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Fellow expats and prospective residents,

We are pleased to introduce the 2024 edition of the Mauritius Expat Guide. This edition aims to provide more than just information - it offers a genuine experience of the island by sharing advice and narratives from expatriates who have made this paradise their home.

This year, we honor those who have chosen to build their lives here. Drawing on the experiences of established professionals, ambitious entrepreneurs, content retirees, and other adventurers, we present insights to help you navigate a successful life in Mauritius. Whether you seek professional opportunities, entrepreneurial ventures, or a peaceful retirement beneath the Mauritian sky, let these stories be your guide.

In addition to personal experiences, you will find essential information to prepare for your move. The Mauritian government is actively working to make employment for foreign professionals and investing in Mauritius more appealing. Labor quotas have been eliminated, offering greater flexibility to professionals worldwide. It is now possible to apply for a work permit, even

for those initially on a tourist visa, facilitating a gradual settlement.

For self-employed individuals, the abolition of investment requirements for the obtention of an Occupation Permit marks the start of a new era. This change is intended to encourage more diverse contributions to the island's economic development.

Towards the end of this guide, we proudly present a comprehensive directory. Encompassing leisure activities, administrative services, health, and more, this practical directory is your ultimate companion for discovering the island's offerings and simplifying your daily life.

We are here to support you step by step on this journey, providing essential information and connecting you with a community of like-minded expats. Explore our [forums](#), benefit from [personalized services](#), and stay updated on real-time opportunities on our site.

May the 2024 edition mark the beginning of a meaningful adventure in Mauritius.

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Preface

Unlocking paradise: Your guide to an expat's easy and hassle-free life in Mauritius



Dear esteemed readers,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2024 edition of the Mauritius Expat Guide, a collaborative effort between the Economic Development Board of Mauritius and Expat.com. This comprehensive resource is your roadmap to navigating the exciting possibilities of living in Mauritius as an expat.

Mauritius, a true island paradise renowned for its stunning landscapes and welcoming culture, continuously ranks among the top destinations for expats and retirees worldwide. Today, the island boasts a thriving economy and state-of-the-art infrastructure, catering to global citizens seeking a peaceful, secure, and culturally diverse environment for their next chapter.

Building upon this foundation, the Government of Mauritius has recently implemented a series of initiatives specifically designed to facilitate residency for global citizens. As highlighted in the previous edition of the Expat Guide, the government is committed to enhancing the value proposition for retirees.

Mauritius' 2023/2024 budget brings targeted benefits for retirees. Changes include waiving the local bank account requirement for non-citizen retirees, expanding the Premium visa to cover medical patients and retirees, and permitting employment for retired non-citizens in specific sectors. Retirees and families can now acquire senior living properties in PDS projects, exceeding USD

200,000. Mauritian insurers offer tailored plans for foreign retirees, ensuring comprehensive coverage. The ecosystem supports retirees with an active lifestyle, leisure facilities, advanced health-care, and efficient public transportation. Retired non-citizen permit holders enjoy flexible stays and exclusive resident rates, enhancing their quality of life in paradise.

This comprehensive guide extends beyond retirement, providing a detailed overview of various pathways to relocate and work in Mauritius for both short- and long-term periods. The highly sought-after Premium visa scheme offers foreign nationals an opportunity to experience life in Mauritius for a period exceeding 6 months up to one year with the option to renew.

For professionals seeking employment in Mauritius, it is now possible to upgrade a Tourist visa to an Occupation Permit. Among other changes, quotas for foreign labor no longer exist, and the salary scale is now set at Rs 30,000 for all sectors, instead of Rs 60,000.

With this Expat Guide as your compass, you will embark on your new life in Mauritius with confidence and a solid understanding of the opportunities and resources available to you.

May your journey be filled with adventure, discovery, and unforgettable experiences!



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Mauritius

Where is Mauritius?

Mauritius is located in the Southern Hemisphere, in the South-East of the Indian Ocean, North of the Tropic of Capricorn, 20° South latitude and 57° East longitude. Mauritius is part of Southern Africa. The island represents about 91% of the total area of the Republic of Mauritius, covering 1,865 km². The total area of the Republic of Mauritius, 2,040 km², includes several islands, islets and dependent reefs, including Rodrigues Island and the archipelagos of Saint-Brandon and Agalega. Mauritius has about 330 km of coastline, surrounded by a lagoon, itself protected by a coral reef.

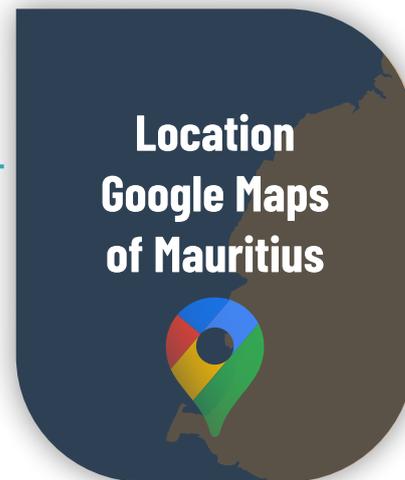
The capital of Mauritius, Port-Louis, is home to the Government House as well as the main government and financial institutions. It is also home to

most of the country's economic activity, although there has been rapid decentralization in the last few years. Port-Louis is the largest city on the island and is the most densely populated.

However, there are other important cities such as Curepipe, Quatre-Bornes, Beau Bassin-Rose Hill and Vacoas-Phoenix. Apart from the main cities mentioned above, the villages are attached to the different districts.

The island is divided into 10 districts:

- ▶ Black River;
- ▶ Flacq;
- ▶ Grand Port;
- ▶ Moka;
- ▶ Pamplemousses;
- ▶ Plaines Wilhems;
- ▶ Port-Louis;
- ▶ Rivière du Rempart;
- ▶ Savanne;



▶ Rodrigues.

Nine districts are located on the main island, the 10th district being Rodrigues Island, a dependency of the Republic of Mauritius located 550 km North-East of Mauritius.

Since October 12, 2002, Rodrigues has been an autonomous district. It is esteemed to be:

- ▶ 226 km from Reunion Island;
- ▶ 1,132 km from Madagascar;
- ▶ 3,318 km from the East African coast;
- ▶ 5,110 km from India;
- ▶ 7,722 km from Australia;
- ▶ 7,941 km from China;
- ▶ 9,400 km from France.



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History

In the 5th century, Arab navigators visited the island and gave it the name of Dina Arobi.

1507: The Portuguese discovered it and named it Ihla do Cirné.

1598: The Dutch landed on the island and named it Mauritius, in honor of Prince Maurice of Nassau. A few years later, the

island became a supply point for ships on the route to India. The Dutch exploited the forests, mainly ebony, and developed the cultivation of sugarcane.

1721: The French arrived and renamed the island "Isle de France". Enslaved people worked on the sugar plantations managed by the French. Pirates and privateers plundered English ships sailing to the East Indies.

1735: The development of the island was marked by the arrival of Governor François Mahé de La Bourdonnais who enslaved people to develop the port of Port-Louis and build an arsenal.

1810: After a hard battle, the British took possession of the island.

1814: The island was officially attached to the British Empire and was renamed Mauritius.

1835: Slavery is abolished.

1834 to 1910: The abolition of slavery pushed the colonists to hire Indian workers. The "Coolie Trade" provided the labor force to work in the cane fields. Although they were free men, the Indian immigrants worked in enslaved-like conditions. Later, the first Chinese immigrants arrived.

1968: March 12 marked the independence of Mauritius, which became a democratic country.

1992: Mauritius became a Republic.

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"Having cherished numerous unforgettable moments on the island, I had always nurtured the dream of living in Mauritius and immersing myself in its beauty. Opening a restaurant not only allowed me to pursue my passion for culinary arts but also brought to fruition my longstanding aspiration of making Mauritius my permanent home.

Throughout the years, my connection with Mauritius has deepened, and I've cultivated a profound appreciation for the country's cultural heritage, traditions, and natural wonders. It brings me immense joy and a sense of achievement to live and work in a place that holds such a special and cherished spot in my heart."

The Republic of Mauritius

The President of the Republic is the Head of State and the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces. Executive power is held by the Prime Minister who heads the government. Members of Parliament are elected every 5 years by universal suffrage. The composition of Parliament is divided into 70 seats, including 62 representatives elected by universal suffrage and 8 additional seats known as "best losers", designated for fair representation of minority communities.

Flag

The flag of the Republic of Mauritius consists of 4 horizontal stripes: red, blue, yellow and green. The interpretation of the colors is subjective and varies according to one's historical interpretation:

- ▶ **Red** as the flamboyant tree. Symbol of the blood spilled by the enslaved people and coolies who built the island;
- ▶ **Blue** like the sky and the ocean. Symbol of the Southern islands;
- ▶ **Yellow** as the golden sand beaches. Symbol of the sun and light;
- ▶ **Green** like the immense fields of cane. Symbol of fertility.

National Anthem

The National Anthem was written by Jean-Georges Prosper and composed by Philippe Gentil in 1968 for the celebration of the Independence of Mauritius.

**Glory to thee, Motherland
O Motherland of mine,
Sweet is thy beauty,
Sweet is thy fragrance,
Around thee we gather,
As one people,
As one nation,**

**In peace, justice and liberty,
Beloved country,
May God bless thee,
For ever and ever.**

Currency

The official currency is the Mauritian rupee; the generic sign of the Mauritian rupee is Rs, and the international code of the rupee is "MUR".

The rupee banknotes were first circulated in 1876 and the coins in 1877.

The Bank of Mauritius produces banknotes in denominations of 25, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1,000 and 2,000 rupees, as well as coins of 1, 5, 10 and 20 rupees plus 5, 20 and 50 cents.



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Please note that the Mauritian rupee can only be exchanged in Mauritius. It is possible to exchange currency at the exchange offices found at the airport and in the various regions of the island, as well as at banks. However, only foreign currency bills can be exchanged.

Most credit cards are accepted in Mauritius, and there are many ATMs over the island.

Economy

Mauritius' economy seems to be rebounding from the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. The real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) experienced a notable growth of 8.8% in 2022, primarily propelled by sectors like tourism, manufacturing, financial services, IT services, and wholesale and retail trade.

It's crucial to note, however, that

this growth is relative to a considerably low base, given that GDP had declined by 14.6% in 2020. Despite the positive signs of recovery, the Mauritian economy hinges on various factors, including government policies, global economic fluctuations, and other economic variables. Moreover, concerns linger about a potential slowdown in the global economy and the prospect of a recession in key markets in Europe and America, which could impact the country's economic stability.

There's growing skepticism about relying solely on the tourism sector as an indicator of national recovery. It is recognized that economic resurgence relies not only on tourism but also on the performance of other economic sectors and the establishment of new development hubs. The successes of other tourist destinations like the Seychelles

and the Maldives emphasize the need for continued efforts to fortify the Mauritian economy.

Persistent challenges include high inflation and the depreciation of the Mauritian rupee. Addressing these issues requires a robust anti-inflation policy and a re-evaluation of foreign currency management to stabilize the rupee.

Inflation in 2023

In September 2023, inflation in Mauritius experienced a deceleration, settling at 5.2%. This slowdown was primarily attributed to a reduced rate of price increase in various categories, with notable moderation observed in the prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages. Consequently, the cost of living for consumers rose at a more measured pace during this month.



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Mauritius in terms of economic freedom

On the Economic Freedom Index 2023, Mauritius scores 70.6, placing the Mauritian economy in the 30th place. In the Sub-Saharan African region, the country ranks first ahead of 47 countries, while its overall score is higher than the regional and global averages.

Population

Mauritius is a quaint island enriched by its multiple origins and cultures, and according to the latest figures, it is home to a population of 1,308,222 inhabitants. There are different ethnicities:

- ▶ Indo-Mauritians: 67%;
- ▶ Afro-Mauritians (Creoles): 28%;
- ▶ Sino-Mauritians: 3%;
- ▶ Franco-Mauritians: 2%.

Climate

Mauritius enjoys a subtropical climate with temperatures ranging from 25 to 35°C with regular trade winds from the South East. Temperatures are higher during

the wet season from November to April (summer in the Southern hemisphere) and cooler during the dry season from May to October, that is, in winter.

Seasons

In summer, temperatures easily reach 30°C. However, these temperatures remain bearable, thanks to a light sea breeze in the West and a stronger wind on the East Coast. The central plateau is, generally, cooler. The diurnal amplitude in summer is 14 hours, with sunrise between 5:00 and 5:45 am and sunset between 6:45 and 7 pm. The heat accumulated during the day remains present at night.

In winter, however, the temperatures between day and night can be very different. On a sunny day, temperatures can vary from 22 to 27°C. On the other hand, as soon as the sun sets, temperatures drop rapidly to 19°C near the coasts and 16°C on the Central Plateau. The days are shorter, generally lasting 11 to 12 hours. In the middle of winter, the sun rises at around 6:30 am and sets around 6 pm. There is little rainfall in the coastal regions. On the other hand, the

Central Plateau receives more rain.

The effects of climate change in Mauritius

The Ministry of Environment in Mauritius recently released alarming data illustrating the profound impacts of climate change on the island's social and economic stability. These consequences manifest in various forms, including a probable increase in droughts, floods, heatwaves, and cyclones.

Of particular concern are cyclones, which pose a significant risk, as there is a discernible upward trend in the number of storms reaching tropical cyclone strength, coupled with instances of rapid intensification.

The changing precipitation patterns, with rainfall becoming less frequent but more intense, contribute to both flooding and water shortages. Furthermore, the rise in sea levels, although seemingly inconspicuous, has already led to beach erosion, posing a threat to the crucial tourism sector.



Lastly, the rising temperatures, surpassing the global average, are impacting coral reefs and fostering the proliferation of diseases, viruses, and parasites. This presents an additional challenge for the island to address.

Cyclones

Between January and March, high temperatures, high humidity and an unstable atmosphere can lead to the development of tropical depressions. Ocean temperatures above 26°C at depth (about 28/29°C at the surface) are favorable to the formation of tropical depressions.

The high temperature produces intense evaporation and moisture transfers from the ocean to the atmosphere. The state of the air mass and the wind circulation will be the final conditions for the development of the tropical depression.

Cyclone alert

In the Indian Ocean, cyclones range from tropical storms to intense tropical cyclones. If these depressions become a threat to the island, the weather station broadcasts different classes of warnings through the media.

Class 1: 36 to 48 hours before, Mauritius or Rodrigues are affected by gusts of up to 120 km/h. Life goes on as usual, but the population must remain alert and stay tuned to the news.



Class 2: to allow (if possible) 12 hours of daylight before the onset of gusts of 120 km/h. The population can circulate, but schools are closed, and boats are removed from the water and securely fastened. Large boats have to go to the Port-Louis harbor. The usual precautions should be taken (batteries, candles, insulation, water bottles, etc.).

Class 3: to allow (if possible) 6 hours of daylight before the onset of 120 km/h gusts. The population should remain sheltered, businesses should release employees and insurance companies no longer cover vehicles on the road.

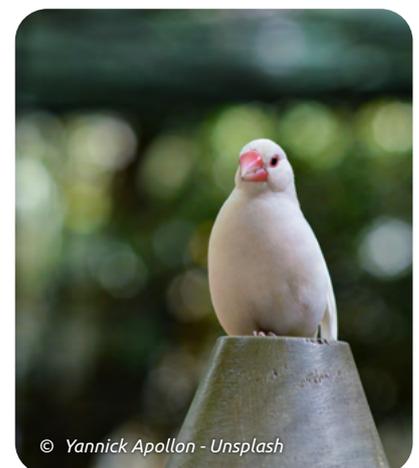
Class 4: when gusts reach 120 km/h and there is no improvement. People should stay in their homes.

Security Bulletin: issued once a cyclone warning 3 or 4 has been lifted to indicate that the cyclone has moved but that the public should take necessary precautions.

End of Warning Bulletin: when no warning is in force and it is safe to circulate freely.

Language(s)

English is the official language of the Mauritian Republic, a remnant of British colonialism. The administration and official texts are all in English. French and Mauritian Creole are the most readily spoken languages, however.



Outside of these 3 main languages allowing communication between all, each ethnic group also speaks different languages.

Thus, Hindi, Bhojpuri, Urdu, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi, Hakka, Arabic, Mandarin and Cantonese are taught in schools. These languages are also supported by Speaking Unions and cultural centers.

Health status

COVID-19: Even though COVID-19 cases spike from time to time, all quarantine measures officially ended on the 31st of October 2023. It is not compulsory anymore to wear masks in public or to be vaccinated.

However, it is recommended to wear masks, especially when at the airport, in hospitals and in old-age homes. It might also be safe to follow the news to be aware of COVID cases and take the necessary precautions.

Malaria: There is no malaria in the country. Only a few import-

ed cases have been identified in recent years.

Chikungunya: The 2005/2006 Chikungunya epidemic has been contained.

Dengue: In July 2023, the media highlighted 8 cases of dengue fever in Mauritius and one in Rodrigues, a situation corroborated by the Ministry of Health. The Minister emphasized the need for community collaboration to address the issue, urging citizens to manage waste effectively and prevent stagnant water, especially in key areas such as Port-Louis, Roche-Bois, and Baie-du-Tombeau.

Pollution: It is mainly due to exhaust fumes. The system of collection and treatment of household waste is also not efficient enough yet to cope with the growing population due to tourism and new residents in Mauritius.

Rabies: There is no animal rabies in Mauritius. Note, however, that there are many stray

dogs and cats without any vaccination and that one should be careful or consult a doctor in case of a bite.

AIDS: In 2023, 6,934 people were suffering from HIV/AIDS, although it is estimated that around 2014 people in Mauritius have AIDS. There are screening centers across the island, as well as rapid tests in pharmacies.

