

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

Extension for the month of April 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 April 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 be provided to employers and self-employed individuals operating in the tourism sector in the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues for the **full month of April 2021**.

B. Sectors other than the Tourism Sector

A full month of financial assistance for **April 2021** will be provided under **GWAS** to **Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)** operating in the island of Mauritius. (An SME is an enterprise whose turnover for the accounting year ended in the year 2020 did not exceed Rs 50 million.)

Under **SEAS**, self-employed individuals operating in the island of Mauritius will be provided a **full month financial assistance** for April 2021 provided they meet the eligibility criteria.

C. Amount of Financial Assistance

The financial assistance payable under GWAS for April 2021 is equivalent to one month's basic wage of all employees drawing a monthly basic wage of up to Rs 50,375, with a maximum financial assistance of Rs 25,375 per employee.

The monthly financial assistance under SEAS for April 2021 is Rs 5,287.

D. Application for GWAS and SEAS to the MRA

Eligible **employers** are required to apply for **GWAS** for April 2021, electronically, using the facilities available on the MRA website: www.mra.mu

Self-employed individuals who have already applied for **SEAS** for any of the months from March 2020 to March 2021 are **NOT** required to make an application for SEAS for April 2021. The bank account of each eligible applicant will be credited with an amount of Rs 5,287.

Self-employed individuals who have previously made an application for SEAS and are no more eligible to the allowance for the month of April 2021, are requested to withdraw their application using the facility available on MRA website: www.mra.mu

E. Financial Assistance under GWAS and SEAS will be provided to eligible employers and self-employed individuals even where a Work Access Permit (WAP) has been issued.

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

