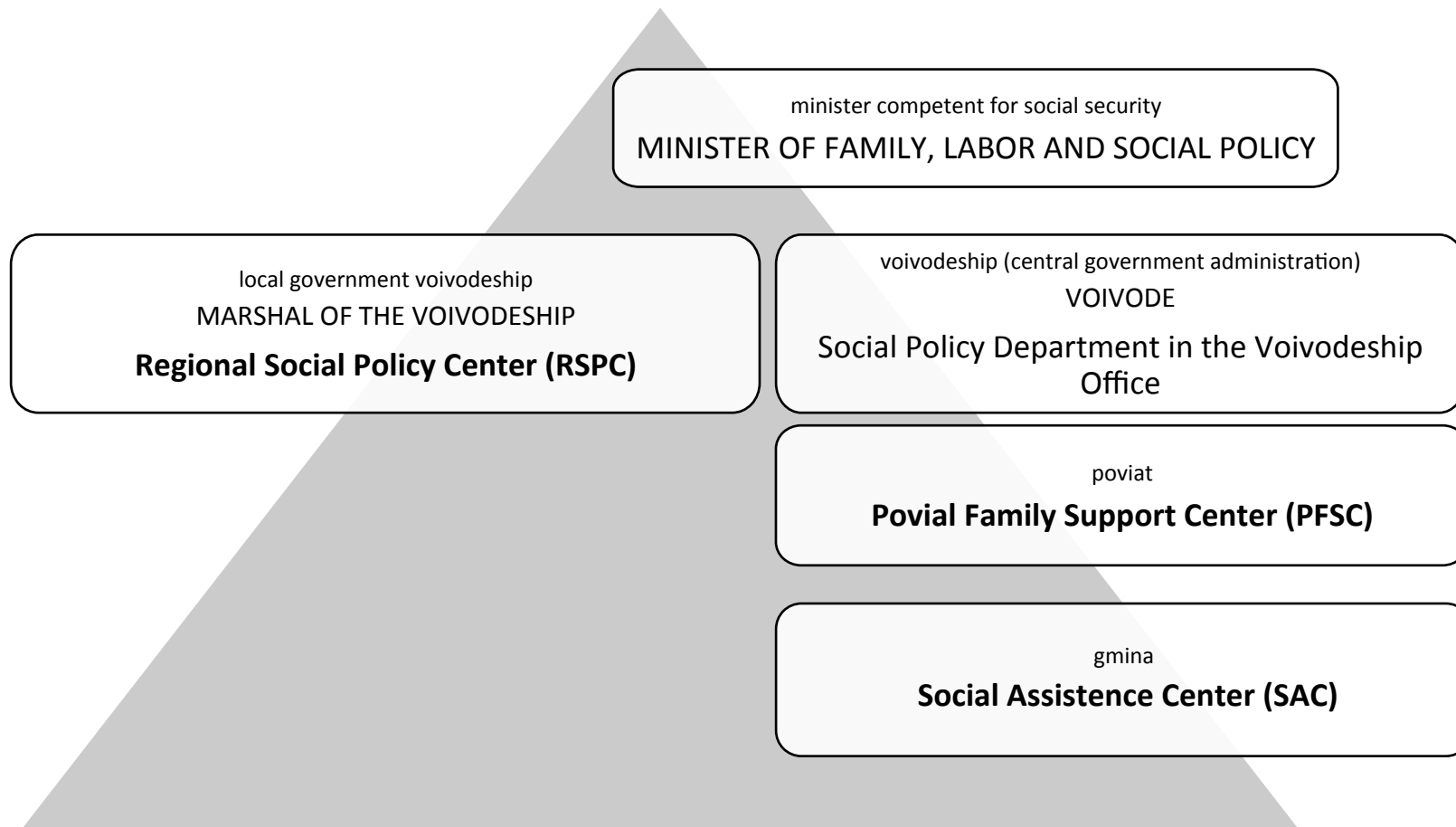
Legal grounds

- **Act of 12 March 2004 on Social Assistance** – acts are passed by the Sejm
- Implementing acts – regulations of the Minister
- Resolutions of local governments bodies

