

COMMUNIQUE

NEGATIVE INCOME TAX & SPECIAL ALLOWANCE

- 1. Employees deriving a monthly basic pay of Rs. 9,900 or less are entitled, subject to other conditions, to **Negative Income Tax (NIT) Allowance**. The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) has so far paid the **NIT Allowance** to 31,000 employees.
- 2. With the introduction of minimum wage as from January 2018, full time employees deriving a monthly basic pay of less than Rs. 9,000 are entitled to a **Special Allowance** to top-up his/ her wage so that he/ she can get at least Rs. 9000 monthly. The MRA has so far paid the **Special Allowance** to 29,000 employees.
- 3. Employers are required to collect details of the bank account numbers of their employees entitled to the **Special Allowance** and communicate same electronically to the MRA for expeditious payment of allowance to the employees.
- 4. Employees, who are entitled to the **Special Allowance** but whose bank accounts have not yet been credited, are hereby requested to communicate their bank account details to their employers for onward submission to the MRA.
- 5. Employees may alternatively apply for **NIT/ Special Allowance** by furnishing their Names, National Identification Cards numbers and Bank Account Numbers directly to the MRA through:
 - (i) the facility available on the MRA website (www.mra.mu) or
 - (ii) SMS sent on 5 252 8282 in the following format

<SPA>space<NID>space<Other Names>space<Surname>space<bank name>space<Bank account number>

Example: SPA J010168010133C John Smith SBM 1234567890123456

6. For any additional information, you may phone on MRA's Hotline **207 6010** or call in person at the MRA Customer Service Centre, Ground Floor, Ehram Court, Cnr Mgr Gonin & Sir Virgil Naz Streets, Port Louis. Further information on the **NIT** and **Special Allowance** is also available on the MRA website.