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## GOVERNMENT WAGE ASSISTANCE SCHEME (GWAS) and SELF-EMPLOYED ASSISTANCE SCHEME (SEAS) *Extension For the Month of May 2021*

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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 **May 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 operating 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 May 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. 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**

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: Rivière des Anguilles, Batimaraïs, St Aubin, Tyack, Benares, Camp Diable and Bonne Terre.*
- 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.*

### **D. Operators in the Gaming Sector**

**Employers operating in the following sectors are eligible for GWAS for half a month –**

1. Horse Racing Organisers;
2. Bookmakers conducting fixed odds bets on horse racing through remote communication;
3. Totalizator operators of horse racing by remote communication.

### **Applications for GWAS and SEAS for the month of May 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](http://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](http://www.mra.mu) or phone the MRA Helpdesk on **207 6000** during working hours or send an email at [headoffice@mra.mu](mailto:headoffice@mra.mu)

