

## SELF-EMPLOYED ASSISTANCE SCHEME (SEAS)

### Extension for the Month of January 2021

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) informs the public that the Self-Employed Assistance Scheme (SEAS) has been extended for the month of January 2021 to self-employed individuals in the tourism sector **in the island of Mauritius**, and who have the necessary licence/permit from the relevant authorities to operate the following activities:

1. Hotels, guest houses, tourist residences and domaines;
2. Tourist enterprises other than restaurants, pubs and tables d'hotels;
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'hotels holding a tourist enterprise licence.\*\*
7. Contract car businesses or contract bus businesses.\*\*
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 July / August / September / October / November / December 2020 / January 2021 as compared to the corresponding turnover in July / August / September / October / November / December 2019 / January 2020. 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 the **last three months**.

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. a fisherman.

Eligible self-employed individuals and tradespersons will receive a financial support of Rs 5,100 for each of the period July 2020 to December 2020 and Rs 5,287 for the period January 2021. All payments will be credited to the applicants' bank account. **This scheme is NOT applicable to self-employed and tradespersons from Rodrigues and other outer islands.**

Applications should be made through the MRA website: [www.mra.mu](http://www.mra.mu).

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