Needle exchange has been set up in Mauritius with the contribution of PILS (Prévention Information Lutte contre le Sida) in order to reduce the risks of contamination by injection. No serological test for HIV infection is required for visitors entering the country. However, in order to obtain an Occupation Permit, a certificate of seronegativity must be produced and the test must be done in Mauritius. HIV increasingly affects women in Mauritius and is mainly transmitted through needle sharing.

Drug addiction: In 2023, the drug addiction situation in Mauritius



has reached a concerning level, particularly with the resurgence of drug use, especially heroin, reminiscent of its peak in the 1990s.

Moreover, the prevalent use of synthetic substances, crafted with chemicals sourced from China and mixed with everyday products like tea, tobacco, or herbs, has become widespread. These substances are cost-effective, making them easily accessible to young people who pool resources to afford doses at affordable prices.

As per an official survey conducted in 2021, approximately 55,000 individuals aged 18 to 59, constituting 7.4% of this population segment, engage in non-injection drug use, encompassing cannabis, synthetic substances, and heroin (snorted, inhaled, or smoked).

Nevertheless, many experts contend that these figures likely underestimate the true extent of drug addiction in Mauritius.

Public holidays

Public holidays in Mauritius are scheduled according to the multicultural and multi-religious people of the island. In the spirit of fairness, the government has established public holidays according to all origins and religions.

The Mauritian calendar has 15 public holidays in the year, of which 7 are on fixed dates:

New Year's Day: January 1st and 2nd;

Commemoration of the Abolition of Slavery: February 1st;

Independence Day: March 12th;

Labor Day: May 1st;

Commemoration of the arrival of indentured laborers: November 2nd;

Christmas: Catholic holiday celebrated on December 25th.

The 8 other holidays are linked to religious ceremonies, and their dates vary according to the lunar calendar:

Thaipoozam Cavadee: Tamil celebration around mid-January / early February;

Spring Festival: Chinese New Year celebrated around the end of January / beginning of February;

Maha Shivaratri: Hindu celebration around February / March;

Ugadi: Telugu New Year celebrated around the end of March / beginning of April;

Eid-Ul-Fitr: Muslim celebration marking the end of the fasting month - Ramadan;

Ganesh Chaturthi: Hindu celebration around the end of August / beginning of September;

Diwali or Deepavali - the festival of light: Hindu festival celebrated around October / November in honor of the victory of good over evil;



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All Saints' Day: a Catholic celebration on November 1st, celebrated every other year alternating with the Assumption celebrated on August 15th.

Other religious celebrations or commemorations are not public holidays but will still attract attention. These are:

The pilgrimage to the tomb of **the Blessed Jacques Désiré Laval** on September 9;

Holi (the festival of colors) generally celebrated in March of each year, one day after the full moon;

Ganga Asnan, the festival of the Ganges, in November;

Easter Monday, the date of celebration varies between March 23 and April 26;

Eid al-Adha, celebrated during the 12th month of the lunar cal-

endar. The date changes each year depending on the observation of the moon.

Mauritius as a member state

Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)

Founded in 1984, the Indian Ocean Commission, an inter-governmental organization of the islands of the Southeastern Indian Ocean, includes 5 member states: Comoros, France (Reunion), Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles. Its role is to defend the interests of member islands, and their economic, social, geographical and biological specificities.

The actions of the IOC:

- ▶ Political and diplomatic cooperation to support regional stability and good politi-

cal and strategic governance among member countries;

- ▶ Economic and trade cooperation to integrate island economies into the regional and global economy;
- ▶ Sustainable regional development for the preservation of natural land and marine resources;
- ▶ The protection of people and the improvement of their quality of life;
- ▶ The strengthening of regional identity and the rapprochement between people through the intensification of cultural exchanges and the networking of professionals and associations.

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African Union (AU)

This organisation has been designed to promote development, human rights, and democracy throughout Africa.

Web: African Union

Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)

Mauritius is a member of the OIF and participates in partnership with the French Cultural Institute of the French Embassy and several NGOs in the "International Francophonie Day" which takes place on March 20 every year.

Web: Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie

Southern African Development Community (SADC)

This organization's mission is to promote the economic development of Southern Africa.

Web: SADC

Commonwealth of Nations

Mauritius is one of the 54 member states of the Commonwealth. The member countries are united by their common political, economic and social interests while remaining autonomous.

Web: Commonwealth

Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)

Mauritius hosts the general secretariat of this association which groups 20 countries from Africa, Asia and Oceania. The objective of the IORA is to "develop trade, industrial and economic cooperation to promote sustainable growth and balanced development of its member states and the region. It promotes the liberalization of trade and the lowering of tariff barriers in order to improve the flow of goods, services, investments and technologies in the Indian Ocean", to quote the Prefecture of the Reunion region.

Web: IORA



Entering the Mauritian territory

Are you looking to come to Mauritius on a short-term visa in order to scout for opportunities or to get a feel of life on the island? Here are the entry requirements for short-term visas.



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Short stays in Mauritius

A short stay is defined as any stay of maximum 6 months within a 12-month period. Mauritius offers several categories of short-stay visas:

Tourist Visa: a maximum period of 6 months may be granted in a calendar year on a case-by-case basis, subject to immigration requirements. Beneficiaries may take advantage of their stay in Mauritius to apply for a Premium Visa or an Occupation Permit;

Business Visa: maximum 120 days in a calendar year for any stay up to 90 days and without remuneration of the holder in Mauritius;

Social Visa: granted to non-citizens sponsored by sociocultural organizations for a maximum of 45 days to conduct social and religious activities;

Multiple Entry Visa: granted only to foreign business people with business interests in Mauritius who require a visa prior to travel. Maximum stay of 120 days per calendar year, and each trip must not exceed 90 days;

Transit Visa: granted to passengers travelling to a third country within 24 hours. It is issued when the beneficiary has to enter the territory of Mauritius before being transferred to a third destination. The visa on arrival in Mauritius is issued at the port

of entry;

Medical Visa: granted on arrival for the duration of treatment, but not exceeding 6 months.

Important

These short-stay visas do not authorize their holders to carry out any commercial activity and generate income during their stay in Mauritius.

European, Canadian and Swiss nationals

European, Canadian and Swiss nationals wishing to stay in Mauritius for less than 3 months do not need a visa. On arrival, the immigration services stamp

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their passport authorizing their entry into the territory.

Conditions:

- ▶ Be in possession of a valid passport for the entire duration of the stay and a return ticket;
- ▶ For Canadian nationals, the passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the planned date of departure from Mauritius;
- ▶ Proof of residence and financial capacity (USD 100 per day).

Canadian nationals: Students and work permit holders require a visa. People coming to Mauritius for business must present a letter of authorization from the host company.

Nationals of other countries

Nationals of other countries should contact the Mauritian diplomatic representation closest to their place of residence for visa application requirements and a list of documents to be provided.

The [Passport and Immigration Office website](#) provides complete information in the "Services and Information" section at the bottom of the page.

Find out if you need a visa to visit Mauritius [here](#).

[Here's how](#) to apply for a visa.

Visa exemptions for Mauritius

The following are exempt from visa requirements:

- ▶ Mauritian citizens;
- ▶ Persons residing in Mauritius under the Immigration Act;
- ▶ The spouse of a Mauritian citizen;
- ▶ Children legally adopted by Mauritian citizens and their spouses;
- ▶ Holders of diplomatic passports other than those issued by the government of Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Kosovo, Libya, State of Palestine, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria and Yemen;
- ▶ Holders of passports issued by the governments of European Union countries;
- ▶ Crews of a vessel traveling on duty or in transit to another vessel;
- ▶ Holders of passes issued by the United Nations, COMESA, SADC or other internationally recognized organizations;
- ▶ Holders of passports issued by INTERPOL, who come to Mauritius on official business;

- ▶ Holders of passes issued by the African Reinsurance Corporation and the African Development Bank Group in respect of their directors;
- ▶ Officers or employees coming to Mauritius on official business;
- ▶ Persons intending to remain in Mauritius only during the stay of a ship by which they arrive and depart.

For stays longer than 6 months, an application for a visa or residence permit will be required, depending on the type and purpose of stay.

Students and interns

Student Visa - Once the international student has returned all the required documents and made all payments to their host university in Mauritius, the institution will submit all the supporting documents to the Passport and Immigration Office (PIO), located in Port-Louis. The PIO will process and issue the student visa by email.

Visa for interns - If the internship is a practical one within the framework of higher education, the student can go in person to the Passport Office to file the application.





Health requirements

Travelers are required to fill out an identification and health form upon arrival.

Since July 1, 2022, testing and self-isolation are no longer mandatory, but health measures may differ.

Application for extension of stay

Non-citizens with visas, residence permits or occupation permits must comply with the conditions for extension of stay. Conditions for extending your stay are specified as follows:

For tourist visas:

- ▶ A return ticket, to be presented upon arrival;
- ▶ Exact contact details (telephone and address) of the accommodation provider, whether it be a hotel, Airbnb, or private individual;
- ▶ A passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the return date.

For residence permits:

- ▶ The permanent residence

permit is valid for 20 years. In cases where property is acquired under an approved scheme, the right of residence is tied to the duration of ownership of the property.

For Occupation Permits:

- ▶ The initial validity period of an Occupation Permit (OP) varies based on the type (e.g., foreign employee, investor);
- ▶ It is possible to renew an OP before its expiry date.

Conditions for renewing an Occupation Permit (investor and self-employed):

- ▶ The company must have achieved annual sales of at least Rs 4 million from the third year of operation.

An occupation permit in the self-employed category is issued for a maximum period of 3 years or for the duration of the employment contract, renewable thereafter in accordance with established criteria.

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Safety of foreign residents in Mauritius

As elsewhere in the world, petty crimes and burglaries occur in Mauritius, especially in busy areas such as Port-Louis, Grand Bay and Flic en Flac.

Nevertheless, the majority of crimes reported to the authorities in Mauritius are non-violent, apart from a few rare cases, serious enough to make the news headlines from time to time.

Safety tips for visitors and residents of Mauritius:

- ▶ Be careful with your bags and valuables in popular areas;
- ▶ Keep separate copies of important documents, such as passports;
- ▶ Check and upgrade the security of your accommodation, including your hotel room, if you notice any deficiencies;
- ▶ Avoid walking alone at night on beaches or in poorly lit areas, especially in the back alleys of Port-Louis' business district;
- ▶ Always be careful when withdrawing money from ATMs;
- ▶ Always have your local police station contact numbers handy.

Long stays and residence permits in Mauritius

Looking to retire, work or invest in Mauritius? For stays of more than 6 months, you will have to apply for a visa or a residence permit, depending on the type of stay.



The student visa

The student visa in Mauritius is a permit that authorizes an eligible non-citizen to enter and stay in Mauritius to study full- or part-time in:

- ▶ An institution of higher learning registered with the Higher Education Commission;
- ▶ Or in a Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institution registered with the Mauritius Qualifications Authority;
- ▶ Or to attend a practical training course which is part of higher education.

The applicant must have re-

ceived a letter of acceptance from the institution he/she wishes to join in Mauritius and must be enrolled:

- ▶ In one or more programs at a recognized institution of higher learning or TVET institution to take specific modules full-time for 1 or 2 semesters, a certificate or diploma course for at least one academic year;
- ▶ Or at a recognized institution of higher learning to take a full-time or part-time undergraduate degree course;
- ▶ Or at an accredited institution of higher education to take full- or part-time post-graduate courses (including

Master's, MPhil or PhD level);

- ▶ Or doing post-doctoral research;
- ▶ Or coming to Mauritius as part of an exchange program of a maximum duration of 1 year with a recognized institution of higher learning.

Applying for a student visa in Mauritius

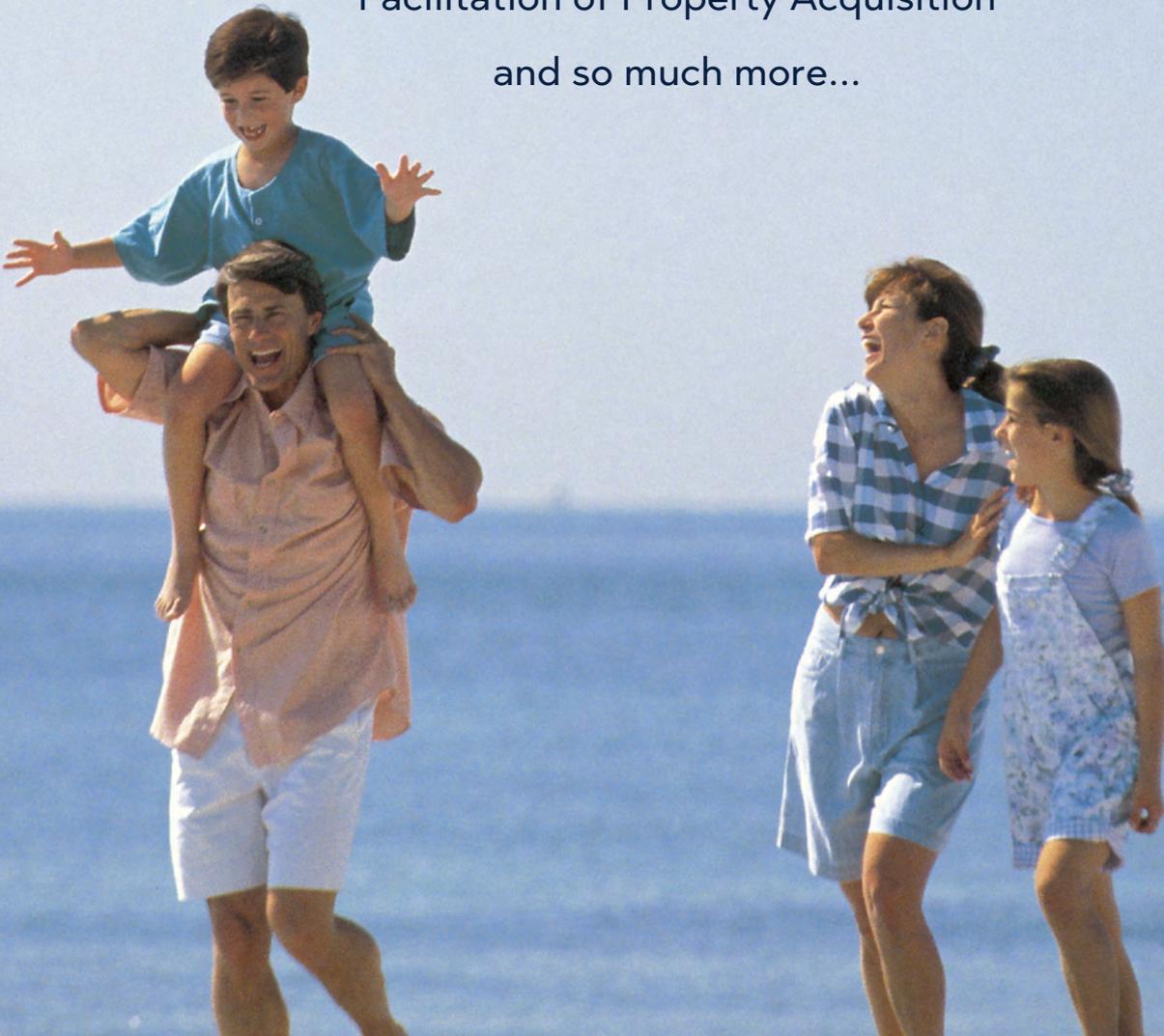
The application for a student visa must be submitted to the Passport and Immigration Office (PIO) by the institution of higher education or the vocational education and training institution (TVET) in which the student is enrolled.



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Once the international student has returned all the required documents and made the payments to their host university in Mauritius, the institution will submit all the supporting documents to the PIO located in Port-Louis. The PIO will process and issue the student visa by email.

The application for a visa to attend a practical training course as part of a higher education program must be submitted directly to the PIO by the trainee or by the host institution/company in Mauritius.

List of documents to be submitted for the student visa:

- ▶ The "Application to Enter Mauritius" form duly completed and signed by the applicant;
- ▶ 2 recent passport-size photos of the applicant;
- ▶ Photocopy of the applicant's passport bio-data pages;
- ▶ Original letter of admission to a recognized educational or TVET institution;
- ▶ Details of the duration of the course and confirmation from the Higher Education Commission or the Mauritius Qualifications Authority that the course chosen is full- or part-time;
- ▶ Documented proof of availability of funds or financial ability to cover the cost of study and stay in Mauritius;
- ▶ A medical certificate stating that the applicant does not

suffer from any contagious or infectious disease. A test for HIV and Hepatitis B and a chest X-ray must be performed at a private medical laboratory, clinic or hospital in Mauritius. The test results and the chest X-ray report must be submitted to the PIO within one month of arrival.



Internship visa

This visa is intended for non-residents wishing to complete

practical training in Mauritius as part of their higher education program.

This visa is meant for non-citizens who:

- ▶ intend to follow a practical training or an internship in order to improve their skills and experience. They must present to the PIO proof of acceptance from the concerned institution or company in Mauritius;
- ▶ are degree holders;
- ▶ will not receive any remuneration in Mauritius; however, their host organization in Mauritius may grant them a stipend.

Application for a trainee visa to follow a practical training or an industrial internship in Mauritius

The applicant's file must be submitted by the host institution/company sponsoring the foreigner in Mauritius on behalf of the latter or by the applicant in person at the PIO.

List of documents to be submitted for the trainee visa:

- ▶ "Application to Enter Mauritius" form duly completed and signed by the applicant;
- ▶ 2 recent passport-size photographs of the applicant;
- ▶ Photocopy of the bio-data pages of their passport;
- ▶ Acceptance document for practical training or internship in local companies, in

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sectors such as textile, banking, hospitality, consultancy firms, professional bodies, etc., as part of a study program in an educational institution abroad or at the request of the head office of a company based abroad;

- ▶ Details of the duration of the practical training/industrial placement/internship and confirmation from the accepting local company that the placement/training is full-time. The duration of the training/placement/internship must not exceed 6 months;
- ▶ Proof from the institution or company that the training to be undertaken in Mauritius is part of a program of study

followed by the applicant or that it is a requirement to enhance the trainee's skills and experience;

- ▶ A tripartite agreement involving the trainee, the institution or company abroad, and the host organization in Mauritius;
- ▶ Proof of availability of funds or financial capacity to cover the costs of the internship and the stay in Mauritius;
- ▶ A medical certificate attesting that the candidate is not suffering from any contagious or infectious disease.

