

**Government Wage Assistance Scheme for the Month of March 2020**  
**to Private Sector Employees**

Government has decided to implement a **Wage Assistance Scheme during the COVID-19 Curfew Period** through the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA).

2. Every business in the private sector, in respect of the month of March 2020, will be entitled to receive an amount equivalent to the 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.

3. The assistance will be paid by the MRA as follows:

<b>For every employee with basic wage in March 2020</b>	<b>Basis</b>	<b>Assistance per employee (Rs)</b>
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

4. The wage assistance scheme covers both Mauritians and expatriate employees working in Mauritius. The scheme is not applicable to Ministries and Departments, Local Authorities, Statutory Bodies and Government Owned Companies.

5. Funds of an amount of some Rs 2.6 billion will be provided to the MRA to effect payments under the Wage Assistance Scheme.

6. As regards the majority of enterprises, they will pay the wages for all their employees in respect of the month of March 2020 and subsequently apply for refund under the Wage Assistance Scheme to the Mauritius Revenue Authority.

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