

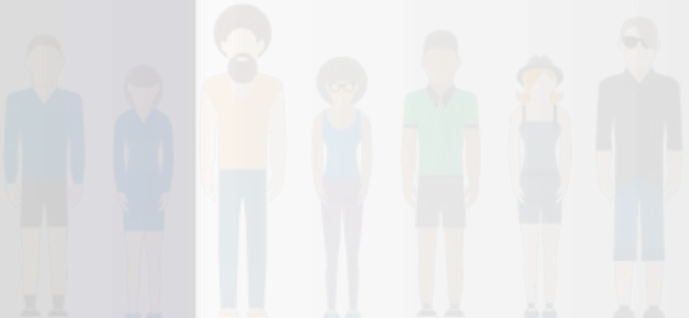
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What is NIT ?

The **Negative Income Tax (NIT)** system, introduced by the Government in its budget 2017/18, is effective as from 1st July 2017.

The NIT is a system where, instead of paying taxes, employees deriving basic salary not exceeding Rs 9,900 per month, receive financial support from Government.

Who is eligible?

- A Mauritian Citizen.
- An employee whose 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.
- A married employee, where the net income of the spouse does not exceed Rs 390,000 in the year.
- An employee who works for a minimum of 24 hours in a week, over at least 3 days.
- An employee whose employer has paid contributions on his behalf to the NPF and the NSF in respect of the month for which NIT is being claimed.

All conditions should be fulfilled

What amounts are included in the earnings of an individual?

The monthly earnings of an individual includes all salaries, wages, overtime pay, leave pay and other allowances in money or money's worth derived from employment but excludes travelling allowance and end of year bonus. Any annuity, pension and basic retirement pension received should also be included.

What is the amount of NIT allowance payable ?

The allowance payable per month is as follows:

Basic Salary of Employee	Monthly Allowance
Less than or equal to Rs 5000	Rs 1,000
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

Information required to fill the online application form

- NIC Number of applicant and spouse (if married),
- Employer's Registration Number (ERN) as shown on payslip or other documents, and
- Bank Account Number of applicant.

What should an individual do to start benefiting from NIT?

The individual must fill in an online form to provide certain information on himself, his spouse and his employer through MRA's website, www.mra.mu

When will payment be effected?

Negative Income Tax will be paid on a **QUARTERLY BASIS**, and will be credited to the employee's bank account as follows:

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

What happens if a person has wrongly benefitted from NIT?

Where an individual has benefitted from NIT but was not entitled to the same, or the allowance received was in excess of his entitlement, he should inform the MRA immediately. The Director-General of the MRA will issue a claim to the individual for repayment of the excess allowance paid and in case of non-payment, the Director-General shall recover the amount by way of enforcement actions as provided in the Income Tax Act.





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