Visa receipt

The granting of the internship visa is determined by the Pass-

port and Immigration Office (PIO) within 2 weeks of the date of submission, provided that the application is complete and accompanied by the appropriate supporting documents. Any application not accompanied by the required documents will not be considered.

The PIO will notify the host organization/company/local business where the trainee intends to attend a practical training course or the trainee abroad of the outcome of the application, as appropriate.

The PIO will then issue the trainee with a temporary entry permit valid for one month to travel to Mauritius.

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Within 2 weeks of arrival in Mauritius, the trainee must report to the Passport and Immigration Office, Residence Permit Section, 8th floor, Sterling House, 9-11 Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port-Louis, to obtain a residence permit (trainee) for a maximum period of 6 months.



The residence permit

If the stay does not have an end date, the traveler must apply for a residence permit:

- ▶ If he/she simply wishes to live in Mauritius;
- ▶ If he/she wishes to start a business and work in the country.

What residence permit should you consider?

The Retired Residence Permit

The retired residence permit in Mauritius is available to expats who meet the following conditions:

- ▶ Not be of Mauritian nationality;
- ▶ Be over 50 years of age;
- ▶ Not engaged in any work;
- ▶ Present a certified bank statement showing either a minimum amount of USD 18,000

or a guaranteed minimum income of USD 1,500 per month;

- ▶ Submit proof of transfer of funds to their local bank account to the Economic Development Board at the end of each year;
- ▶ Provide the Mauritian tax authorities with information on any other residences in different jurisdictions, including tax residences.

Initially issued for 10 years, the Retired Residence Permit also allows its holder to apply for a 20-year permanent residence

permit, provided they have:

- ▶ Resided in Mauritius for at least 3 years, or;
- ▶ Invested a minimum of USD 200,000 in a property under the Property Development Scheme for Senior Living.

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Work visas in Mauritius

Mauritius welcomes non-residents wishing to live and work in the country. When all conditions are met, 2 options are available: the Occupation Permit (OP) and the Young Professional Occupation Permit (YPOP).

The Occupation Permit (OP)

The Occupation Permit (OP) allows non-residents to live and work in Mauritius, once for 10 years, renewable for 10 more years, and for 20 years if applying for permanent residence.

It is aimed at 3 categories of expats:

- ▶ Investors (for innovative start-ups);
- ▶ Professionals;
- ▶ Independent workers.

Occupation Permit applicants will be granted a 120-day Business Visa without the need to exit Mauritius.

The Occupation Permit for non-resident investors:

Investors have various options for obtaining an Occupation Permit in Mauritius:

Standard (10-year Residence Permit):

- ▶ Investment required: USD 50,000 in a new Mauritius-based company.

Net Asset Value (10-year Residence Permit):

- ▶ Investment required: Ownership or inheritance of an existing Mauritian business with a net worth of at least USD 50,000 and cumulative sales of at least Rs 12 million (approximately USD 260,000) in the 3 years

preceding the application.

High-tech Machinery and Equipment:

- ▶ Initial investment: USD 50,000 (or equivalent);
- ▶ Involves a minimum transfer of USD 25,000 to the applicant's bank account;
- ▶ The remainder of the value is in high-tech machinery and equipment.

Innovative Start-Ups:

- ▶ Unspecified amount in an innovative project with at least 20% dedicated to Research and Development (R&D);
- ▶ The project must be approved by the Economic Development Council.

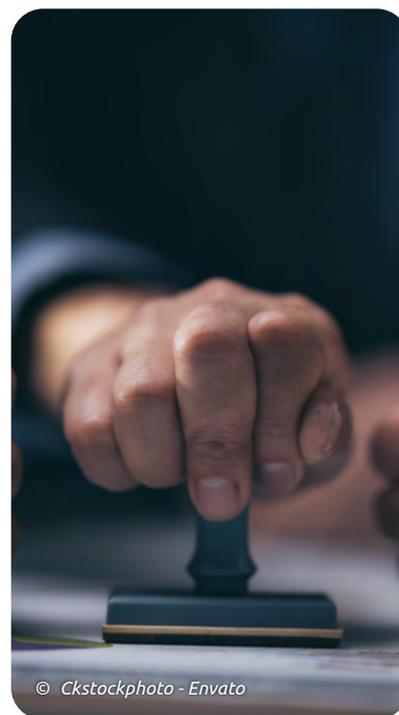
Occupation Permit Renewal:

- ▶ Holders of an Occupation Permit as investors can renew it after 10 years, provided the company generates a minimum annual gross income of Rs 4 million from the third year of registration.

Occupation Permit for self-employed foreigners

Conditions to be met:

- ▶ Be a non-citizen engaged in a professional activity in the service sector only and register with the Registrar of Businesses under the Business Registration Act 2002;
- ▶ Be a sole trader (exclusively);
- ▶ Make an initial transfer of



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USD 35,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currencies to their local bank account in Mauritius;

- ▶ Have a business activity that generates a cumulative income of at least Rs 2,400,000 during the 3 years preceding the application for an Occupation Permit and with an income of at least Rs 600,000 per year.

The Occupation Permit for investors and self-employed persons is issued for a maximum period of 10 years, renewable thereafter according to the established criteria.

As per the 2023–2024 budget, foreign self-employed workers in Mauritius are subject to the following conditions:

- ▶ Must demonstrate the transfer of necessary funds (USD 35,000) within 4 weeks of obtaining their permit;

- ▶ Are required to provide 2 letters of intent from customers, whether local or international;
- ▶ Must engage in individual business activities, operating exclusively on their own behalf;
- ▶ Must be non-citizens working solely in the service sector and registered with the Registrar of Businesses under the Business Act 2022.

The renewal of self-employed status is possible after 10 years, contingent on achieving a minimum annual turnover of Rs 800,000 from the third year of registration. Additionally, self-employed workers holding an Occupation Permit can apply for permanent residence for a duration of 20 years after 3 years, provided they have generated annual sales of at least Rs 3 million in the preceding 3 consecutive years.

It's noteworthy that upon the issuance of the permit, these self-employed workers will be exempt from presenting the required investment of USD 35,000. However, the amendments specify that applicants must prove the transfer of funds to a local bank account within 4 weeks of receiving the permit.

Occupation Permit for professionals

Conditions to be met for Occupation Permits for those looking to be employed in Mauritius:

- ▶ Not be retired, not be a ci-

- tizen of Mauritius and not be aged 50 or over;
- ▶ Earn a monthly salary of at least Rs 30,000.

The Occupation Permit for professionals is issued for a maximum period of 10 years or for the duration of the employment contract, renewable thereafter according to established criteria.

The Young Professional Occupation Permit

Foreign students who have successfully obtained at least a bachelor's degree from a recognized higher education institution in Mauritius are eligible to apply for a Young Professional Occupation Permit (YPOP).

The YPOP is a work permit that is valid for up to 3 years, depending on the duration specified in the employment contract.

The employer is responsible for submitting the YPOP application to the Occupation Permit Unit of the Economic Development Board (EDB) through email at op@edbmauritius.org.

If the employer wishes to retain the services of the foreign employee beyond the initial 3-year period, they can apply for a Professional Occupation Permit on behalf of the employee.

Eligibility criteria for the YPOP include:

- ▶ The student must hold at least a bachelor's degree from an institution of higher ed-

ucation recognized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC);

- ▶ The application must be submitted within 6 months from the date of publication of the results;
- ▶ If a person already holds a YPOP and wishes to change jobs before its expiration, condition 2 does not apply.

It's noteworthy that the business activity of the company need not fall within specific sectors (Artificial Intelligence, Biotechnology, Fintech, Robotics, Financial Services, Information Technology). The 2023–2024 budget has expanded the availability of the YPOP to individuals from all fields of study.





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Education



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Good to Know

Regulations are subject to change and should not be considered final.

Foreigners must be in possession of a passport with a validity date exceeding that of their stay in Mauritius. The name(s) on the passport must be exactly the same as the name(s) on the applicant's birth certificate. Otherwise, the applicant will have to provide an affidavit issued in their country of origin or residence to certify that the 2 names – the one on the passport and the one on the birth certificate – refer to the same person. Any application for a residence permit in Mauritius can only be submitted with the results of the mandatory medical examinations.

- ▶ Hold an Occupation Permit (OP) for a minimum of 3 years;
- ▶ Maintain a basic monthly salary of at least Rs 150,000 for 3 consecutive years.

For applicants under entrepreneur status:

- ▶ Have held a OP for at least 3 years;
- ▶ Generate a minimum annual income of Rs 3 million for 3 consecutive years.

For applicants under investor status:

- ▶ Have held a OP for at least 3 years;
- ▶ Achieve either a minimum annual sales of Rs 15 million or cumulative sales of Rs 45 million over a 3-year period.

For applicants under real estate investor status:

A foreign national who has invested at least USD 375,000 in a property in Mauritius under the RES, IRS or PDS programs may apply for and enjoy residency as long as they remain the owner of the property in question.

Permanent residence permits in Mauritius

Non-residents wishing to work and live in Mauritius may apply for a 20-year residence permit, renewable for a further 20 years. This option is available to investors, retirees, professionals, self-employed foreigners, and their families.



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"During interviews, ensure you have all original documents and 2 copies of each document requested. Keep the originals and 2 copies of all other documents in a separate file with you. Even after obtaining your visa card, be prepared to present your passport for various processes, such as opening a bank account or applying for internet access. Carry copies of your visa documents in your vehicle consistently. In essence, navigating bureaucracy is a part of the process, not unlike anywhere else."

Conditions to be met:

To be eligible for a 20-year residence permit, individuals must meet the following criteria:

- ▶ Hold a Residence Permit for at least 3 years;
- ▶ Have transferred a minimum of USD 54,000 or the equivalent in freely convertible for-

ign currency for a period of 3 years;

- ▶ Investing or having invested at least USD 375,000 in an eligible business activity entitles the holder to apply for a 20-year residence permit.

For applicants under salaried status:

Good to Know

Spouses and children, including stepchildren and legally adopted children, may also apply for a residence permit.

The Premium Visa

The Premium Visa, issued free of

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charge, is intended for tourists already in Mauritius with the appropriate visa, retirees or foreign professionals to come and live in Mauritius, alone or with their family for a period ranging from 6 months to 1 year over the calendar period, with an option to renew.

Premium Visa holders are allowed to apply for an Occupation Permit to work or invest in Mauritius or apply for a Residence Permit as a retired non-citizen by applying to the EDB in advance.

They may also purchase a property marketed under the:

- ▶ Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS);
- ▶ Real Estate Scheme (RES);
- ▶ Property Development Scheme (PDS);
- ▶ Smart City Scheme (SCS);
- ▶ G+2 (Apartment).

Requirements to apply for a Premium Visa:

- ▶ Produce a certificate of project in the framework of this long stay;
- ▶ Have travel and medical insurance covering the initial period of the stay;
- ▶ Promise not to join the Mauritian labor market under the Premium Visa;

- ▶ Work and receive income and profits from a company located outside Mauritius;
- ▶ Present documentary evidence supporting the application, such as the purpose of the visit, accommodation, etc.;
- ▶ Meet other basic immigration requirements.

How to apply for a Premium Visa?

The procedure is simple and free of charge online, on the EDB website:

- ▶ Book your round-trip flight;
- ▶ Apply for a Premium Visa online;
- ▶ Receive the visa by e-mail;



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- ▶ Book accommodation in Mauritius;
- ▶ Come to Mauritius;
- ▶ Notify the EDB in case of change of address during the stay in Mauritius.

The documents to be provided at the time of application are:

- ▶ A valid passport;
- ▶ A copy of your return flight tickets;
- ▶ A passport-sized photo;
- ▶ Travel and health insurance covering the entire period of your stay;
- ▶ Proof of sufficient funds is required to support you and your family during your stay. This may include a bank statement or a bank certificate indicating your capability to make a minimum monthly transfer of USD 1,500/ EUR 1,300 depending on the prevailing exchange rate.

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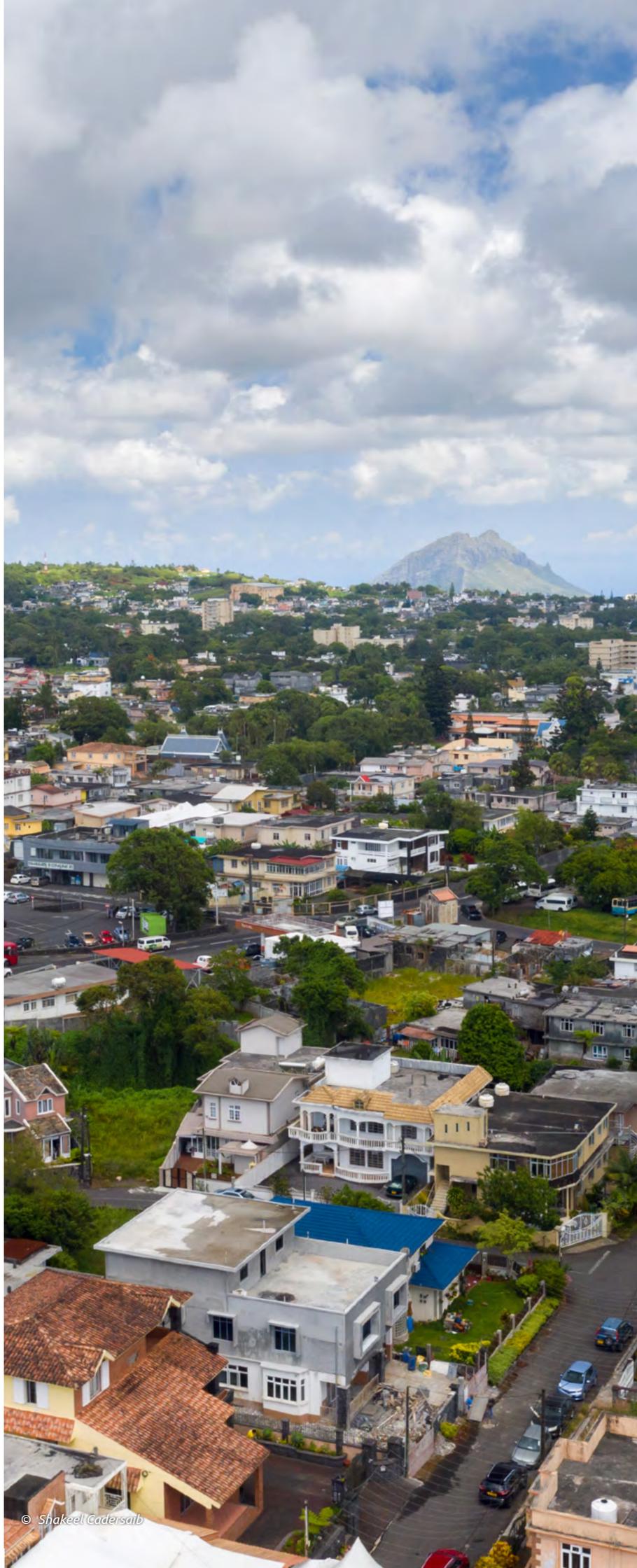
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Obtaining Mauritian citizenship

Obtaining Mauritian nationality is possible through naturalization, and the eligibility criteria vary for different categories of applicants:

Naturalization for foreigners or British Protected Persons

Residence criteria:

- ▶ A continuous period of 12 months immediately preceding the date of application;
- ▶ During the 7 years immediately preceding the 12-month period mentioned above, the applicant must have resided in Mauritius for a total of at least 5 years.

Application process:

- ▶ The application for naturalization must be presented to the Secretary of Home Affairs in the presence of a judge, the Master and Registrar of the Supreme Court, or a District Magistrate;
- ▶ An advertisement must be published in 2 daily newspapers as per the application form.

Naturalization for Investors

Eligibility criteria:

- ▶ The investor must have invested a minimum of USD 500,000 in Mauritius;
- ▶ The investor must have resid-



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ed in Mauritius for an uninterrupted period of at least 2 years prior to the date of application.

Application process:

- ▶ Submission of the application to the Secretary for Home Affairs in the presence of a judge, the Master and Registrar of the Supreme Court, or a District Magistrate;
- ▶ An advertisement must be published in 2 daily newspapers as per the application form.

Naturalization of Foreign Spouses of Mauritian Citizens

Residence criteria:

- ▶ The foreign spouse must have resided with their Mauritian spouse under the same matrimonial roof in Mauritius for a total period of 4 years imme-

diately preceding the date of the application.

Application process:

- ▶ Submission of the application to the Secretary of Home Affairs in the presence of a Judge, the Master and Registrar of the Supreme Court, or a District Magistrate.

Naturalization of Commonwealth Citizens

Residence criteria:

- ▶ A Commonwealth citizen must have resided in Mauritius for a continuous period of 5 years or a shorter period (not less than 12 months) as accepted by the Minister in special circumstances.

These provisions are in accordance with the Mauritius Citizenship Act.

Investing in Mauritius

Mauritius is an ideal destination for foreign investment. A stable democracy, the Rule of Law, an independent legal system, the island also offers quality air, sea, road and financial infrastructures, but also double taxation agreements signed with 51 countries and a proper legal and regulatory framework. In this chapter, we explore the promising sectors, the different types of investments, the administrative formalities for the investors and a lot more.



What's new for investors in Mauritius?

