

GOVERNMENT WAGE ASSISTANCE SCHEME (GWAS) AND SELF-EMPLOYED ASSISTANCE SCHEME (SEAS)

Extension for the Month of December 2021

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 **December 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 in the tourism sector in the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues for the **full month of December 2021**.

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 which were not allowed to operate during the month of December 2021.

1. Professional Sports;
2. Horse racing bookmakers (outlets);
3. Theatres and cinema halls;
4. Nightclubs licensed by the Tourism Authority;
5. Bars.

Operators who were allowed to operate as from July 2021 subject to sanitary conditions

Financial assistance for a full month will also be provided to operators mentioned below, allowed to operate as from July 2021 subject to sanitary conditions.

1. Fitness centres;
2. Leisure parks, amusement centres, including aquariums;
3. Multi-purpose halls, including wedding halls;
4. Religious body;
5. Canteen of a private international school (excluding public and private grant-aided secondary school) whose turnover for the accounting year ended in the year 2020 did not exceed Rs 50 million;
6. Training institutions registered under the Mauritius Qualifications Authority Act;
7. Auctioneers appointed under the Sales by Auction Act;
8. Restaurants, fast food, café, caterers and other prepared food selling businesses whose annual turnover does not exceed Rs 50 million;
9. Fee charging crèches, pre-primary schools, primary schools, secondary schools and registered universities;
10. Casinos and gaming houses;
11. Self-employed individuals who are artists.

Applications for GWAS and SEAS for the month of December 2021

GWAS: Employers are NOT required to submit a fresh application as the payment will be effected on the basis of the application of October 2021.

Employers who wish to amend details regarding the number of employees or wage assistance amount claimed for the month of December 2021 are requested to send an email to gwas@mra.mu.

SEAS: Eligible self-employed are not required to submit fresh applications.

For further details, kindly visit the MRA website: www.mra.mu or phone the MRA Helpdesk on **2076000** during working hours or send an email at headoffice@mra.mu.