

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

Extension for the Month of July 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 **July 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**.

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 and who were not allowed to operate during the month of July 2021:

1. Fitness centres and Professional Sports;
2. Horse racing bookmakers (outlets), casinos and gaming houses;
3. Leisure parks, amusement centres, including aquariums;
4. Multi-purpose halls, including wedding halls, theatres and cinema halls;
5. Nightclubs licensed by the Tourism Authority and bars;
6. Religious body;
7. Canteen of a private international school (excluding public and private grant-aided secondary school);
8. Training institutions registered under the Mauritius Qualifications Authority Act;
9. Auctioneers appointed under the Sales by Auction Act;
10. Restaurants, fast food, café, caterers and other prepared food selling businesses whose annual do not exceed Rs 50 million;
11. Fee charging crèches, pre-primary schools, primary schools, secondary schools and registered universities;
12. Self-employed individuals who are -
 - (i) Stallholders in markets that remained closed;
 - (ii) Haberdashers operating in a market;
 - (iii) Hawkers not allowed to operate;
 - (iv) Artists

C. Operators in the red zones and who are not allowed to operate

1. Employers having their principal place of business in a red zone;
2. Self-employed individuals residing in red zones or having their business activity within a red zone.

Note:

- A. *Red zones: Morcellement Foondun in Terre Rouge, area of Vallée des Prêtres (excluding Chitrakoot) in Port Louis, Cité Martial / Plaine-Verte in Port Louis, Morcellement Goolamally Le Hochet Terre Rouge, area of Riche Terre, area of Bois Chéri.*
- B. *Markets/ shopping malls/ hypermarkets/ supermarkets/ superettes/ meat/ poultry/ fish shops/ food retail shops/ retail shops (magasins)/ hardware shops (quincailleries) were allowed to operate in red zones.*

Applications for GWAS and SEAS for the month of July 2021

GWAS: Employers who are eligible for GWAS are required to submit a fresh application.

SEAS: Self-employed individuals who are eligible for SEAS as operators in the red zones are required to submit a fresh application through the MRA website www.mra.mu. Other eligible self-employed individuals 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.