As of 2023, the Mauritian economy exhibits a robust recovery from the challenges imposed by the pandemic. This resurgence has propelled economic diversification, management of greenhouse gas emissions, and inflation control to the forefront of the national agenda.

Mauritius remains an attractive destination for foreign investment, attributed to its investment-friendly atmosphere and dedication to international

trade. The country's economic resilience, primarily fueled by the tourism sector, not only reinforces its economic standing but also underscores a commitment to sustainable development. Simultaneously, efforts are being made to enhance transparency through reforms aimed at simplifying business procedures. This collective momentum positions Mauritius as a compelling player in the global economic landscape.

The Mauritian authorities want to offer a competitive and attractive investment climate, a light, simple and attractive tax

platform while favoring quality investments. This can only be achieved by diversifying the investment opportunities, but also by facilitating the process through the Economic Development Board (EDB).

To achieve these objectives, Mauritius has put in place a number of measures aimed at a sustainable recovery, such as the removal of the minimum turnover requirement and the extension of the validity period of the Occupation Permit.

In addition, the minimum investment requirement has been

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lowered from USD 100,000 to USD 50,000 for non-citizens wishing to start a business or invest in an existing company in Mauritius, and the minimum investment in real estate has been lowered to USD 375,000 to obtain a permanent residence permit. Let's not forget the possibility to obtain the Residence Permit through the purchase of real estate and the long-awaited possibility for non-residents holding the Occupation Permit to host their parents as dependents. Finally, spouses of Occupation Permit holders no longer need to apply for a specific permit to work in Mauritius.

The Economic Development Board

The Economic Development Board (EDB) is the government agency responsible for promoting investment in Mauritius. To support the development of the country as an international business center, the EDB has an in-depth knowledge of the various economic sectors of the country and provides a personalized service to guide foreign investors and help them finalize their investment project:

- ▶ Advice on investment opportunities in Mauritius;
- ▶ Information on promising sectors;
- ▶ Organization of visits and meetings at the client's request;
- ▶ Identification of local part-

ners for potential investors.

The EDB is also responsible for the management of applications for residency permits in Mauritius as well as the finalization of real estate investment projects under the Property Development Scheme (PDS).

Its main objective is to ensure greater coherence and efficiency in policy implementation and to define the direction of economic development to achieve high-income status through sustainable and inclusive growth, while ensuring economic independence. To this end, it has also set up facilitation offices abroad.

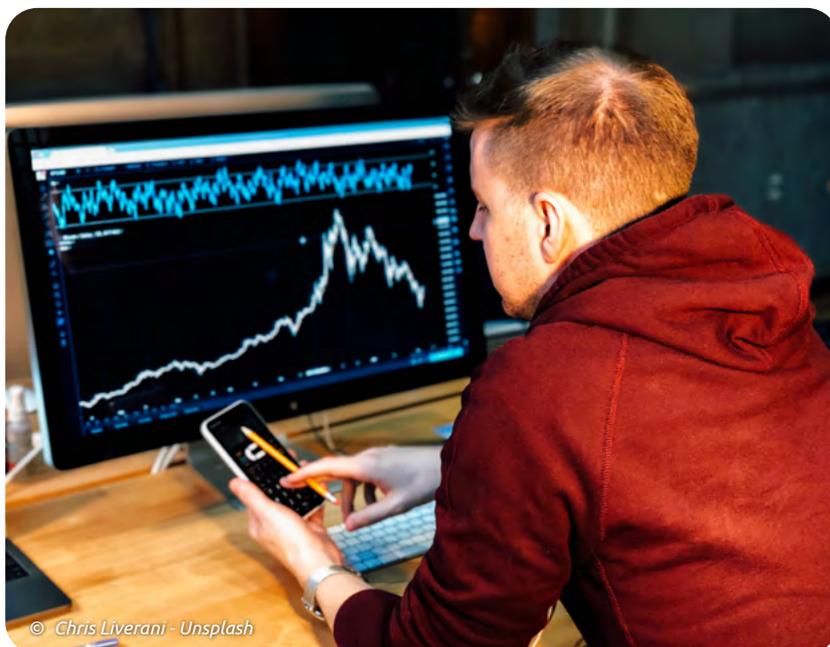
Economic sectors

According to various surveys and indicators, Mauritius stands out as one of the freest and most business-friendly countries in Africa. In the 2023 Index of Economic Freedom published by

the Heritage Foundation, Mauritius secured the top spot in the sub-Saharan African region among 47 countries and ranked 30th worldwide. Additionally, Mauritius maintained its position as the leading country in sub-Saharan Africa for the second consecutive year in the Global Innovation Index 2023 report, where it secured the 52nd position out of 132 countries globally. These rankings affirm Mauritius' commitment to economic freedom, business-friendliness, and innovation on both regional and global scales.

Existing and promising sectors

Key sectors propelling the growth of the Mauritian economy include textiles, tourism, financial and business services, information and communication technologies, seafood processing, real estate development, energy, and education and training.



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Additionally, Mauritius boasts an extensive Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) covering 2.3 million square kilometers, a substantial portion of which remains uncontested.

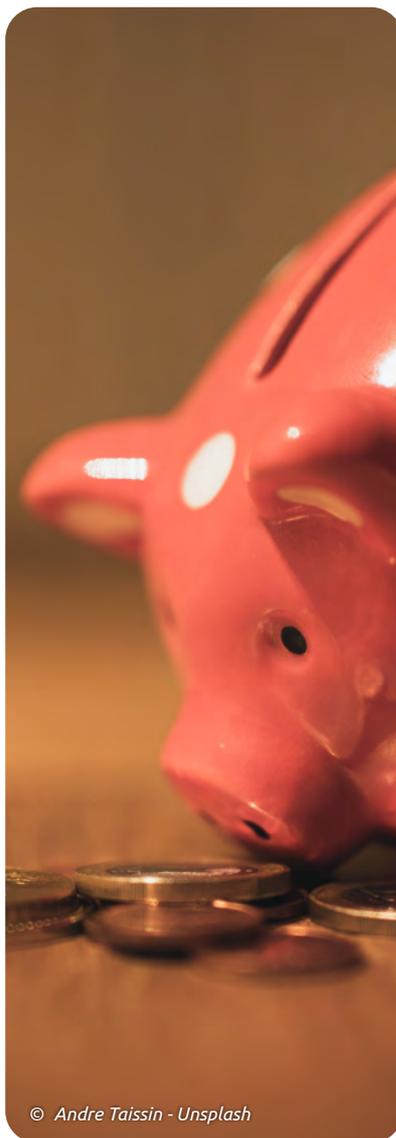
Emerging sectors in development

The Mauritian government is actively fostering the growth of the ocean economy by promoting investments in emerging sectors like aquaculture, marine services, marine biotechnology, and oil and gas exploration. Simultaneously, efforts are underway to modernize traditional sectors, including coastal tourism, fishing, seafood processing, and port activities. Strategic initiatives are being developed to invigorate industries such as pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, renewable energies, and information and communication technologies. The overarching goal is to drive economic diversification and innovation while ensuring sustainability across various economic fronts.

Find data on the main sectors of activity on the website of the [EDB](#).

Becoming an investor in Mauritius

Mauritius is known for its mature and favorable trade and investment policy. In order



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to widen the openness of the Mauritian market to foreign investors and expertise and to maintain the economic stability of the country, it offers many facilities to foreigners to develop and grow their ideas by becoming investors. Among the advantages of investing in Mauritius, let's mention the possibility to obtain an Occupation Permit of 10 years through professional investment and the Residence Permit through real estate investment.

Foreign investors in Mauritius can avail themselves of various tax incentives and investment credits:

- ▶ Interest earned by Collective Investment Funds or Open-Ended Funds established in Mauritius will see an increase in exemption from 80% to 95%;
- ▶ Manufacturing companies have the opportunity to benefit from an annual investment credit of 15% for 3 consecutive years. This credit applies to expenditures on new plant and machinery, encouraging investment in the manufacturing sector;
- ▶ PCC and VCC will be treated as independent entities for tax recovery purposes. This provides a favorable tax treatment for these entities, enhancing their attractiveness for foreign investors.

Definition of "investor" in Mauritius

The Immigration Act of 2022 stipulates that in Mauritius, an investor is defined as an individual or entity that actively contributes to the country's economic development. This classification includes foreign individuals who are registered with the Economic Development Board (EDB) and associations whose management is led by non-citizens, provided they have registered with the EDB as well.

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The 2 main types of investors are:

Professional investors: Many choose to open or invest in businesses in Mauritius because of its strategic location at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa, its proximity to Reunion Island, the cost-effectiveness of setting up a business and domiciling a head office, and the availability of a skilled bilingual workforce.

Professional investors benefit from a legal, fiscal and economic framework conducive to profitability. Indeed, the country enjoys a positive ranking in several categories. Mauritius is ranked as one of the freest and most business-friendly countries in Africa; as a country with a high human development index (66th out of 189 countries in 2020); and as a country with a high economic freedom index (first out of 47 countries in the sub-Saharan Africa region and 30th in the world - Heritage Foundation 2023).

In addition, the country has signed a China–Mauritius Free Trade Agreement effective January 1, 2021 and another preferential trade agreement with India that came into effect in April 2021.

Find below the various programs and initiatives that are offered to foreign investors wishing to open their business in Mauritius or invest in an existing business.



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Real estate investors: they choose Mauritius for several reasons. These include the absence of property tax, inheritance tax and capital gains tax. Add to that personal and rental income taxed at a flat rate of 15%, a stable political and economic framework and you have a real estate purchase with a high rental yield (between 4% and 10%).

If you are considering buying property in Mauritius as a foreigner, here are some important updates:

- ▶ You can now buy residential property worth at least USD 500,000 outside existing schemes if you are a foreign resident. However, you will have to pay an additional 10% registration tax;
- ▶ Foreign retirees and their families can obtain a residency permit by purchasing a property in a PDS project focusing on the elderly, provided the purchase price exceeds USD 200,000;
- ▶ Foreigners can acquire a pro-

perty in a sustainable city by purchasing a property with a minimum value of USD 375,000.

Find below the different programs and initiatives that are offered to foreign investors wishing to acquire real estate on the island.

Professional investors

The "Normal" investor: he/she makes an initial transfer of USD 50,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency to the bank account of the company to which the application will be made.

Existing Net Asset Value investor: has a net asset value of at least USD 50,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency, in the case of existing and inherited businesses, and a cumulative turnover of at least Rs 12 million over the 3 years preceding the application.

High Technology Machinery and Equipment Investor: makes an initial investment of USD 50,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency, including: a minimum transfer of at least USD 25,000 to the company's bank account under which the application will be made and an investment equivalent to the residual value in high technology machinery and equipment, subject to the criteria determined by the CEO.



The Innovative Start-up Investor: has 2 options- make no minimum investment and submit an innovative project to the EDB or register with an incubator accredited with the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council.

Premium Investor Certificate: issued by the EDB, it is intended for companies investing at least Rs 500 million and for companies involved in the manufacturing of pharmaceutical products and medical devices. More than a certificate, it allows one to benefit from specific incentives, on the recommendation of a technical committee and after approval of the Minister. This scheme aims to boost the emergence of pioneering industries, innovative sectors and newcomers.

Starting a business in Mauritius

Mauritius is a world-renowned business center, ranked first in sub-Saharan Africa by the World Bank. It is the most relevant destination for foreign entrepreneurs wishing to create their company in a stable and

dynamic environment. One can incorporate a company online at the Corporate and Business Registration Department. The capital of the company can be foreign, but the board of directors must be at least one resident or a domestic company.

Choosing the form of the company

In Mauritius, you can choose from 3 primary types of companies to establish: Domestic Companies, Global Business Companies, and Authorised Companies. Each type has unique characteristics and is designed to suit specific business activities.

Global Headquarters: By choosing Mauritius to set up or relocate their regional administrative, accounting or procurement functions, multinationals obtain a global headquarters administration license, which makes them eligible for an 8-year tax vacation.

Global Business Company (GBC): Based in Mauritius, the GBC benefits from a wide range of double taxation agreements, essential for a smart tax strategy. This form of company allows to carry out business activities mainly outside Mauritius.

The Authorised Company: By being directed and managed from abroad, where it has its commercial activities, the Authorised Company is considered

foreign for tax purposes.

The Protected Cell Company (PCC): Few countries offer this form of company. The PCC is governed by the Protected Cell Company Act 1999, and is a single legal entity consisting of a nucleus linked to a number of distinct and totally independent cells, including the nucleus. These cells are sometimes passive and sometimes active. The purpose of the PCC is to separate the business risks while protecting the assets and liabilities of each cell.

The Variable Capital Company (VCC): This legal structure is relevant to the traditional and alternative investment fund markets. Flexible, it is used for outbound investments in Mauritius: investment fund raising, insurance generation, structured finance and asset holding. This type of company has no capital requirement.

The trust: Governed by the Trusts Act 2001, this form of company concerns the management, transmission and protection of assets against several types of events (creditor claims, exchange control, commercial risk, etc.). Ideal for tax strategy, it protects not only assets, but also confidential information. The trust requires no formal registration and benefits from total confidentiality. Moreover, the flexibility offered by the trust law determines the applicable law in terms of governance.

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Private Trust Company (PTC): Investors choose this form of company when they are looking for a way to preserve family assets as a Trustee.

Foundation: Governed by the Foundation Act 2012, halfway between the trust and the company, it allows for estate and inheritance planning, management and protection of private wealth and asset holding strategies. When it is non-resident, the foundation is tax-exempt.

The Private Investment Fund: This structure allows investment managers and investors to send their investments to other continents.

Trading Company: Due to the geographical position of Mauritius, the trading company is an advantage for the exchange of goods and services with other countries in the region.

Freeport Company: The freeport provides its facilities to foreigners who set up their business in the export processing zone. They can use Mauritius as a center for repackaging or manufacturing products to be exported according to the following quotas: 95% of products to foreign markets; 80% to African markets; 5% to the local market.

Regulatory Sandbox License (RSL): The RSL allows investors to carry out a business activity without a legal framework or adequate provisions under the existing legislation in Mauritius. The RSL is granted by the Economic Development Board to eligible companies with the objective of investing in innovative projects, under a set of agreed terms and conditions for a defined period. Any investor who has an innovative project for which there is no legal frame-

work or adequate provisions covering the materialization of his project may submit a completed application for the issuance of an RSL. The applicant should be able to demonstrate the innovative nature of the project at the local, regional or international level. The conditions to benefit from the RSL program depend on the investment sector, FinTech or non-FinTech.

Good to know

Since January 1, 2019, the Global Business License (GBC2) category company has been replaced by the Standard Global Business License (GBL) company. As a result, Global Business License (GBC1) Category 1 companies have been renamed GBL.

Obtention of Permit(Resident, Retired, Professional & Investor)
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Registering the business

Any person carrying out a business activity in Mauritius and Rodrigues must register their business as provided for under the Business Registration Act 2002.

Registration can be done online or by submitting the required documents to the Corporate and Business Registration Department.

For online business registration, visit [the CBRD registration portal](#).

After submitting the application form and making payment, you will receive an electronic business registration card.

You can also download the forms from [the CBRD website](#).

Incorporating a business in Mauritius

Incorporating a company can be done online or by filing the complete file at the Registrar of Companies office. Before proceeding, make sure the name you have chosen for your company is available.

For online incorporation, start by registering [on the CBRD online portal](#).

To incorporate a company at the Corporate Business Registration Department office, complete the "Application for incorporation of a company" form (Form 1) and submit it to the Corporate Business Registration De-

partment along with the other required forms, depending on the situation.

Companies are automatically registered as employers with the Mauritius Revenue Authority upon incorporation.

The law does not require a seal for transactions with third parties, except for global trading companies, as required in other countries.

Once registered, the BRC is assigned the Business Registration Number (BRN), a unique identification number for the company.

The electronic certificate of incorporation is issued at no additional cost and is a valid KYC document. Its authenticity can be verified with local authorities.

FIND OUT MORE

Registrar of Companies - Corporate and Business: companies.govmu.org/Pages/default.aspx

Registration Department: <https://companies.govmu.org/Pages/Downloadable%20Forms/Downloadable-Forms.aspx>

Economic Development Board: www.edbmauritius.org or www.residency.mu

Financial Services Commission: www.fscmauritius.org/en/being-licensed/applying-for-a-licence/global-business

Residing in Mauritius as an investor

The Mauritian government's policy is to favor quality investment and to ensure the viability of investment projects by foreign nationals. Foreign investors are eligible for the Occupation Permit, provided that they:

- ▶ Are able to justify a turnover of Rs 2 million for the first year and a cumulative turnover of at least Rs 10 million for the next 2 consecutive years;



► Prove an initial investment of USD 100,000 (or equivalent in any other currency). Foreign investors, who have been operating in Mauritius for at least 3 years prior to applying for an occupation permit, must have a cumulative turnover of at least Rs

12 million for the last 3 years. This condition also applies to foreign investors, who inherit a company, in case of death or incapacity of the previous investor, when this company has a turnover of at least Rs 12 million during the last 3 years.

in a comprehensive chapter. Expats can engage in real estate investment in Mauritius through these schemes, some of which offer eligibility for a 10-year renewable residence permit or permanent residence permit, requiring a minimum investment of USD 375,000.



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If you want to become an entrepreneur in Mauritius, these are the qualities to bring to the table:

Humility: The qualified individuals in the host country with expertise in various subjects. Collaborate and co-construct with them.

Open-mindedness: Embrace differences without grumbling.

Building relationships: The ability to forge connections is invaluable: companies are driven by people, and regional/international networks are more interconnected than you might realize.

Quality of work and integrity: Fundamental to success, maintaining high standards of work and integrity is crucial.

Word-of-mouth marketing: In this close-knit ecosystem, word-of-mouth and recommendations are highly effective marketing channels. However, they can equally convey negative experiences. Therefore, delivering real value is essential.

