

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

Extension for the Month of January 2022

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius has decided to extend the **Government Wage Assistance Scheme (GWAS)** and the **Self-Employed Assistance Scheme (SEAS)** to employers and self-employed individuals of the tourism sector in the island of **Rodrigues** for an additional period of three months after the opening of its borders.

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) informs employers and self-employed individuals of the following measures for the payment of the financial assistance to the tourism sector in the island of Rodrigues:

A. GWAS and SEAS for the month of January 2022

Financial assistance under **GWAS** and **SEAS** will be provided to employers and self-employed individuals of the tourism sector in the island of **Rodrigues** for the full month of **January 2022**.

An employer would be required to provide an undertaking not to lay off any employee during that period failing which the Government may claim back the GWAS paid.

B. GWAS for the month of November and December 2021

Financial assistance under **GWAS** will also be provided for the full months of **November** and **December 2021** to those carrying out the following activities:

1. Bus operators providing public transport; and
2. School canteens

Bus operators benefitting 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.

C. SEAS for the month of November and December 2021

Financial assistance under **SEAS** will also be provided for the full months of **November** and **December 2021** to school canteens.

Applications for GWAS and SEAS

GWAS: Employers who are eligible for **GWAS** under the activities mentioned above are required to submit a fresh application through the MRA website: www.mra.mu.

SEAS: Self-employed individuals who are eligible for **SEAS** under the activities mentioned above are required to submit a fresh application through the MRA website: www.mra.mu.

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