

## NEGATIVE INCOME TAX: MORE THAN 18,300 BENEFICIARIES

The bank accounts of 18,327 beneficiaries have been credited with the Negative Income Tax allowance as at Thursday 30 November, 2017. To date, 25,369 persons have applied for the Negative Income Tax and, as at 30 November 2017, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) paid the allowance to 18,327 eligible employees by crediting their respective bank accounts. The remaining applications are being processed.

The Negative Income Tax was launched retroactively as from 01 July 2017 and it is a financial support from Government to employees whose basic salary is less than or equal to Rs 9,900 monthly. The Negative Income Tax allowance is payable on a quarterly basis and some of the beneficiaries symbolically received their letters of remittance at the hands of the Honourable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development on Friday 24, November 2017 during an Official Ceremony at the MRA Head Office. On that day, 12,100 accounts were credited. As at 30 November, 2017, the number increased by 6227.

To facilitate registration of potential employees who may be eligible for the Negative Income Tax, the MRA also sent dedicated teams to the premises of enterprises, namely CMT, Princes Tuna, Shifa Clinic, Palmar Ltd, Outremer Telecom and Esquel Ltd. Similar exercises are being carried out in other enterprises.

Eligible employees, who have not yet registered themselves, may call at the MRA Head Office during office hours, from 08h45 to 16h30, to register themselves for the Negative Income Tax. They may also do it electronically through MRA's website: [www.mra.mu](http://www.mra.mu)