

WAGE ASSISTANCE SCHEME

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius has announced the Wage Assistance Scheme (The Scheme) to ensure that all employees in the private sector are duly paid their salary for the month of March 2020. The scheme concerns both Mauritians and foreign employees working in Mauritius.

1. Employers should effect payment of the monthly salary as usual and in case their business has been adversely affected by Covid19 and the lockdown in Mauritius, they may after payment of the salary, apply to MRA for financial support under **The Scheme**.
2. Under the scheme, a business entity in the private sector is entitled to receive in respect to its wage bill for the month of March 2020, an amount equivalent to 15 days' basic wage bill for all of its employees drawing a monthly basic wage of up to Rs 50,000 subject to a cap of Rs 12,500 of assistance per employee as set out in table below:

For every employee with basic salary in March 2020	Basis	Assistance per employee (Rs)
From 9,700 to Rs 25,000	15-days wages	From Rs 4,850 to Rs 12,500
From Rs 25,000 to Rs 50,000	Fixed Amount	Rs 12,500
Above Rs 50,000	Nil	Nil

3. Exceptionally, where a business is unable to effect payment of salary for the current month due to cash flow problem, it may apply to the MRA for assistance under the scheme so that the salaries may be paid in a timely manner.
4. For any information or assistance under the Scheme, the MRA may be reached by email on the following address: **headoffice@mra.mu** or by calling on **5 941 2782** or **5 941 2783**.

