

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

Extension for the month of August 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 **August 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 August 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 bodies;
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 August 2021

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

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

For further details, kindly visit the MRA website: www.mra.mu or phone the MRA Helpdesk on **207 6000** during working hours or send an email at headoffice@mra.mu.