Accessibility: Be ready to meet your customers anywhere, even in a supermarket aisle. Being accessible adds a personal touch and contributes to building strong relationships.

Real estate programs for expats in Mauritius

Several real estate schemes have been designed to attract foreign investment, although Mauritians may also be interested: the VEFA (Vente en État Futur d'Achèvement), the Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS), the Real Estate Scheme (RES), the Smart City Scheme (SCS), the Ground+2 (G+2), the Invest-Hotel Scheme (IHS) and the Property Development Scheme (PDS), which is the subject of a chapter that is as complete as possible.

Who can buy a property in Mauritius?

The following entities are allowed to purchase VEFA, IRS, RES, PDS, SCS, G+2, IHS in Mauritius:

- Foreign nationals;
- Mauritian nationals;
- Companies incorporated or registered under the Companies Act 2001;
- Civil companies governed by the Mauritius Civil Code, with articles of association filed with the Mauritius Registrar of Companies;

Land investors

Various real estate programs in Mauritius cater to expats and have been established to attract foreign investors. Mauritians also have the opportunity to participate in these programs. The programs in-

clude VEFA (Vente en État Futur d'Achèvement), Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS), Real Estate Scheme (RES), Smart City Scheme (SCS), Ground+2 (G+2), Invest-Hotel Scheme (IHS), and the Property Development Scheme (PDS), which is detailed

- ▶ Limited partnerships governed by the Limited Partnership Act;
- ▶ Trusts with at least one Qualified Trustee licensed by the Mauritius Financial Services Commission;
- ▶ Foundations governed by the Foundation Act.

Important

All new IRS and RES residential projects open to foreign investors in Mauritius are grouped under the Property Development Scheme (PDS). Consequently, any property marketed under the PDS / IRS and RES names is subject to the following purchase formalities, even if the IRS and RES names are still in use.

The EDB has created a complete [guide on the purchase of real estate in IRS / RES and PDS in Mauritius](#).

The VEFA (Sale in Future State of Completion)

VEFA, also known as "off-plan purchase", is governed by arti-

cles 1601 and following of the Mauritian Civil Code, based on the Napoleonic Code, and requires a notarial deed. All IRS, RES, and PDS can be acquired under VEFA. This type of program involves the purchase of a property that has not yet been built, is under construction, or for which the developer guarantees delivery after completion.

To provide an idea of the outcome, the developer furnishes the purchaser with plans and diagrams of the upcoming real estate project. The developer is also responsible for obtaining the building permit, securing the relevant insurance, overseeing the works, etc. The Economic Development Board (EDB) of Mauritius is planning to introduce new laws or regulations defining the conditions and responsibilities associated with VEFA, as well as the duties of the syndic in the real estate context.

Who might be interested?

The VEFA is aimed at both Mauritians and expats, who benefit from several advantages when investing in real estate in Mauritius. VEFA allows them to:

- ▶ Participate in the design of their property (interior layout);
- ▶ Pay for their purchase in installments;
- ▶ Apply for a Resident Permit for themselves and their immediate family, for any purchase of USD 375,000 or more.

Formalities to be completed:

- ▶ Signature of the reservation contract;
- ▶ Security deposit;
- ▶ Notarial deed;
- ▶ Final contract of sale, drawn up by a notary;
- ▶ Delivery of the property;
- ▶ Completion guarantees.

For Mauritian citizens:

- ▶ The "Home-ownership scheme" has been extended to June 30, 2024, offering a reimbursement equivalent to 5% of the total cost of a property, capped at Rs 500,000;
- ▶ A special provision has been introduced under the Home-ownership scheme for properties acquired under the VEFA regime. Buyers can benefit from a refund, calculated based on the amount paid under the VEFA agreement. This opportunity is available until June 30, 2025;
- ▶ Until the end of June 2024, individuals opting for a home loan under the home loan program for the construction of their residence can claim a refund of 5% of the loan amount, with a ceiling of Rs 500,000.



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The program also covers loan amounts paid up to June 30, 2025.

Signature of the reservation contract and deposit

The buyer and the developer sign a contract confirming the reservation of the property to come. In the absence of a reservation contract, the developer can proceed directly to the final sales contract.

What the reservation contract must contain

The document must clearly mention :

- ▶ The type of property;
- ▶ Its description;
- ▶ The sale price and, if applicable, the conditions for its revision;
- ▶ The date of conclusion of the final contract;
- ▶ The deadline for the implementation of the work;
- ▶ The legal conditions of renunciation of the purchase by the buyer, with recovery of the deposit;
- ▶ The suspensive condition of financing if the buyer wishes to resort to a real estate loan.

The security deposit

Following the signature of the reservation contract, the buyer deposits a sum representing 2 to 25% of the value of the property on an escrow account, opened in the name of the buyer at a notary's office, or in a financial

institution. Be careful, this deposit must be paid only when both parties have signed the reservation contract.

In case of non-realization of the real estate project, the promoter must obligatorily return this deposit to the purchaser. If the buyer decides not to buy, he/she must respect certain conditions to get his/her deposit back.

When the buyer signs the preliminary reservation contract in order to reserve his property under the VEFA, he is required to pay a deposit into a special account, opened through the notary. Until the conclusion of the sales contract, this sum remains untouchable, unless the VEFA does not materialize.

The notarized deed

The deed of sale in the future state of completion is established by a notary. The Mauritian Civil Code provides for the content of the document as follows:

- ▶ Accurate description of the property in VEFA;
- ▶ Date of completion of the construction;
- ▶ Delivery date expressed in months, with late penalties in case of overrun;
- ▶ Financial guarantees of completion of the works and/or reimbursement and construction insurance;
- ▶ Mention of administrative authorizations (building permit ect.);

- ▶ Price of the property;
- ▶ Schedule of payments;
- ▶ The final sales contract, drawn up by a notary.

One month before the signing, the notary issues the contract, equivalent to a title deed. It indicates the rights and obligations of the buyer towards the seller - the precise and final description of the property.

Delivery of the property

This is when the developer hands over the keys to the buyer. This stage marks the activation of the mandatory two-year and ten-year guarantees:

- ▶ Guarantee of perfect completion (article 1642-1 and 1648 al. 2);
- ▶ Guarantee of proper functioning of the separable equipment elements (article 1646-1 and article 1792 of the Civil Code on biennial guarantees);
- ▶ Decennial guarantee (article 1646-1 and article 1792 of the Civil Code).

Although the buyer can be entirely happy with the result, he can also claim the guarantee of perfect completion during the year following the reception of the property if he notices defects, for example.

If the purchaser has reservations upon acceptance of the work, he is entitled to ask the developer to remedy them and to resume the work within a period agreed upon.



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Completion guarantees

To protect the purchaser of a property intended to be lived in, the developer is obliged to provide him with:

- ▶ A completion guarantee or financial completion guarantee (Garantie Financière d'Achèvement - GFA) - a bank guarantee through which a financial institution undertakes to advance the sums required for the completion of the work, in the event of default by the developer. The financial guarantee of completion allows the building to be completed without canceling the sale;

or

- ▶ A reimbursement guarantee: which allows the reimburse-

ment by a financial organization of the sums already paid by the purchaser in case of non-completion. The activation of this guarantee cancels the sale.

The guarantees of a VEFA construction

By choosing the VEFA, the buyer is protected by a series of guarantees:

- ▶ Functioning of the equipment, optional guarantee, valid for 2 years. It covers all equipment that can be separated from the construction (shutters, taps, etc.);
- ▶ The ten-year warranty or "warranty against hidden defects". Thanks to this guarantee, the buyer has 10 years from the date of delivery of the property to report and have repaired any defects that affect the solidity of the building (foundations, roof, etc.);
- ▶ Damage insurance, contracted by the developer for immediate coverage by the insurer of work related to the ten-year warranty. It is valid for the entire duration of the guarantee.

Staggered payments for a VEFA property:

- ▶ 25% of the sale price upon signature of the sales contract;
- ▶ 10% on completion of the foundation work;
- ▶ 35% upon completion of the roof;
- ▶ 25% upon completion of

the work;

- ▶ 5% on delivery.

Good to know

For Mauritian citizens:

The "Home-ownership scheme" has been extended until June 30, 2024. This program offers a reimbursement equivalent to 5% of the total cost of a property, with a maximum limit of Rs 500,000.

Under the residential property scheme, a special provision has been introduced for properties acquired under the "vente en l'état futur d'achèvement" (VEFA) regime. This provision allows buyers to benefit from a refund, calculated based on the amount paid under the VEFA agreement. This opportunity will be available until June 30, 2025.

Until the end of June 2024, individuals choosing a home loan under the home loan program for the construction of their residence can claim a refund of 5% of the loan amount, with a maximum limit of Rs 500,000. This program also covers loan amounts paid up to June 30, 2025.

The Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS), introduced in 2001 by the Mauritian government and regulated by the EDB, primarily benefits large sugar companies. It offers properties situated in settings richly equipped for leisure, entertainment, and well-being, such as golf courses, marinas, beach clubs, pavilions, and wellness centers surrounding the residences.

Through this program, non-residents can acquire villas, townhouses, penthouses, duplex apartments, and serviced plots of land (maximum size 1.25 A or 5,276 m²). They and their dependents can obtain a residence permit by investing a minimum of USD 375,000.

Owners are entitled to rent out the property, become tax residents in Mauritius, and freely repatriate funds or income from the sale or rental of the property. Non-citizens holding a residence permit under the IRS are also exempted from requiring an occupation or work permit to invest and work in Mauritius.

Harmonization of Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS) fees

A procedural fee of Rs 25,000 per application for the acquisition of a G+2 apartment by a non-citizen and for a residence permit application applies.

Who might be interested in the IRS ?

The IRS is designed to attract high-income foreigners, offering

them the opportunity to invest in luxury villas.

Formalities

Formalities to be completed by non-citizens, citizens, companies, or trusts wishing to acquire property under the IRS scheme include:

- ▶ signing a reservation contract with the seller;
- ▶ the developer submitting the IRS acquisition form to the EDB in Mauritius;
- ▶ the buyer and seller drawing up the sales contract upon receipt of the EDB's approval letter.

The sales contract must be signed before a local notary.

The Real Estate Scheme

The Real Estate Scheme (RES), launched in 2007, encourages owners of small plots of land to build financially accessible and less restrictive projects. All RES projects must comprise a minimum of 6 high-end residential units, be developed on freehold land of between 1 and 24 arpents (less than 10 hectares), and offer the possibility of purchasing smaller properties.

If an IRS property is sold for a minimum of USD 375,000, the RES is not subject to a minimum sale amount. However, the buyer is not automatically eligible for the Resident Permit unless they invest at least USD 375,000. Owners can rent out the property, become tax resi-

dents in Mauritius, and freely repatriate funds or income from the sale or rental of the property.

Non-citizens with a residence permit under the RES are exempted from requiring an occupation or work permit to invest and work in Mauritius.

Harmonization of Real Estate Scheme (RES) procedural fees

The harmonization of RES procedural fees includes the introduction of a procedural fee of Rs 25,000 per application for the acquisition of a G+2 apartment by a non-citizen and for a residence permit application.

Who may be interested?

The RES targets foreigners with a limited budget who wish to live in Mauritius for a maximum of 6 months but still have a land base.

Formalities to be completed

Non-citizens, citizens, companies or trusts wishing to acquire a property under the RES scheme must comply with the following steps:

- ▶ Sign a reservation contract with the seller (the property developer or owner);
- ▶ The developer submits the RES acquisition form to the EDB of Mauritius;
- ▶ Upon receipt of the approval letter from the EDB, both the buyer and the seller must draw up the sales contract and the deed must be signed before a local notary.



Smart City Scheme (SCS)

The Smart City Scheme (SCS) was designed by the government to promote Mauritius as an international business center and encourage sustainable development. As a result, each smart city:

- ▶ Is built on a land area of over 21.105 hectares;
- ▶ Provides residential properties, commercial facilities and recreational amenities;
- ▶ Is optimized for energy efficiency;
- ▶ Is accessible to retirees, who can acquire life rights;
- ▶ Equipped with affordable housing units for middle-income earners;

- ▶ Open to Mauritian citizens and persons registered with the Mauritian Diaspora Scheme (at least 25% of residential properties);
- ▶ Allows Smart City companies and developers to sell land for residential and non-residential purposes;
- ▶ Has a company dedicated to smart management of common areas.

Benefits of investing in a Smart City program as an individual:

- ▶ Allows foreigners to apply for Resident Permit for any investment equal to or greater than USD 375,000 in real estate;
- ▶ Allows foreigners to purchase office space in Mauritius;
- ▶ Offers a wide range of tax and non-tax benefits to purchasers.

Exemptions upon investing in the development and/or components of a Smart City in Mauritius for companies:

- ▶ Income tax for a period of 8 years;
- ▶ VAT on capital goods;
- ▶ Customs duties on the import or purchase of dutiable goods;
- ▶ Real estate transfer tax and registration tax on land transfer;
- ▶ Land conversion tax on the area allocated to the development of non-residential components;
- ▶ Subdivision tax.

Who may be interested?

- ▶ A foreigner who wishes to buy a townhouse, a villa, an apartment, a penthouse or a duplex in Mauritius;
- ▶ A foreigner wishing to have the Resident Permit through real estate investment (minimum amount of USD 375,000) and who wishes to be able to rent and resell without any fees;
- ▶ Companies looking for a favorable and sustainable tax environment.

Sale of serviced land within a Smart City Project

The deadline for non-citizen residents holding a residence permit, a permanent residence permit, or a residence permit and wishing to acquire a serviced plot of land not exceeding 2,100 m² in a Smart City has been extended to June 30, 2026.

Under the new Smart City Scheme (SCS), foreign nationals and their family members will be granted a Mauritian residence permit upon the acquisition of a property with a minimum sale price of USD 375,000.

The harmonization of Smart City Scheme (SCS) fees is also part of the updated regulations.

The Ground+2 (G+2)

Located in a condominium and in a building with at least 2 floors, the G+2 apartment refers to a property that is at least 2 floors above the first floor.

A residence permit is granted to a non-citizen upon acquisition of a residential property in a building of at least 2 floors above the first floor for an amount not less than USD 375,000 or its equivalent in any other freely convertible foreign or Mauritian currency.

The residence permit is valid as long as the non-citizen remains the owner of the residential property under the G+2 scheme.

Who can be interested?

The G+2 apartment can be sold off-plan, during or after its construction, but also, and more importantly, outside of the residential schemes mentioned above. Indeed, foreigners are now allowed to buy apartments in developments outside the approved residential programs.

The EDB also reminds that holders of a permanent residence permit and a professional earning more than USD 3,000 per month are allowed to buy a G+2 apartment as their personal residence.

Formalities

To be eligible for the G+2 program, the purchaser must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ The apartment must be used according to the terms indicated on the purchase authorization;
- ▶ The owner is not allowed to transfer or assign the apartment without the authoriza-

tion of the EDB;

- ▶ The owner is not allowed to practice real estate speculation for 6 months;
- ▶ This type of property is subject to property taxes and duties calculated on its current market value;
- ▶ Any resale (with no minimum price) or transfer must be requested in writing to the EDB 30 days before the sale or transfer;

A new procedural fee of Rs 25,000 per application will be introduced for foreigners acquiring G+2 apartments.

The Invest-Hotel Scheme (IHS)

The IHS program, created in 2010, allows hotels to sell their rooms, suites or villas that are part of the hotel to buyers before, during or after the construction of the hotel.

According to the EDB, the Invest Hotel Scheme (IHS) provides the opportunity for a foreign investor and individuals to own exclusive hotel units located in Mauritius.

A non-citizen can acquire a room (or hotel unit) in new and existing hotels that are approved under the IHS. The said room is marketed with a co-ownership regulation governed by the Mauritian Civil Code. In case of sale off-plan, the sale is made under the VEFA system, governed by the Mauritian Civil Code.

The owner has privileged access to all the amenities of these highly equipped luxury hotels including ancillary services, such as dining, full service spas, fitness centers and swimming pools integrated into these resorts.

The unit owner or anyone on their behalf can enjoy the unit for up to 45 days in a 12-month period, and can also earn income through the sale-leaseback model.

If the unit or room is acquired for a minimum of USD 375,000, the owner would become eligible for a residency permit.

Who may be interested?

- ▶ A non-citizen of Mauritius;
- ▶ A Mauritian citizen;
- ▶ A company registered as a foreign company under the Companies Act 2001;
- ▶ A company incorporated under the Companies Act 2001;
- ▶ A company, the memorandum of association of which is filed with the Registrar of Companies;
- ▶ A trust, where the trust services are provided by a qualified trustee licensed by the Financial Services Commission.

Please note: a GBL company within the meaning of the Financial Services Act 2007 holding a business license is not authorized to acquire a property under the IHS program.



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Formalities

For the acquisition of a detached villa, the investment amount must not be less than USD 375,000 (excluding taxes) or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency.

For other units, no minimum investment is required.

Where a unit or any other part of the hotel is purchased from a non-Mauritian citizen, or in the case of a company with a non-Mauritian shareholder or if it is a trust whose beneficiary is a non-Mauritian citizen, or if the business partner is a non-Mauritian, the payment must be made in either Mauritian rupees, USD, Euros, Pounds Sterling or any other convertible currency.

In case of payment made in a currency other than USD, the EDB will use the selling exchange rate prevailing at the date of application to calculate the USD equivalent and ensure that the price exceeds USD 375,000 in the case of individual villas.

In case of acquisition of a unit or any other part of a hotel by a non-Mauritian citizen, the in-

vestment must be financed by the buyer from funds located outside Mauritius and transferred through a reputable bank listed in the Bank of Mauritius approved Banking Almanac.

A non-Mauritian citizen can take out a bank loan in Mauritian rupees provided that the first USD 500,000 (EUR 370,000) is paid in a convertible foreign currency and the loan repayment is made in a convertible foreign currency.

