

## Frequently Asked Questions – Negative Income Tax (NIT)

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### 1. What is Negative Income Tax?

Negative Income Tax is an allowance payable every three months to employees deriving basic salary not exceeding Rs 9,900 per month.

### 2. Does the threshold of Rs 9,900 include travelling allowance or End-of-year bonus?

No, the threshold of Rs 9,900 does not include Travelling and End –of-Year Bonus.

### 3. Does the threshold of Rs 9,900 include Old Age Pension?

Yes, the threshold of Rs 9,900 includes Old Age Pension.

### 4. Are there any other conditions applicable?

Yes, the other conditions applicable are:

- (i) The applicant should be a Mauritian Citizen;
- (ii) His basic salary is less than or equal to Rs 9,900 per month, provided that his total earnings (excluding travelling) in that month does not exceed Rs 20,000.
- (iii) Where the applicant is married, the net income of the spouse does not exceed Rs 390,000 in the year.
- (iv) The applicant should work for a minimum of 24 hours in a week, over at least 3 days.
- (v) The applicant's employer has paid contributions on his behalf to the NPF and the NSF in respect of the month for which NIT is being claimed.

### 5. How to apply for NIT Allowance?

The applicant should apply on-line on MRA website [www.mra.mu](http://www.mra.mu).

### 6. What information is required to apply for Negative Income Tax?

Eligible employees should have the following information on hand when applying:

- NIC Number of self and spouse (if married);
- Payslip or other documents showing the monthly salary and the Employer Registration Number (ERN); and
- Bank Account details including bank account number.

### 7. Are there any documents to be submitted to MRA on application?

There is no document to be submitted on application. However, on processing, the MRA may require an applicant to produce documents such as his pay slips, evidence of bank account held and the bank account number amongst others.

**8. What is the amount of allowance paid?**

The monthly allowance is as follows:

<b>Basic Salary of Employee</b>	<b>Monthly Allowance</b>
Less or equal to Rs 5000	Rs 1000
Between Rs 5001 and Rs 7000	Rs 800
Between Rs 7001 and Rs 9000	Rs 500
Between Rs 9001 and Rs 9750	Rs 250
Between Rs 9751 and Rs 9900	Rs 100

**9. When is NIT paid?**

NIT is paid on a quarterly basis as per the table below:

<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Due dates for payment</b>
July-September	30 November
October- December	28 February
January- March	31 May
April –June	31 August

**10. How will the NIT allowance be paid?**

The allowance will be credited in the Bank account provided by the applicant on application for NIT.

**11. Can the bank account other than my bank account be provided on application?**

No, each applicant should provide his own bank account details.

**12. How would an applicant know the status of his application?**

Applicants are requested to safely keep the acknowledgement ID provided by MRA on successful submission of an application. The acknowledgement ID and the NIC number of the applicant may thereafter be used to verify the status of the application from MRA website.

**13. Is a household employee working full time with an employer and also on a part time basis with another employer eligible for NIT?**

Yes, provided the total monthly salary and allowances, excluding travelling allowance and end-of-year bonus, does not exceed Rs 20,000 in a month and all the other conditions stated above are satisfied.

**14. Is an individual who is a self-employed such as a brick layer or an electrician eligible for NIT?**

No, the individual should be an employee employed of a full time basis and in respect of whom both the employee and the employer are up to date with their contributions to the NPF and the NSF.

**15. Should an individual who has made an application for a quarter, make fresh application for subsequent quarters?**

No, an application made for a quarter will be valid for subsequent quarters. However, where there is a change in the income of the applicant, he is required to inform the MRA accordingly.

**16. What should an individual do if he has received a NIT allowance to which he is not eligible?**

The individual should inform the MRA immediately. MRA is also entitled to claim back to any person who has received, for any reason whatsoever, NIT allowance to which he is not eligible.

**17. What should an employer of a household employee whose basic salary is less than Rs 9,900 do for the employee to benefit from NIT?**

The household employer should register with the Ministry of Social Security as a Household Employer and paid contributions on his behalf to the NPF and the NSF in respect of the month for which NIT is being claimed. Additionally the household employer should submit to MRA a "Statement of Household Employees" and also provide the employee with his Employer Registration Number (ERN) so that the latter may apply for NIT to MRA.