

Government Wage Assistance Scheme (GWAS)

Purpose	To assist businesses adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to pay the monthly salary of their employees who are at risk of becoming technically unemployed during the confinement or as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Eligibility Criteria	<p>Employers in the private sector are eligible.</p> <p>The wage support is applicable in respect of Mauritians in full-time or part-time employment and expatriate employees working in Mauritius.</p> <p>A business is eligible to claim an allowance for all of its employees drawing a monthly basic wage of up to Rs 50,375, subject to conditions.</p> <p>A. <u>Tourism Sector</u></p> <p>The financial assistance under GWAS will continue to be provided to operators in the tourism industry in Mauritius and Rodrigues for the month of September 2021, in full.</p> <p>B. <u>Sectors other than the Tourism Sector</u></p> <p>Financial assistance for a full month will be provided under GWAS to those carrying out the following activities and who were not allowed to operate during the month of September 2021 and those who have been operating as from July 2021 subject to strict sanitary conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 6. Religious body activities; 7. Training institutions registered under the Mauritius Qualifications Authority Act; 8. Restaurants, fast food, cafe, bars, caterers, canteen of a private international school (excluding public and private grant-aided secondary school) and other prepared food selling businesses whose annual turnover do not exceed Rs 50 million; 9. Fee charging crèches, pre-primary schools, primary schools, secondary schools and registered universities whose turnover has been reduced by more than 40%.
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism Sector: The monthly allowance payable under GWAS is equivalent to <u>one month's</u> basic wage of all employees drawing a monthly basic wage of up to Rs 50,375, capped at Rs 25,375 of assistance per employee. • Sectors other than Tourism Sector: Allowance payable under GWAS is equivalent to <u>one month's</u> basic wage of all employees drawing a monthly basic wage of up to Rs 50,375, capped at Rs 25,375 of assistance per employee.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments under GWAS will be credited by the MRA directly to the bank account of eligible employers.
Validity	<i>For the month of September 2021</i>
Implementing Institution	Mauritius Revenue Authority
Application form available at	https://eservices5.mra.mu/wage_assistance_gwas/login
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