In the case of a purchase by a foreign citizen, the following documents must be provided:

- ▶ Authenticated copies of the first 5 pages of his/her passport;
- ▶ Authenticated birth certificate;
- ▶ Certificate of good character dated within 3 months;
- ▶ A letter from the bank certifying the buyer's KYC (Know Your Client) exercise.

Property Development Scheme (PDS)

Upon purchase of a property under the PDS scheme, you will be eligible for a resident permit if

you have invested USD 375,000 or more or the equivalent in another freely convertible currency.

The IRS and RES real estate programs are being replaced by the PDS to allow new luxury real estate developments for sale to foreign nationals.

All units can be acquired by foreigners wishing to invest in Mauritius, in an environment-friendly setting where the ecological aspect is paramount.

Launched in 2015, this program is oriented around flexibility, localized social and economic contribution, and respect for the environment. A project meets the PDS standards when it has a minimum of 6 residential properties of high standing. As for the surface area of a plot of land for the construction of a villa, it is 5,275 m².

The Property Development Scheme (PDS) is designed for :

- ▶ The development of luxury residential units on a lot size of at least 1 acre;
- ▶ The development of at least 6 luxury residential properties (villa, house, apartment, penthouse, duplex, building plot, etc);
- ▶ Provide quality public spaces to promote social interaction and a sense of community;
- ▶ Provide quality recreational and commercial facilities to enhance the environment surrounding these residential units;

- ▶ Provide management services for residents, including maintenance, custodial services, gardening, waste disposal;
- ▶ Social contribution in terms of facilities, and through community development and other facilities.

The projects developed under this program are built on land of all sizes, up to 20 hectares. They are luxury residential properties, sold exclusively on a VEFA basis, but with no minimum purchase price, meeting high international standards. Owners enjoy open spaces, high-level leisure and recreation facilities and daily management services.

By investing more than USD 375,000 in a PDS project, the non-citizen, his/her spouse and children under 24 years of age, are granted a residence permit as long as the purchaser holds the residential property. Finally, a non-resident holding a residence permit under the PDS is exempted from an occupation or work permit to invest and work in Mauritius.

Extension of land purchase opportunities for non-citizen residents in Mauritius

The opportunity for non-citizen residents holding a residence permit, a permanent residence permit, or a residence permit to acquire serviced land of less than 2,100 m² within PDS projects has been extended until June 30, 2026. This decision, announced

as part of the 2023–2024 budget speech, also includes the extension of the possibility of acquiring serviced land within Property Development Scheme (PDS) projects until the same date. These initiatives aim to stimulate property investment and strengthen Mauritius' position as an attractive destination for non-citizen residents looking to invest in real estate.

Advantages of the PDS scheme in Mauritius

Upon purchase of a villa under the PDS scheme, you will be eligible for a residence permit if you have invested more than USD 375,000 or the equivalent in another freely convertible currency. This residency permit is valid as long as you retain ownership of the property. It allows you to benefit from the particularly favorable tax policy if you stay more than 183 days per year in Mauritius while being vouchable for your immediate family members (spouse and children up to the age of 24).

Registration fees under the PDS are harmonized at a single rate of 5%. The conversion tax is not applicable on 9-hole golf courses. You have the option of renting your property through a reputable real estate agency, which will find tenants and manage your property in your absence for the whole year or part of it.

Whether you are an individual or a business, with the PDS

you benefit from the flat and advantageous 15% tax rate for businesses and individuals, as well as a registration fee of only 5% on real estate transactions. There is no capital gains tax on the sale of the property and no withholding tax on interest and dividends.

You will benefit from duty exemptions on equipment and the free repatriation of profits, dividends and capital. For French buyers, this investment is not included in the calculation of the wealth tax (ISF) and there is no generalized social contribution (CSG), property tax or housing tax.

Who can be interested?

The following are eligible to purchase a residential property PDS:

- ▶ An individual, Mauritian citizen, non-citizen or member of the Mauritian diaspora;
- ▶ A company incorporated or registered under the Companies Act;
- ▶ A company whose memorandum of association is filed with the Corporate and Business Registration Department;
- ▶ A limited partnership within the meaning of the Limited Partnerships Act;
- ▶ A trust, where guardianship services are provided by a qualified trustee;
- ▶ A foundation under the Foundations Act;
- ▶ An expat holding an

Occupation Permit or Resident Permit in Mauritius in search of a luxury villa with services and amenities or a luxury apartment with services and amenities or a penthouse with services and amenities or other similar properties that are or can be used as a serviced residence.

Formalities

There are 3 cases: purchase of a PDS property by an individual; purchase of a PDS property by a company; purchase of a commercial PDS property by a company.

Purchase of a PDS property by an individual

The application to purchase a PDS property must be submitted to the EDB by a company that specializes in the PDS program. This company will carry out the Know Your Client (KYC) exercise and open an Escrow Account in your name. The application must be made online through the Property Acquisition and Management System. A non-refundable fee of Rs 20,000 payable by cheque is applied to each application.

As an individual buyer, the following documents are required:

- ▶ A certified / notarized copy of the first 5 pages of your passport;

- ▶ A certified / notarized copy of your birth certificate;
- ▶ A letter from your bank certifying that the KYC exercise has been completed.

If you wish to apply for permanent residency, you will also need to produce the following documents:

- ▶ A completed resident permit application form;
- ▶ An extract of your criminal record dated less than 6 months prior to the application;
- ▶ A certified / notarized copy of your birth certificate;
- ▶ A medical certificate dated

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- ▶ An extract of your marriage certificate and the birth certificate of your children, if you are accompanied by family members, as well as their passports;
- ▶ A medical certificate for each of your dependents;
- ▶ An extract from your spouse's criminal record;
- ▶ 2 passport-size photos for the applicant and his/her spouse.

Purchase of a PDS property by a company

In the case of a company wishing to purchase a property under the PDS program, an application must be made to the EDB for authorization. The following documents must be submitted:

- ▶ The company's certificate of registration, showing that it has been registered as a foreign company under the Companies Act of 2001, or a certificate of incorporation ;
- ▶ The company's registration card;
- ▶ The register of shareholders;
- ▶ A resolution of the Board of Directors, issued by the Secretary or Director for the appointment of a foreign national (shareholder, executive director or general manager) to occupy the residential property and stay in the country as a resident;
- ▶ All the above-mentioned documents in the case of foreign nationals applying for a

resident permit accompanied by their dependents.

Purchase of a commercial PDS property by a company

Foreign nationals who are not registered with the EDB can acquire commercial space in a building to develop their business, including a shopping mall, office building or warehouse, or even under the PDS or Smart City Scheme. For this, an application must be made to the EDB for a permit.

Documents to be submitted:

- ▶ A completed application form signed by the company director;
- ▶ The company's Certificate of Incorporation and register of shareholders;
- ▶ A business plan containing details of the shareholders, project, time frame and financing of the project;
- ▶ A site plan issued by a sworn surveyor indicating the precise location and size of the property;
- ▶ An appraisal report of the property issued by a surveyor or appraiser;
- ▶ A bill of sale drawn up before a notary public in Mauritius between the seller and the buyer;
- ▶ Proof of funds from a bank (for the acquisition of the property and the implementation of the project);
- ▶ An Outline Planning Permission issued by the local authorities if construction works are planned;





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- ▶ A letter of power of attorney in the case of a third party application;
- ▶ A letter of intent issued by the Tourism Authority in the case of tourism activities, such as hotel or restaurant development, yacht operation, tour operators, etc.

Payment schedule for a real estate purchase under an PDS project

The reservation contract must be made by a notary and once the application to the EDB has been approved, the deed of sale can be signed and registered.

When the acquisition of a PDS property is done on plan or in the construction phase, the contract is governed by the provisions of a sale in future state of completion (VEFA) or a forward sale, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions

of articles 1601-1 to 1601-45 of the Mauritius Civil Code.

The payment schedule of a property in PDS, similar to that in VEFA:

- ▶ 25% of the sale price at the signature of the sale contract;
- ▶ 10% upon completion of the foundation works;
- ▶ 35% upon completion of the roof;
- ▶ 25% upon completion of the work;
- ▶ 5% upon delivery.

Residence Permit

To obtain a residence permit through the acquisition of a real estate residence, a minimum of USD 375,000 is required. The purchaser and his family members (spouse and children under 24 years of age) become eligible for the Mauritian residence permit,

which is valid for the entire period of ownership of the property.

A new procedural fee of Rs 25,000 per application will be introduced for foreigners applying for residence permits under residential schemes.

Good to know

Owners of real estate in IRS/RES/PDS can rent out their property, become tax residents in Mauritius and are not subject to any restrictions on repatriation of funds or income from the sale or rental of the property. Non-citizens holding a residence permit under the IRS/RES/PDS are exempt from the Occupation Permit or Work Permit to invest and work in Mauritius.

Working in Mauritius

The small, prosperous republic of Mauritius has risen to become one of the most progressive economies in Africa. Its strategic location in the heart of the Indian Ocean makes it a prime destination for work and investment. Here's everything you need to know if you want to find or have found a job in Mauritius.



The job market

The Mauritian economy is a service economy, and, not surprisingly, the labor market is dominated by this sector. The largest employers are the new technologies, information and communication, financial services, textile and tourism sectors. The most sought-after profiles are digital marketing experts, web developers, finance and FinTech experts (more information below).

Keep in mind that you need to meet certain salary requirements to work in Mauritius. However, some professions are not accessible to foreigners, such as car rental and water sports. In

addition, an employer must justify hiring a foreigner, especially if the skills are available among the local population. Your added value will, therefore, be a rare skill that is difficult to find among the Mauritian workforce.

Good to know
The 2023–2024 budget incorporates an elevation in the minimum wage and introduces measures to promote flexible work schedules, including the implementation of a four-day workweek. Additionally, it includes provisions for leave for women who have had a miscarriage.

What are the most dynamic sectors?

Formerly driven by sugar cane, today, the Mauritian economy is based on manufacturing, real estate and construction, logistics, financial services, ICT and tourism. This dynamism has encouraged both local and foreign investors, who together contribute to Mauritius' healthy job market.

At present, apart from the public sector, there are sectors that are particularly dynamic in terms of recruitment:

- ▶ Information and communication technologies (ICT);
- ▶ Agro-food industry;

- ▶ Creative industry;
- ▶ Education;
- ▶ Financial services;
- ▶ Freeport and logistics;
- ▶ Health & wellness;
- ▶ Life sciences;
- ▶ Manufacturing;
- ▶ Marine economy;
- ▶ Real estate & hospitality;
- ▶ Renewable energy;
- ▶ Sports economy.
- ▶ Sustainable energy;
- ▶ Agri-food industry;
- ▶ Sea products;
- ▶ Ocean industry.

The most sought-after professions:

- ▶ Cybersecurity;
- ▶ Software development;
- ▶ Writing/content creation;
- ▶ Web design;
- ▶ Communication;
- ▶ Marketing/sales;
- ▶ Digital marketing;
- ▶ Civil engineering.

Other sectors to explore:

- ▶ Education;
- ▶ Medical biology;



**BÉATRICE DE MICHELENA,
A FRENCH LAWYER:**

Upon obtaining my permanent residency, I embarked on a job search and was pleasantly surprised to receive offers relatively quickly, bringing me a sense of both surprise and relief.

For more than 2 and a half years, I have been employed at Uteem Chambers, a law firm specializing in the financial and offshore sectors, as well as handling business and day-to-day litigation. Our collaboration extends to a management company, UC Solutions Ltd.

The legal practice in Mauritius presents unique aspects, given its blend of French and Common Law influences. English is the predominant language for legal proceedings. Interestingly, Mauritius has preserved the *avocat/avoué* distinction, a concept no longer existing in France. To practice as a Mauritian lawyer, one must hold Mauritian nationality, limiting foreign lawyers from pleading in court but allowing them to practice as foreign lawyers.

My advice is to establish a specialization or unique expertise that sets you apart. In my case, my proficiency in French law, encompassing both national and international aspects, proves to be a valuable asset, particularly since many lawyers in Mauritius were called to the bar in England.

Which sectors, in particular, are best for expats?

Several sectors stand out from the rest by being particularly favorable to the recruitment of expatriate profiles: information technology, pharmaceuticals, financial services, education, construction and real estate.

Information technology: the Côte d'Or Data Technology Park project and its 12 specialized centers are expected to create many jobs in the ICT sector. Several profiles will be needed, for example, in sustainable technologies, advanced sciences, technical training, etc.

Pharmaceutical sector: research and development in this sector are quickly evolving in Mauritius, especially since the government has set up various incentives and facilities for companies specializing in life sciences.

Financial services: the introduction of new financial products will require the recruitment of specialists. There are also plans to create a venture capital market for SMEs.

Education: Mauritius aspires to become a center of higher education in Africa and to reach 100,000 international students. To achieve this, it needs strong academic profiles.

Construction and real estate: these 2 sectors are among the

economic pillars of Mauritius. The country continues to focus on real estate development, which is, overall, conducive to jobs in construction and property management.

Requirements to hire expats in Mauritius

Many Mauritian companies hire expats to work in Mauritius, provided they comply with the provisions of the Non-Citizens (Employment restriction) Act. They must therefore ensure that their foreign employees have a valid Residence or Occupation Permit under the “Professional” category to work and live in Mauritius. If this is not the case, the company will have to apply on behalf of the employee.

The Occupation Permit "Professional" (Employee)

The Occupation Permit allows a foreign professional to work for a company incorporated in Mauritius. The company must meet the following conditions:

- ▶ Pay a basic salary of at least Rs 30,000;
- ▶ Handle the Occupation Permit "Professional" application on behalf of the employee.

The expatriate employee must demonstrate academic and/or professional skills and qualifications relevant to the job.

Work Permit for Labor and Non-Labor Jobs

Expats must contact the right person, depending on their job category. For blue-collar jobs, the work permit is issued by the Ministry of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training. Others are subject to an Occupation Permit, which is processed by the Economic Development Board.

Finding a job

For expats, finding a job in Mau-

ritius need not be daunting: it is possible to apply from abroad. Nevertheless, it is strongly advised to be on the island to have a better, hands-on idea of the labor market and to take advantage of a network that has proven its worth via word-of-mouth.

If you have a specialized profile, do not hesitate to call upon the services of a headhunter, whose network will be particularly extensive. What's more, this professional is often also aware of hidden opportunities, i.e., not advertised to the public but still available.



As for LinkedIn, update your profile by indicating your openness to new professional opportunities. For better visibility, change your location to Mauritius so that recruiters and companies can find you more easily.

WHERE TO SEARCH FOR JOBS?

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Expats in Mauritius and remote work

Mauritius has recently been elected as the ideal destination for remote work. Indeed, due to its efficient management of the Covid pandemic, the 4G connectivity, and the arrival of the 5G, remote workers have all the necessary tools to work serenely.

Being a digital nomad in Mauritius

It is possible for non-residents to work from Mauritius for a company located abroad. For this, there is the Premium Visa, free of charge and valid from 6 months to 1 year, with the possibility of renewal.

In return, the applicant agrees not to enter the Mauritian labor market, to have a main place of business and main source of income and profits outside Mauritius, and to prove through documents the purpose of stay, accommodation, etc.

Freelance work from Mauritius as an expat

To work as a freelancer from Mauritius as an expatriate, you just need to opt for the self-employed status and apply for the Self-Employed Occupation Permit. Self-employed workers are now only required to provide ev-

idence of fund transfer within 4 weeks of obtaining their license, with subsequent verifications, eliminating the need for a USD 35,000 investment.

To secure this 10-year renewable visa, applicants need to demonstrate an annual income of Rs 800,000 starting from the third year of registration. Additionally, a fee of USD 1,000 is applicable following the approval of the application.

CV and cover letter to work in Mauritius

The CV to apply for a job in Mauritius can be written in English or French. You will need to research the company to know which language is most appropriate in particular cases. It should also contain the following information:

- ▶ Name / Address, city, state, zip code / Phone number / Email address;
- ▶ Personal information: date of birth;



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- ▶ Education and experience: dates / major subjects / details of degrees, training and certification / high school / university / college / technical school;
- ▶ Academic qualifications: High School / Tertiary Level / Technical Qualifications / Additional Qualifications (e.g., computer literacy);
- ▶ Work experience: List in chronological order, details of each position and dates / Work History / Academic positions / Institution or company name.

As for the cover letter, it should contain a short explanatory text, e.g., “Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to apply for the position of xxxxx advertised on xxxxxx. As requested, I am enclosing my certification, resume and 3 references”.

Tips from the Ministry of Labor, Human Resource Development and Training

- ▶ Use figures to illustrate your achievements;
- ▶ Focus on the most relevant and significant elements of your professional and academic career;
- ▶ The document should help the reader to find information quickly to conclude if you are a potential candidate;
- ▶ Your resume should focus on your achievements and skills;
- ▶ Mention your 2 or 3 most rel-

evant strengths and illustrate them with experiences and achievements;

- ▶ Present yourself as a professional with a simple email address and, if applicable, a website that highlights your relevant skills and achievements;
- ▶ Include your current home address, a personal email ad-



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dress and a personal phone number;

- ▶ In Mauritius, the ideal CV runs on 2 pages, 3 pages maximum;
- ▶ Include information about any advanced degrees, such as MBAs or executive programs you have attended;
- ▶ Explain any significant breaks

in your career or education;

- ▶ Identify keywords from the job description and repeat them in your resume. Let the employer know that you have the specific skills mentioned;
- ▶ Include references (who have credentials - former employers, teachers and professors) and let them know they will be contacted by one or more companies in Mauritius. Send them a copy of your CV;
- ▶ Interests: keep it brief, unless the interest can be an added value for the job you are interested in.

The cover letter

As for the cover letter, like everywhere else, it is meant to support the CV and to make the link with the position you are interested in. Written in French or English, depending on the language of the CV, personalized and adapted to each application, it should highlight your personal motivations, but above all, your interest in the company in Mauritius on a maximum of one page.

