

CSG Income Allowance

Status as at 17hr, Friday 8th July 2022:

- **The payment to around 52 000 beneficiaries effected.**
- **225 000 bank account numbers received by the MRA.**
- **The Prime Minister launched the First Payments at the MRA Head office.**

The first Payment of CSG Income Allowance of Rs 1000 to 52 000 beneficiaries was effected on Friday 8th July 2022.

The launching of the first payments was made by the Prime Minister, Honourable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth at the seat of the MRA Head Office in Port-Louis, on Friday 8th July 2022, in the presence of Dr. the Honourable Renganaden Padayachy, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, and Mr. Sudhamo Lal, Director-General of the MRA.

Hon. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth congratulated the MRA for the prompt implementation of this scheme which was announced by the government in the Budget Speech 2022-2023. In his address, he highlighted that the CSG Income Allowance will provide a financial relief to some 350,000 people and will cost the government 4.6 billion rupees, and it will not be subject to tax. This direct monthly Income Allowance is paid to eligible employees and Self-Employed individuals for the months of July 2022 to June 2023, and one additional month as bonus in December 2022, by the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA).

For Mr. Sudhamo Lal, Director-General of the MRA, the MRA is not only a revenue collecting agent, but implements financial assistance schemes announced by the government to intervene in hardship cases.

According to Mr. Sudhamo Lal, CSG Income Allowance is an exceptional milestone for the working population especially in the current economic situation. He underlined that this scheme has been brought to fruition by the Information Services Department (ISD), the Finance and the Administration Department, the Operational Services Department and the Taxpayer Education and Communication Department so that the eligible Employees and Self-Employed individuals may benefit from this allowance on time. The MRA has created a whole synergy to implement the scheme as quickly as possible.

1. Who are eligible for the Income Allowance of Rs 1000?

Employees in the private and public sectors

- Employees in the private and public sectors are eligible for the allowance if their emoluments excluding exempt income and statutory end-of-year bonus, together with any basic retirement or widows pension derived, does not exceed Rs 50,000;
- The employee is a Mauritian citizen;
- The individual is aged at least 16 and has not reached 65 years, and
- The employer of the eligible employee is compliant with his obligations under the Social Contribution and Social Benefits Act.

Self-employed individuals

- Self-employed individuals registered with the MRA as at 7 June 2022 and compliant with the payment of CSG/Social Contribution are eligible for the Income Allowance;
- The income derived by the self-employed individual, including any basic retirement or widows pension, derived during the corresponding month does not exceed Rs 50,000;
- The Self-employed is a Mauritian citizen, and is aged at least 16 and has not reached 65 years.

2. How to provide bank account numbers?

Eligible employees and self-employed individuals should provide their bank account number using the facility available on the MRA website: www.mra.mu. Their bank accounts will be directly credited with the income allowance of Rs 1000.