**Government Wage Assistance Scheme (GWAS)**

The GWAS is an economic measure by the Government of Mauritius to provide a Government wage subsidy to Employers, as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure that all employees are duly paid their salary for the month of May 2020.

The scheme is applicable to businesses in the private sector and with respect to their employees drawing a monthly basic wage of up to Rs 50,000.

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

The Eligible Employers will benefit financial assistance from the Government as per the table below:

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| **For every employee with basic salary in May 2020** | **Basis** | **Assistance per employee(Rs)** |
| From 9,700 to Rs 25,000 | One month wages | From Rs 9,700 to Rs 25,000 |
| From Rs 25,000 to Rs 50,000 | Fixed Amount | Rs 25,000 |
| Above Rs 50,000 | Nil | Nil |

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The quantum of assistance claimed should be based on the basic salary of the employees as normally declared by employers in their monthly NPS Contribution Returns.

In processing the applications under GWAS, the MRA will carry out internal checks to verify the correctness of claims. Thereafter, MRA will credit the approved amount to the employer's bank account used by him for payment of monthly NPS contribution.

MRA will, after submission of the contribution return for the month of May 2020, further verify the amount claimed and make adjustments accordingly.