Average salaries in Mauritius

Based on a study by BDEEX, the average net salaries for various company categories in Mauritius saw a slight increase in 2023 compared to 2022, with variations based on company size. Here is an overview of salary trends:

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In large companies (250+ employees):

- ▶ Average salary increased from Rs 30,604 in 2022 to Rs 31,750 in 2023.

In medium-sized companies (up to 250 employees):

- ▶ Average salary rose from Rs 24,416 in 2022 to Rs 24,819 in 2023.

For small companies (up to 100 employees):

- ▶ Average wage increased from Rs 19,944 in 2022 to Rs 20,435 in 2023, reflecting a rise of Rs 491.

In micro-businesses (up to 15 employees):

- ▶ Average wage increased from Rs 13,296 in 2022 to Rs 13,751

in 2023, indicating a rise of Rs 455.

In the public sector:

- ▶ Average wage increased from Rs 17,728 in 2022 to Rs 18,299 in 2023, indicating an increase of Rs 571.

To enhance workers' purchasing power amid rising inflation, starting January 1, 2024, the minimum income (including the CSG Income Allocation) for a full-time employee should not be less than Rs 17,000 per month.

Labor Code

The Labor Code is governed by the Ministry of Labor through the Workers Rights Act 2019. The provisions of the Workers Rights Act 2019 are, amongst others:

- ▶ The legal length of a workday is 8 hours, excluding a 1-hour lunch break;
- ▶ Overtime is paid as agreed with the employer. When working on a holiday, one is paid twice;
- ▶ After 12 months with the same employer, you will be eligible for 22 days of annual leave and 15 days of sick leave.

Do not hesitate to consult the [Ministry's website](#) for more information.

Work contract

In Mauritius, employers must scrupulously respect labor laws when hiring expat employees. The salary and conditions of employment of expat employees must not put them at a disad-

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vantage compared to local employees.

Expatriate employees must also be paid exclusively in Mauritius and in Mauritian rupees.

Furthermore, the employer must not make any deduction from the salary/remuneration of an expat employee unless the deduction is provided for and authorized by labor laws. This includes compulsory deductions, pension and tax contributions.

All terms and conditions of employment and related benefits must be clearly stipulated in the employment contract, which must be duly signed by the expat and the employer. A copy must be given to the employee:

- ▶ the expat's situation;
- ▶ the conditions relating to the days and hours of work;
- ▶ the conditions of payment of salaries, overtime;
- ▶ the conditions of payment for days and hours worked on Sundays and holidays;
- ▶ conditions of payment of year-end bonuses;
- ▶ the duration of meals and breaks;
- ▶ specification of annual leave, sickness and maternity leave;
- ▶ conditions in case of termination of the employment contract, notice;
- ▶ additional provisions for housing, airfare, car.

Working hours and vacations

The Mauritius Labor Code provides that:

The normal working week for any employee who is not a part-time employee or a caregiver consists of 45 hours of work, except in special situations or other provisions. A caregiver in Mauritius is a professional who cares for the sick and the elderly. This does not include time for meals, tea breaks and other intervals.

The employer and the employee can decide on the number of overtime hours worked by the employee.

Employees are entitled to at least one rest day of at least 24 hours in 7 days.

If the job requires 5 days of work per week, the employee must work 9 hours every 5 days of the week, including an hour for lunch.

If the job requires 6 days of work per week, the employee must work 8 hours on 5 days of the week and 5 hours on the remaining day, excluding public holidays.

The employer may not require the employee to work nights for 5 consecutive nights, with the exception of certain sectors and industries.

If the employee is asked to work on a public holiday, the per hour rate is doubled for the first 8 hours and tripled for every additional hour.

An employee may request a flexible work schedule for reasons such as the impossibility of reorganizing the work or if the quality of the work is compromised if the employer is able to grant such an arrangement

- ▶ With 48 hours' notice, employees can ask for a 4-day work week, spreading their working hours over fewer days;
- ▶ The Finance Bill contains measures to compensate workers who have been laid off for their accrued leave.

Good to Know

In Mauritius, an employer cannot hire a minor to work between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Different types of leave

Leaves are included in the benefits employees have as part of their remuneration and require the employer's authorization.

In Mauritius, one can be absent from work and with the permission of the employer to carry out recreational and rest activities, to fulfill personal and religious obligations,

for continuous learning and development purposes, to maintain good physical and mental health, to improve work-life balance.

Employees can benefit from various types of leave, including:

Annual leave: full-time employees are entitled to 20 days of annual leave per year. They are also entitled to 2 additional days of leave per year, the dates of which are at the discretion of the employer. This leave may be taken for a full day, half-day, or a shorter period agreed upon by the employer and employee.

Any employee who has been employed full-time by the same employer for a period of 6 consecutive months and who has been present every working day during that period is entitled to one day of annual leave for each month thereafter until the 12th month, so long as he or she remains employed by the same employer.

Sick leave: any full-time employee continuously employed by the same employer for a period of 12 consecutive months is entitled, during each subsequent 12-month period of continuous employment, to 15 working days of sick leave on full pay. When an employee has unused sick leave days at the end of the year, these remaining days are cumulative to a maximum of 90 days and are non-refundable. They may be used for extended con-



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valence or hospitalization.

Maternity and paternity leave: women are generally entitled to 14 weeks of paid maternity leave, 6 of which must be taken before the birth and 6 weeks after. They are entitled to full pay if they have been employed for more than 12 months. Fathers are entitled to 5 days of paid paternity leave.

Leave to care for a sick child: an employee with a basic monthly salary of Rs 50,000 or less is entitled to take up to 10 days of paid leave during each period of 12 consecutive months, to be charged against annual leave, sick leave or vacation leave, at their convenience.

Adoption leave: when an employee continuously employed by the same employer for a period of 12 consecutive months adopts a child under the age of 12 months, they are entitled, upon presentation of a certified copy of the court order and a copy of the child's birth certificate, to 14 weeks leave with full pay.

Leave for miscarriage and still-birth: When an employee has a miscarriage duly certified by a physician, she is entitled to 3 weeks' leave with full pay immediately following the miscarriage. When an employee gives birth to a stillborn child, she is entitled, upon presentation of a medical certificate, to 14 weeks' leave with full pay.

Vacation (leaves): this is 30 days of leave granted by the employer to an employee who has 5 years of continuous service with the same company. The employee is allowed to use all or half of his/her vacation days for a stay abroad. The counter resets to zero as soon as they are used for another 5 years.

Leave to attend court: an employee earning less than Rs 600,000 per annum who is summoned to court as a witness or a stakeholder is entitled to full pay leave only if the employee is attending court as a representative of the employer or on behalf of the employer.



KRIS LUTCHMAYA, A BRITISH EXPATRIATE:

"Continuous learning and skills development:

To stay competitive in the job market, it's crucial to stay updated on industry trends, acquire new knowledge, and refine your skills. Maintaining a learning mindset and actively seeking professional development opportunities will propel your career forward.

Build a strong professional network:

Networking is vital in Mauritius, fostering contacts, collaboration, and career opportunities. Actively participating in industry events, joining professional associations, and engaging in online communities all contribute to expanding your network.

Demonstrate adaptability and resilience:

Like any country, Mauritius experiences changes in the economic, technological, and commercial landscape. Being adaptable and resilient helps professionals navigate these changes, seize new opportunities, and thrive amidst challenges.

Emphasize cultural intelligence:

Mauritius boasts cultural diversity, making cultural intelligence essential for success. Sensitivity to different cultural norms, customs, and practices enhances communication and collaboration with colleagues, customers, and partners in a multicultural environment.

Adopt an entrepreneurial spirit:

Mauritius provides opportunities for entrepreneurship and innovation. Individuals with an entrepreneurial spirit and a willingness to take calculated risks can leverage emerging market trends, identify gaps, and establish successful businesses."

The work culture in Mauritius

Punctuality, respect of rules and of hierarchy are required within the company.

As far as greetings are concerned, a handshake is welcome, but over time, at least with close colleagues, it will give way to a

kiss on the cheeks. As a reminder, however, in pandemic times, physical contact is not recommended.

As for the dress code, it is advisable to opt for a chic and sober wardrobe, even in summer. You should also know that the vast majority of companies are equipped with air conditioning!

Don't be surprised if you are asked about your religion! Here, the question is part of the local habits and is not discriminatory.

Regarding the language spoken in the workplace, it can be French, English or Creole. In any case, Mauritians always make the effort to include everyone and will switch to French or English for better communication.

Remote work, or at least a hybrid system, is slowly starting to enter the professional practices in Mauritius. However, you're unlikely to be given the opportunity to work remotely from the very first days of your employment.

USEFUL LINKS

EDB - Working & living in Mauritius residency.mu/work

Ministry of Labour - labour.govmu.org/SitePages/Index.aspx

Internships in Mauritius

There are 2 possibilities for non-residents wishing to temporarily enter the Mauritian job market: the Volontariat International en Entreprise (VIE) [French or citizens of an European Economic Area (EEA) country only] and the internship. However, the search for an internship or a VIE in Mauritius may require patience and perseverance.



Doing an internship in Mauritius

For an internship of less than 3 months, you will need to apply for a tourist visa and beyond 3 months, the employer will need

to apply for a Residence Permit for Internship on your behalf. The requirements for residence permits for internship in Mauritius are:

- ▶ As a non-citizen looking to engage in practical training, an internship (referred to as "stage"), or a work placement to enhance skills and gain experience;
- ▶ Holding a diploma;
- ▶ Not receiving remuneration in Mauritius.

Simply begin your search for an internship by typing "Internship Mauritius" into your search engine and you will come across a list of offers published online.

You can also save interesting offers, share them, apply directly on the displayed page, and also activate the job alerts.

Do not hesitate to send unsolicited applications, especially to French companies located on the island. Consider looking at the websites of the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Mauritius (CCIFM) and the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

It is also possible to come to Mauritius on a tourist visa for face-to-face application and interview purposes only.

Young Professional Occupation Permit (YPOP)

International students who have

obtained at least an undergraduate degree from a Mauritian institution of higher learning are eligible to apply for a YPOP, according to defined criteria.

The YPOP is a work permit valid for a maximum period of 3 years, depending on the duration of the work contract. The application for YPOP must be submitted by the Employer to the EDB - Occupation Permit Unit via email at: op@edbmauritius.org.

If an employer still requires the service of the foreign employee after the 3 years, the employer may apply for an Occupation Permit under the Professional category on behalf of the employee.

Eligibility criteria

The following criteria must be met to be eligible for a YPOP:

- ▶ Being the holder of at least an undergraduate degree from an institution of higher education recognized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC);
- ▶ Applying no later than 6 months after the date of publication of the results.

If an individual holds a YPOP and intends to change jobs before it expires, condition 2 does not apply.

Higher Education in Mauritius

Mauritius is becoming a higher education hub for the region as it offers a great deal of options. Most Mauritian institutions and organizations offer their courses in partnership with renowned international universities. International students are, of course, welcome in Mauritian institutions.



Important

For a successful higher education in Mauritius, you should be aware of the entry requirements that apply to foreigners.

Higher education in Mauritius in figures

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has published figures on the number of higher education institutions and the international student population in Mauritius. Here is what they show.

Institutions of higher learning

As of December 2023, Mauritius had 10 government-funded institutions in operation, which encompassed the 4 public universities.

In alignment with the HEC Regulatory Framework, all higher education institutions are required to register with the HEC and obtain accreditation for their programs. As of 2023, a total of 31 private institutions had successfully registered with the HEC.

These registered institutions offered a diverse range of courses spanning various fields, covering educational levels from Certificates to Masters. Diplomas awarded by these institutions were recognized both locally and internationally. The category of Institutions of Excellence in the Private Sector (IESPs) included entities such as International Campuses, degree-granting institutions, franchises collaborating with degree-granting bodies either locally or abroad, or a combination of both.



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- Bachelor of Business Administration (PT)
- Bachelor of Business Management & Leadership (PT)

(*Entry pathway towards a Curtin Degree)

International students

The latest report on international students in Mauritius dates back to 2021.

As of December 2021, the total number of international students reached 2,858, reflecting a 2.7% increase from the 2,782 recorded in 2020. The distribution of these students revealed that 84.8% (2,423) were enrolled in private higher education institutions, while 15.2% (435) chose publicly funded institutions (PFIs). Notably, there was

a rise in international student enrollment in PFIs, increasing from 355 in 2020 to 435 in 2021, while private higher education institutions (PHEIs) maintained nearly stable figures at 2,427 in 2020 and 2,423 in 2021.

These international students hailed from 72 different countries, with significant proportions originating from India (36.4%), Madagascar (9.9%), Nigeria (8.9%), Zimbabwe (6%), and Kenya (5.5%). The remaining 33.3% represented students from South Africa, Tanzania, France, and other nations.

Regionally, the majority of international students, accounting for 56%, came from Africa, followed by 37% from Asia, 6% from Europe, and 1% from other parts of the world.

Analyzing their fields of study, the data showed that medicine remained the preferred choice for 35.3% (1,009) of international students. Other popular fields included information technology (12.0%), business/commerce/marketing (11.5%), administration/management (11.2%), travel/hospitality/tourism (6.3%), law (4.8%), and other diverse fields (18.9%).

PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS



BOKAMOSO, PHD STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY OF MAURITIUS

"As a PhD student in Mauritius, I've been impressed by the commendable higher education system. The faculties and staff demonstrate competence, support, and a strong commitment to creating an environment that encourages both learning and research. Mauritius' higher education system actively promotes internationalization, drawing in students and researchers from diverse backgrounds. This diversity not only enriches the overall learning experience but also creates valuable opportunities for cross-cultural exchange and collaboration."

higher education institutions as well as executive training.

The higher education offer includes 6 renowned international institutions, and, to date, 2,000 students have joined the institutions installed at UNICITI to benefit from an outstanding, modern setting that is perfect for intellectual growth.

The institutions of higher learning located within UNICITI are the following:

UNICITI Education Hub

UNICITI is a Smart City located on the West coast of Mauritius. Its overall environment has been designed to provide an innovative and modern living, learn-

ing, working and recreational environment.

UNICITI Education Hub is UNICITI's integrated and international education hub targeting the African continent. It includes pre-schools, pre-primary, primary and secondary schools,

- ▶ Université Paris Panthéon-Assas;
- ▶ Ensa Nantes;
- ▶ Vatel;
- ▶ Middlesex University;
- ▶ Amity Mauritius;
- ▶ MCB Institute of Finance.



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Vatel

In competition with Hotelschool The Hague and Oxford, the Vatel group won the "Best Hospitality Management School" award. Since its creation more than 40 years ago, Vatel has been closely linked to the largest international hotel groups in the world, thus offering the best professors, examination boards and academic advice to students.

Today, the Vatel school in Mauritius is located in the heart of a park of several hectares, where there is a student restaurant

open at lunchtime. Close to Quatre Bornes on one side and Flic en Flac on the other, this school offers a choice of accommodation and a shuttle bus system to facilitate students' travel.

The training program at Vatel

Vatel offers 2 programs and a preparatory program for students who wish to pursue their careers by becoming international hotel managers or international hotel directors. Courses are offered in French and English, as desired.

Bachelor in International Hotel Management

This program consists of a first cycle that lasts 3 years, combining theory and practice with an internship. Before obtaining their degree in International Hotel Management, students are trained in:

- ▶ Law;
- ▶ Economics;
- ▶ Languages;
- ▶ Managerial techniques;
- ▶ Team management.

Students wishing to take the Bachelor in International Hotel Management program in English must have a TOEFL 550 (80 IBT) or IELTS 5.5 (academic) level and send their cover letter written in English.

MBA in International Hotel Management

This program takes place over a minimum of 2 years. It combines theory and practice in the first year, then theory and internship in the second year. The program includes:

- ▶ Meeting and discovery of professions with industry professionals;
- ▶ Solving existing problems in partner hotels;
- ▶ Participation in the virtual management simulation game "Vatel International Business Game";
- ▶ Internship with recruitment option.

Students wishing to take the MBA in International Hotel Management program in English must present a TOEFL 550 (80 IBT) or IELTS 5.5 (academic) level and send their cover letter written in English.

Vatel's admission procedures

Vatel's admission process consists of 6 steps:

- ▶ The applicant contacts the Vatel campus;
- ▶ The candidate prepares an application, which must contain the required supporting documents, and sends it to the training institute;
- ▶ If the candidates are eligible, the institute invites them to the next entrance exam;
- ▶ Passing of the entrance exam to Vatel school;
- ▶ Receipt of the results of the entrance exam;
- ▶ In case of success, interview with the school's management to validate the registration.

Admission requirements to Vatel

At Vatel, each program has its own admission requirements that you will discover below.

Bachelor in International Hotel Management

To be eligible for the Bachelor in International Hotel Management, candidates from abroad must meet the following criteria:



- ▶ From Switzerland: be of legal age;
- ▶ From France: have the Baccalauréat;
- ▶ From Belgium: have a High School Diploma;
- ▶ From other countries: High School Diploma or A-Level equivalents.

MBA in International Hotel Management

To be eligible for the MBA in International Hotel Management, applicants from abroad must meet the following criteria:

- ▶ From Switzerland: Individuals who have reached the legal age of maturity;
- ▶ From France: Baccalauréat;
- ▶ From Belgium: A certificate of end of secondary studies;
- ▶ From other countries: High School Diploma or equivalent A-Level;
- ▶ Have completed the first cycle of higher education;
- ▶ Have acquired the fundamentals of the hotel industry.

They also have the opportunity to specialize in one of the following 11 areas, often in Vatel schools lo-

cated abroad:

- ▶ Luxury Management;
- ▶ Revenue Management;
- ▶ International Event Management;
- ▶ Wine & Spirits Management;
- ▶ Sales and E-marketing;
- ▶ Entrepreneurial Management;
- ▶ American Hospitality Management and International Business;
- ▶ Resort Management;
- ▶ Finance & Project Development;
- ▶ Ecotourism Management.

