

SELF-EMPLOYED ASSISTANCE SCHEME (SEAS)

Extension for the Month of September 2020

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) informs the public that the Self-Employed Assistance Scheme (SEAS) has been extended for the month of September 2020 to self-employed individuals in the tourism sector, and who have the necessary licence/permit from the relevant authorities to operate the following activities:

1. Hotels, guest houses, tourist residences and domains;
2. Tourist enterprises;
3. Pleasure crafts engaged in commercial nautical activities;
4. Travel agencies, tour operators, tourist guides or canvassers;
5. Businesses deriving at least 50% of their income from goods sold or services provided to persons engaged in tourism activities as listed at 1 to 4 above;
6. Restaurants, pubs or tables d'hôtes holding a tourist enterprise licence;**
7. Contract car businesses or contract bus businesses; and**
8. Public attractions, amusement parks, natural sites and museums.**
9. Artists;
10. Holders of a licence, certificate or permit issued by the Tourism Authority or Beach Authority other than for skippers, or non-commercial pleasure crafts;
11. Licensee of Beach Authority;
12. Persons making handicrafts;
13. Stall holder in the Central Market engaged in the sale of tourist products as certified by the Municipal Council of Port Louis;
14. Taxi drivers operating at the airport, or based at a hotel.

Note:

**** Item (6) to (8) are applicable to businesses whose turnover has fallen by more than 50% in September 2020 as compared to the corresponding turnover in September 2019. However, this condition does not apply to an enterprise which has been set up on or after 01 July 2019.**

The applicant must be a self-employed or tradesperson of Mauritian nationality aged above 18 years and who has been economically active for a period of **at least three months prior** to the introduction of the sanitary curfew in Mauritius.

The following individuals are **NOT** eligible to the scheme:

1. an individual who is an employee, whether full-time or part-time;
2. a person who is eligible to receive basic retirement pension;
3. an individual who receives monthly social benefits;
4. an individual pursuing higher studies on a full time basis;
5. a person who is a dependent spouse;
6. a person who was unemployed at the beginning of March 2020;
7. an individual who forms part of a household having total monthly income (including passive income, e.g. rent, dividends, interests or profits) exceeding Rs. 50,000;
8. an individual who is in a business where he earns only passive income, e.g. rent; or
9. fisherman.

Eligible self-employed individuals and tradespersons will receive a financial support of Rs 5,100 for the period 01 September 2020 to 30 September 2020. All payments will be credited to the applicants' bank account.

Applications should be made through the MRA website: www.mra.mu.

For any additional information, applicants may phone MRA helpdesk on: **207 6000** during office hours.