Other acts – e.g. the Act of 13 June 2003 on Social Employment

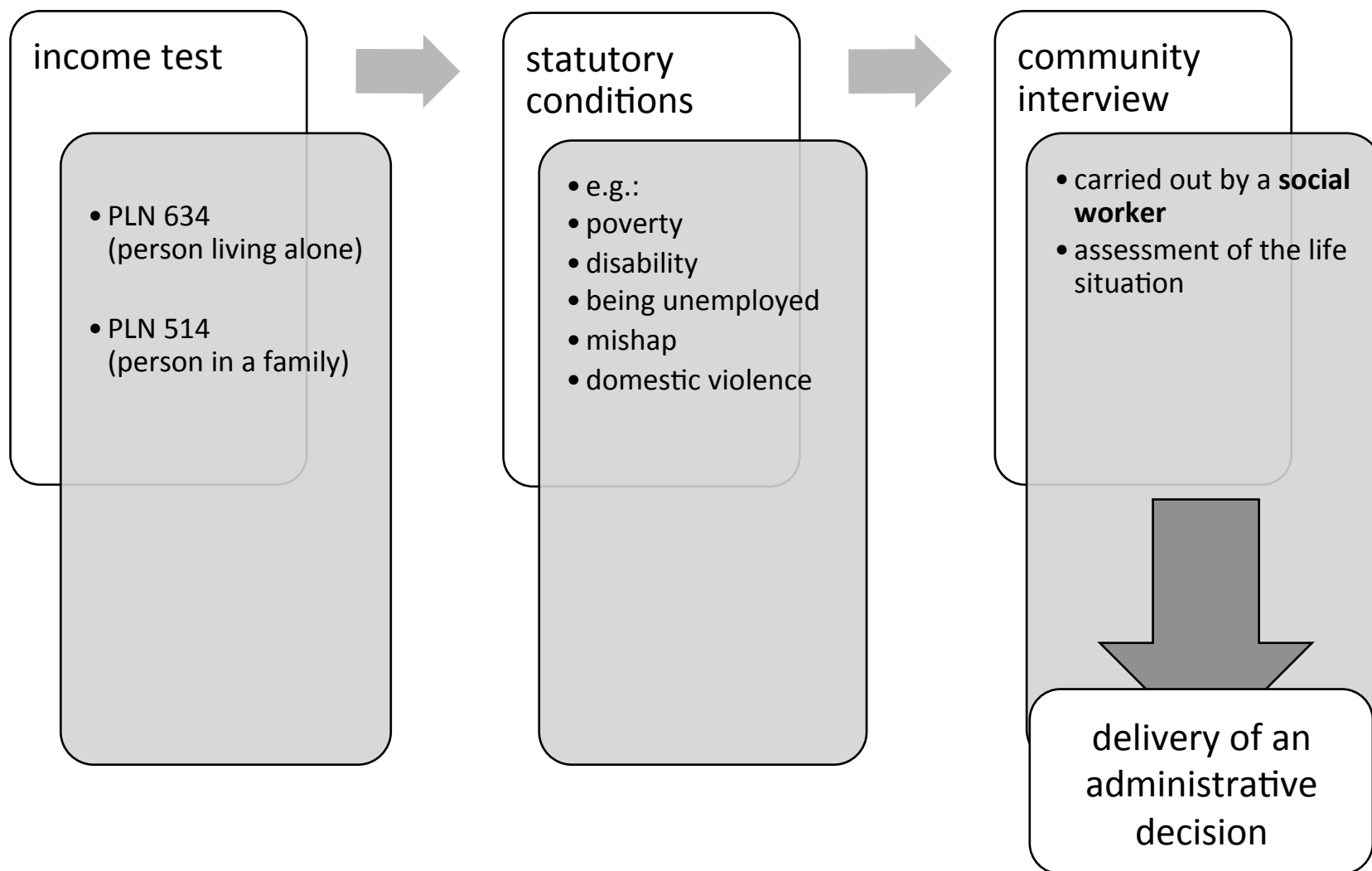


Administration structure





Conditions of and procedure for granting social assistance





Types of benefits

Cash benefits

- Benefits: permanent, periodic, expedient (including special), loan for becoming economically independent
- Assistance for becoming independent and continuation of education
- Cash benefit for foreigners
- Remuneration for a carer granted by the court

Non-cash benefits

- Social work
- In-kind support, also for becoming economically independent
- Specialist counselling
- Crisis intervention
- Shelter, meal, necessary clothing
- Care services, including specialist ones, rendered at home or in support centers
- Sheltered accommodation
- Stay and services in a social assistance center
- Support in obtaining adequate housing, employment, in-kind support for people who are to become independent



Beneficiaries of social assistance

- The number of people who have been granted benefits by way of decision: **1,595,746**

4.15% of the
Polish
population

- The number of people in families of beneficiaries of assistance: **2,559,902**

6.66% of the
Polish
population

*Data for 2016

** The total population in Poland: 38.43 million people



Funding of social assistance tasks

- **Own tasks** – financed by local government bodies, co-financing from the state budget is also possible
- **Commissioned tasks** (related to central government administration) - financed from the state budget
- In 2015, **PLN 4.7 billion** was allocated to social assistance benefits, **53%** of which came from the state budget



Act of Social Employment

- Social assistance and social inclusion
- Social employment and social economy
- **Act of 13 June 2003 on Social Employment**
- Social Integration Center
- Social Integration Club



Government programs and programs of the Minister

- State's Aid in Supplementary Alimentation
- Active Forms of Counteracting Social Exclusion – a new dimension 2020
- Social Assistance for People with Mental Disorders
- Program addressing homelessness



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Thank you for your attention!

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