



## COMMUNIQUE

### COVID-19 SELF-EMPLOYED ASSISTANCE SCHEME

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius has decided to implement a **Self-Employed Assistance Scheme (SEAS)** through the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) to assist self-employed persons who have suffered a loss of revenue as a consequence of the lockdown in the fight against Covid-19.

1. A self-employed individual who is in business, or a tradesperson operating in the informal sector, e.g. a mason, a cabinet maker, a plumber, a hairdresser and an artist is entitled to join the assistance scheme provided he is a **Mauritian national above 18 years of age** and who has been in business for the **last 3 months**.
  
2. The following individuals are **NOT** eligible to the assistance:
  - a. an individual who is an employee, whether full-time or part-time;
  - b. a person who is eligible to receive basic retirement pension;
  - c. an individual who receives monthly social benefits;
  - d. an individual pursuing higher studies on a full time basis;
  - e. a person who is a dependent spouse;
  - f. a person who was unemployed at the beginning of March 2020;
  - g. an individual who forms part of a household having total monthly income (including passive income, e.g rent, dividends, interests or profits) exceeding Rs. 50,000;
  - h. an individual who is in a business where he earns only passive income, e.g rent; or
  - i. a fisherman.

3. Eligible self-employed individuals and tradespersons will receive a financial support of Rs 5,100 each for the period 16 March 2020 to 15 April 2020. They must submit their applications **online** on MRA's website: **www.mra.mu** All payments will be credited to their respective bank accounts.
  
4. For any further information or assistance under the scheme, the MRA may be reached by email on **headoffice@mra.mu** (<mailto:headoffice@mra.mu>) or by calling on **207 6000**.

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