

## GOVERNMENT WAGE ASSISTANCE SCHEME (GWAS) AND SELF-EMPLOYED ASSISTANCE SCHEME (SEAS)

*Extension for the Month of October 2021*

Following the decision of the Government of the Republic of Mauritius to extend the **Government Wage Assistance Scheme (GWAS)** and the **Self-Employed Assistance Scheme (SEAS)** for the month of **October 2021**, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) informs employers and self-employed individuals of the following measures for the payment of the financial assistance.

### **A. Tourism Sector**

Financial assistance under **GWAS** and **SEAS** will continue to be provided to employers and self-employed individuals in the tourism sector in the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues for the **full month**.

### **B. Sectors other than the Tourism Sector**

**Financial assistance for a full month will be provided under GWAS and SEAS to those carrying out the following activities and who were not allowed to operate during the month of October 2021:**

1. Professional Sports;
2. Horse racing bookmakers (outlets), casinos and gaming houses;
3. Theatres and cinema halls;
4. Nightclubs licensed by the Tourism Authority.

### **C. Operators who were allowed to operate as from July 2021 subject to sanitary conditions**

1. Fitness centres;
2. Leisure parks, amusement centres, including aquariums;
3. Multi-purpose halls, including wedding halls;
4. Bars whose turnover for the accounting year ended in the year 2020 did not exceed Rs 50 million;
5. Religious body;
6. Canteen of a private international school (excluding public and private grant-aided secondary school) whose turnover for the accounting year ended in the year 2020 did not exceed Rs 50 million;
7. Training institutions registered under the Mauritius Qualifications Authority Act;
8. Auctioneers appointed under the Sales by Auction Act;
9. Restaurants, fast food, café, caterers and other prepared food selling businesses whose annual turnover do not exceed Rs 50 million;
10. Fee charging crèches, pre-primary schools, primary schools, secondary schools and registered universities;
11. Self-employed individuals who are –
  - (i) Stallholders in markets that remained closed;
  - (ii) Haberdashers operating in a market;
  - (iii) Hawkers not allowed to operate;
  - (iv) Artists.

### **Applications for GWAS and SEAS for the month of October 2021**

**GWAS:** Employers who are eligible for GWAS are required to submit a fresh application through the MRA website [www.mra.mu](http://www.mra.mu).

**Employers benefiting from GWAS are required to provide an undertaking not to lay off any employee up to 31 March 2022 failing which the Government may claim back the GWAS paid.**

**SEAS:** Eligible self-employed are not required to submit fresh applications.

For further details, kindly visit the MRA website: [www.mra.mu](http://www.mra.mu) or phone the MRA Helpdesk on **2076000** during working hours or send an email at [headoffice@mra.mu](mailto:headoffice@mra.mu).

