

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

Extension for the month of June 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 **June 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

A **full month** of 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.

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 June 2021.

1. Fitness centres and Professional Sports;
2. Horse racing bookmakers (outlets), casinos and gaming houses;
3. Leisure parks, amusement centres, including aquariums;
4. Multi-purpose halls, including wedding halls, theatres and cinema halls;
5. Nightclubs licensed by the Tourism Authority, and bars;
6. Religious body;
7. Canteen of a private international school (excluding public and private grant-aided secondary school).
8. Training institutions registered under the Mauritius Qualifications Authority Act;
9. Auctioneers appointed under the Sales by Auction Act;
10. Restaurants, fast food, café, caterers and other prepared food selling businesses whose annual do not exceed Rs. 50 million.
11. Fee charging crèches, pre-primary schools, primary schools, secondary schools and registered universities;
12. 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.

C. Operators in the Red Zones and who are not allowed to operate

Operators mentioned below will be entitled to a full month of financial assistance under GWAS and SEAS:

1. Employers having their principal place of business in a red zone;
2. Self-employed individuals residing in red zones or having their business activity within a red zone.

Note:

- A. *Red zones: An area of Vallée-Pitot, Port Louis and La Valette Housing Estate, Bambous.*
- B. *Markets/shopping malls/ hypermarkets/ supermarkets/ superettes/ meat/ poultry/ fish shops/ food retail shops/ retail shops (magasins) / hardware shops (quincailleries) were allowed to operate in red zones.*

Applications for GWAS and SEAS for the month of June 2021

GWAS: Employers who are eligible for GWAS are required to submit a fresh application.

SEAS: Self-employed individuals who are eligible for SEAS as operators in the red zones are required to submit a fresh application through the MRA website www.mra.mu. Other eligible self-employed individuals 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