Graduate program

To be eligible for the graduate program, candidates from abroad must meet the following criteria:

- ▶ From Switzerland: have reached the legal age of maturity + 2 years;
- ▶ From France: have the Baccalauréat + 2 years;
- ▶ From Belgium: have a secondary school leaving certificate + 2 years;
- ▶ From other countries: High School Diploma or equivalent A-Level + 2 years.

Admission fees to Vatel	Mauritian citizen fees - in Rupees (Rs)	International student fees in Euros (€)
Registration	2,000	200
Bachelor	198,000	6,900
Management 4	210,000	8,200
Management 5	210,000	8,200

National School of Architecture (ENSA)

The École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture (ENSA) of Nantes is part of the network of 20 French national schools of architecture.

The ENSA's training program

The ENSA of Nantes is the first school of its kind in Mauritius to offer:

- ▶ A Bachelor's degree in Archi-

itecture and Urban Planning;

- ▶ A Master's in Architecture and Urbanism.

The Bachelor of Architecture and Urbanism

This 3-year degree trains students in the fields of architecture, design and spatial planning. It is an intermediate-level degree that allows access to the Master of Architecture and Urbanism, as well as to other postgraduate degrees specializing in construction, urban planning and land use.

The Masters of Architecture and Urbanism

This 2-year degree leads to the State Diploma of Architecture (DEA), equivalent to the Master's degree. The modules are designed to teach students to develop their own vision of architectural issues and to be able to design architectural projects independently. It also prepares them for the different modes of practice and professional fields of application of architecture as well as for research in architecture.



Good to Know

The modules of the Bachelor of Architecture and Urbanism and the Masters of Architecture and Urbanism are taught by highly qualified Mauritian and foreign instructors who speak either French or English. It should be noted that approximately 30 to 50% of the courses are taught in English.

Candidates are expected to have a good knowledge of French and English (level B2 - CEFR).

The programs are designed to improve students' language skills throughout their training. Nevertheless, their written productions (logbook, internship report, study report and master's thesis), as well as their internship and project defenses, may be done in either language.

Admission requirements for ENSA

The Bachelor of Architecture and Urbanism

The Bachelor's program has the following eligibility criteria:

- ▶ A or B in core subjects at the HSC level or equivalent for the BAC;
- ▶ Open-minded and curious personality;
- ▶ Motivation to create and communicate.

Courses are taught either in French or in English (30-50%). Candidates must therefore have a good knowledge of French and English (level B2 - CEFR).

The selection process is relatively strict: candidates must have good grades in the main subjects, an open and curious personality, as well as an interest in creation and communication.

The Masters of Architecture and Urbanism

Eligibility criteria:

- ▶ Graduation with a DEEA or other architecture degree;
- ▶ Open-minded and curious personality;
- ▶ Motivation to create and communicate.

ENSA admission procedures

Three main steps for admission to ENSA:

- ▶ Selection of applications for graduates with an HSC certificate or BAC;
- ▶ Interview of selected candidates by members of the admissions committee to test their maturity, curiosity and storytelling skills;
- ▶ Admissions committee review of interview reports and selection of successful candidates.

ENSA admission fees

The tuition fees for the Bachelor of Architecture and Urbanism program are:

- ▶ € 6,600 per year, payable in 2 monthly installments at the beginning of each semester.

The tuition fees for the Master of Architecture and Urbanism program are:

- ▶ First year in Mauritius -

€ 6,900, payable in 2 monthly installments at the beginning of each semester;

- ▶ Second year at ENSA Nantes, France: € 680, payable at the beginning of the academic year.

USEFUL LINKS

Higher Education Commission - List of institutions www.hec.mu/hej

Ministry of Education, Higher Education, Science and Technology - education.gov.mu.org/SitePages/Index.aspx

IStudy.mu - The student guide www.istudy.mu

University of Mauritius fees - <https://www.uom.ac.mu/index.php/study-at-uom/current-students/information-on-fees>

Panthéon-Assas

Founded in 1970, the University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas was formerly the Faculty of Law and Economic Sciences of Paris dating back to the 13th century. Recognized both nationally, in France, and internationally, the institution is considered one of the best in law and social sciences.

In 2009, the University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas launched an internationalization program and created several campuses called "Sorbonne-Assas International Law School", including one in Mauritius.



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The training program at Panthéon-Assas

The students of Panthéon-Assas in Mauritius enjoy excellent training in international and European business law in 2 programs: the Bachelor of Laws, LL.B. (Hons) and the LL.M International Business Law.

The Bachelor in Laws, LL.B (Hons)

The Bachelor of Laws, LL.B (Hons) offers a unique blend of civil law, common law, international law and Mauritian law in 3 years. The program consists of lectures and tutorials in English,

taught by academics and practitioners from the civil, common and international law fields, as well as modules that ensure a multidisciplinary perspective.

International Business Law (LL.M)

This 10-month program focuses on practical cases and key topics, with a multidisciplinary orientation. It prepares students and professionals for operations, such as large acquisitions or market transactions, cross-border mergers, complex financings, restructurings, LBOs, financial engineering and industrial projects.

Admission procedures at Panthéon-Assas

The admission procedures are different depending on the program chosen.

Bachelor in Laws, LL.B (Hons)

The application for admission is done [online](#) in November.

Please note that there is only one admission session per year and that the academic year begins in late September or early October.

Each application is reviewed so that the applicant receives a response from the institution within 2 weeks of submission.

Successful applicants have 3 weeks to pay a deposit of €1,000 to secure their seat.

International Business Law (LL.M)

The University only accepts applications submitted online on its [website](#).

Please note that the deadlines vary, depending on whether the candidates are "regular" or students of the E.F.B. (École de Formation du Barreau).

Each application is examined in such a way that the applicant receives a response from the institution within 2 weeks of submission.

Successful applicants have 3 weeks to pay a deposit to secure their place.



Admission requirements to Panthéon-Assas

Bachelor in Laws, LL.B (Hons)

Candidates are expected to have a unique personality, be open-minded, and have a great sense of curiosity.

International Business Law (LL.M)

- ▶ Master degree in law (or equivalent), or alternative degree and 4 years of professional experience;
- ▶ Fluent English (must be evidenced by a recognized certificate such as TOEIC, TOEFL or Erasmus course for those whose native language is English);
- ▶ If necessary, an interview with the faculty council will be organized to verify the candidate's interest in the LL.M. and its appropriateness to his/her professional project.

Admission fees at Panthéon-Assas

The Bachelor in Laws, LL.B (Hons)

€6,500 for the academic year

2023–2024.

International Business Law (LL.M)

Tuition fees are €12,000 and €10,000 for E.F.B (École de Formation du Barreau) students.

École Centrale de Nantes

The reputation of French engineering schools is well established. They have long been training versatile engineers at a very high scientific and technical level.

The École Centrale de Nantes adds international openness to its many qualities, knowing that 30% of the students present on the French campus combine 70 different nationalities.

The training program at École Centrale de Nantes

In Mauritius, the École Centrale de Nantes offers a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Engineering. This science degree with a specialization in engineering provides students with an in-depth knowledge of mathematics and physics, selected engineering specialization as well as the basics of project and business management. It also involves 10 months of work experience and hands-on training.

The 4th year is the year of specialization in civil, ocean or indus-

trial engineering.

This program, taught in English, lasts for a total of 8 semesters, or 4 academic years.

Admission procedures for the École Centrale de Nantes

Applications are [online](#) only.

Admission requirements for the École Centrale de Nantes

This Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Engineering is intended for students with:

- ▶ Good academic standing - applicants must present 2 years of school records including mathematics and/or science courses;
- ▶ Good results in mathematics/sciences;
- ▶ Good command of English with a minimum score of 78 on the TOEFL, or 800 on the TOEIC or 6 on the IELTS;
- ▶ A good attitude, motivation, relevance to their professional project and extra-curricular activities.

Admission fees for École Centrale de Nantes

The annual tuition fee for this degree has been set at € 7,000.

This amount only includes the tuition fees, and payment must be made directly to École Centrale de Nantes by bank transfer.

Middlesex University Mauritius

The London-based institution of higher learning opened a Mauritius branch in 2009.

[Middlesex University](#) is the result of the merger of London schools and colleges such as St Katherine's College and Middlesex Polytechnic and is ranked in the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2023, between 101 and 150 of the best universities under 50 years old.

Middlesex University in Mauritius offers several undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

The educational program at Middlesex University Mauritius

Undergraduate:

- ▶ International Foundation Program (IFP);
- ▶ Advertising, Public Relations and Branding (BA Hons);
- ▶ Accounting and Finance (BA Hons);
- ▶ Business Management (BA Hons);
- ▶ Business Administration (BA Hons) - Finance;
- ▶ Business Management (BA Hons) - Marketing;

- ▶ Business Management (BA Hons) - Innovation and Entrepreneurship;
- ▶ BSc (Hons) Financial Services (1 year top-up);
- ▶ BSc (Hons) Cyber Security and Digital Investigation;
- ▶ BSc Honours Computer Science (Systems Engineering);
- ▶ BSc Honours Information Technology;
- ▶ Bachelor of Laws LLB Hons;
- ▶ LLB (Hons) Law with International Relations;
- ▶ BSc Honours Psychology with Counselling Skills.

Postgraduate:

- ▶ MSc Business Information Systems Management;
- ▶ MSc Cyber Security and Penetration Testing;
- ▶ MSc Clinical Psychology of Health and Wellbeing;
- ▶ LLM (General);
- ▶ LLM International Business Law;
- ▶ MSc Management.

Admission requirements to Middlesex University Mauritius

Each program has its own eligibility criteria. Please refer to the Middlesex University Mauritius website for information on the program of your choice.

Admission fees to Middlesex University Mauritius

As far as fees are concerned, each program has its own fees, and these vary in 2 ways:

- ▶ [International Payment Plan](#);
- ▶ [Local Payment Plan](#).

Amity Institute of Higher Education (AIHE)

The AIHE, as part of the Amity Education Group, is registered by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) as a post-secondary institution.

The training program at AIHE

The institute offers industry-oriented programs with a mix of practical and theoretical study.

Undergraduate:

- ▶ Bachelor of Business Administration;
- ▶ BSc Information Technology;
- ▶ BA Tourism & Hospitality Management.

Postgraduate:

- ▶ Master of Business Administration (MBA);
- ▶ MBA in General Management;
- ▶ MBA in Project Management;
- ▶ MBA in Entrepreneurship and Start-Ups;
- ▶ MBA in Digital Marketing;
- ▶ MSc in Artificial Intelligence;

- ▶ MSc in Business Analytics;
- ▶ MSc in Cyber Security;
- ▶ MSc in Data Science.

The admission procedure at AIHE

The admission procedure consists of 5 steps:

- ▶ [Download and complete the Amity Institute of Higher Education application form](#), along with the requested supporting documents;
- ▶ Send the application by mail or drop it off in person at the Amity Institute of Higher Education;
- ▶ Receipt of a conditional offer letter by the applicant;
- ▶ Student Visa Process;
- ▶ Letter of acceptance from AIHE if visa is approved.

AIHE admission requirements

International students may be required to show proof of English language proficiency. In this case, they can present their TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing Systems) certification.

Also note that the minimum score required for admission is 55 for the TOEFL test and a score of 6 for the IELTS test (no score should be lower than 5).

AIHE admission fees

Regarding the [tuition fees](#), for undergraduate programs, the

registration fee is Rs 80,000, and then it is Rs 3,790 per month.

For postgraduate programs, the registration fee is Rs 110,000, and the monthly payments are Rs 2,750.

MCB Institute of Finance (IF)

The MCB IF is the result of a partnership between MCB Group and Unicity Education Hub, the MCB IF, and is designed for professionals only.

The MCB IF training program

MCB IF presents 3 distinctive masterclasses:

Execution Leadership Masterclass:

A dynamic two-day interactive workshop tailored for managers, equipping them with the essential tools to adapt and refine their leadership styles. The masterclass is versatile, available for open enrollment or customizable based on specific company needs and requirements.

Enhancing Execution Excellence:

This comprehensive two-day interactive workshop is designed to elevate the skills of employees with professional experience in team and project management. The program is open to all and can also be customized to align with the specific needs and re-

quirements of the company.

Fundamentals of Business Process Improvement:

An in-depth workshop focusing on business process improvement, delivered in 9 2-hour sessions. This program provides a thorough exploration of essential concepts and practices to enhance operational efficiency and effectiveness.

Admission procedures for the MCB IF

Registration is done online [via this form](#) or by sending an email to isabelle.gopal@mc bif.mu or by phone at (+230) 401 2406.

Admission requirements for the MCB IF

The training offered by the MCB IF is aimed at professionals in upper middle management, senior management and top management, board directors, talent managers who overview high potential employees, etc.

MCB IF Fees

The fee is USD 2,000 per partic-

ipant and includes:

- ▶ An all-inclusive conference package for 2 days;
- ▶ Meals and drinks during breaks;
- ▶ One-night's hotel accommodation on Day 1.

The MCB IF also offers masterclasses to be customized according to the needs and requirements of the company. These courses can be organized in-house or at a chosen location.

Curtin Mauritius

Located in Moka, Curtin Mauritius is a Mauritian branch of the Australian Curtin University. Curtin also has campuses in Malaysia, Singapore and Dubai. Curtin Mauritius is not only well known in Australia, but is also ranked among the top universities in the world by the Academic Ranking of World Universities.

The Curtin Mauritius Education Program

The courses offered in Mauritius are as follows:

- ▶ Preparatory course;
- ▶ New Gen Foundation Program;
- ▶ Extended New Gen Foundation Program.

Undergraduate:

- ▶ Bachelor of Commerce;
- ▶ Bachelor of Design;
- ▶ Bachelor of Communication;
- ▶ Bachelor of Science.

Postgraduate:

- ▶ Master's degree in information systems and technology.

Partner program:

- ▶ Dual degrees in partnership with Toulouse Business School.

Orientation programs:

- ▶ TAFE Certificates;
- ▶ TAFE Diplomas.

Curtin Mauritius has put in place a number of support services to assist its international students:

- ▶ Visa assistance;
- ▶ Airport pick-up;
- ▶ Introduction and orientation visit for all international students;
- ▶ Off-campus housing options through a specialized agency;
- ▶ Social events to help students integrate into the institution and the country.

Visa assistance

Once the visa application is approved, the International



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Student Admissions Office works directly with the student or the student's country agent to process the student's visa application in accordance with requirements.

A regional focus

Each semester, the Curtin campus hosts an orientation presentation and tour of the region for all international students. This allows students to become familiar with Mauritian customs and to meet other international students.

Accommodation

The Campus can help international students find accommodation in Mauritius, off-campus, through private accommodation at very reasonable prices. For this purpose, the institution has an agency dedicated to all student housing requests.

Social events

Curtin's international student club organizes social events to encourage interaction with other students.

Admission procedures at Curtin Mauritius

The 7 steps to apply to Curtin Mauritius are the following:

- ▶ Registration by downloading the appropriate forms: [Application form for Curtin and TAFE students](#) and additional

[application form for Curtin students only](#);

- ▶ Processing of the application by the university;
- ▶ Payment of a deposit, the amount of which is mentioned on the letter of offer;
- ▶ Search for accommodation in Mauritius in order to obtain a student visa;
- ▶ Application for a student visa in Mauritius;
- ▶ Receipt of the visa to come to Mauritius;
- ▶ Arrival in Mauritius and completion of the medical examinations required on-site, to obtain the student visa.

Admission requirements to Curtin Mauritius

Each program has its own eligibility criteria. Please consult the [Curtin Mauritius website](#) for information on the program you have chosen.

Admission fees at Curtin Mauritius

Tuition fees for international students at Curtin University vary depending on the chosen course, ranging between Rs 500,000 and Rs 710,000 per year.

For a semester of study at Curtin University, covering 4 units or 30 ECTS, the expected fee is approximately Rs 319,000.

For more comprehensive details on specific courses and associated fees, you can refer to the following link: [Curtin University](#)

[Courses and Fees.](#)

The Alliance Française de Maurice

The Alliance Française de Maurice is a non-profit organization located in Bell Village and has several branches throughout Mauritius (Flacq, Mahébourg, Rivière du Rempart, Rodrigues, Souillac and Triolet). It describes its mission as being "to promote and spread the French language and French-speaking cultures throughout the world".

To this end, the training center offers French courses for adults, designed to accommodate all learning styles.

The training program at the Alliance Française de Maurice

The Alliance Française de Maurice is specialized in:

- ▶ Continuous education and training of teachers and students in the French language;
- ▶ Technical French training (hotels, restaurants, business negotiations, etc.);
- ▶ The preparation of the Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française (DELF) and Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française (DALF).

The Alliance Française of Mauritius also allows candidates for immigration to Canada to assess their level of French through the TEF/TEFAQ.

Course fees at the Alliance

Française de Maurice

Access to employment course:

- ▶ A training course for anyone entering the professional world - Rs 20,000.

General French course (24 hours):

- ▶ Written French (mastery of grammar) - Rs 9,000;
- ▶ Oral expression (intermediate level) - Rs 9,000.

Professional training (30 hours):

- ▶ Journalism & Multimedia - Rs 10,000.

Diploma courses (24 hours):

- ▶ DELF B2 preparation course - Rs 8,000;

- ▶ DALF C1 preparation course - Rs 8,000.

MCCI Business School

The MCCI Business School, the Higher Education Centre of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was formed in 1985. The institution, located in Ébène, offers Bachelor's degrees in partnership with French universities such as the University of Angers, and BTS, French state diplomas of higher education issued by the French Ministry of National Education and recognized internationally.

The programs at MCCI Business School

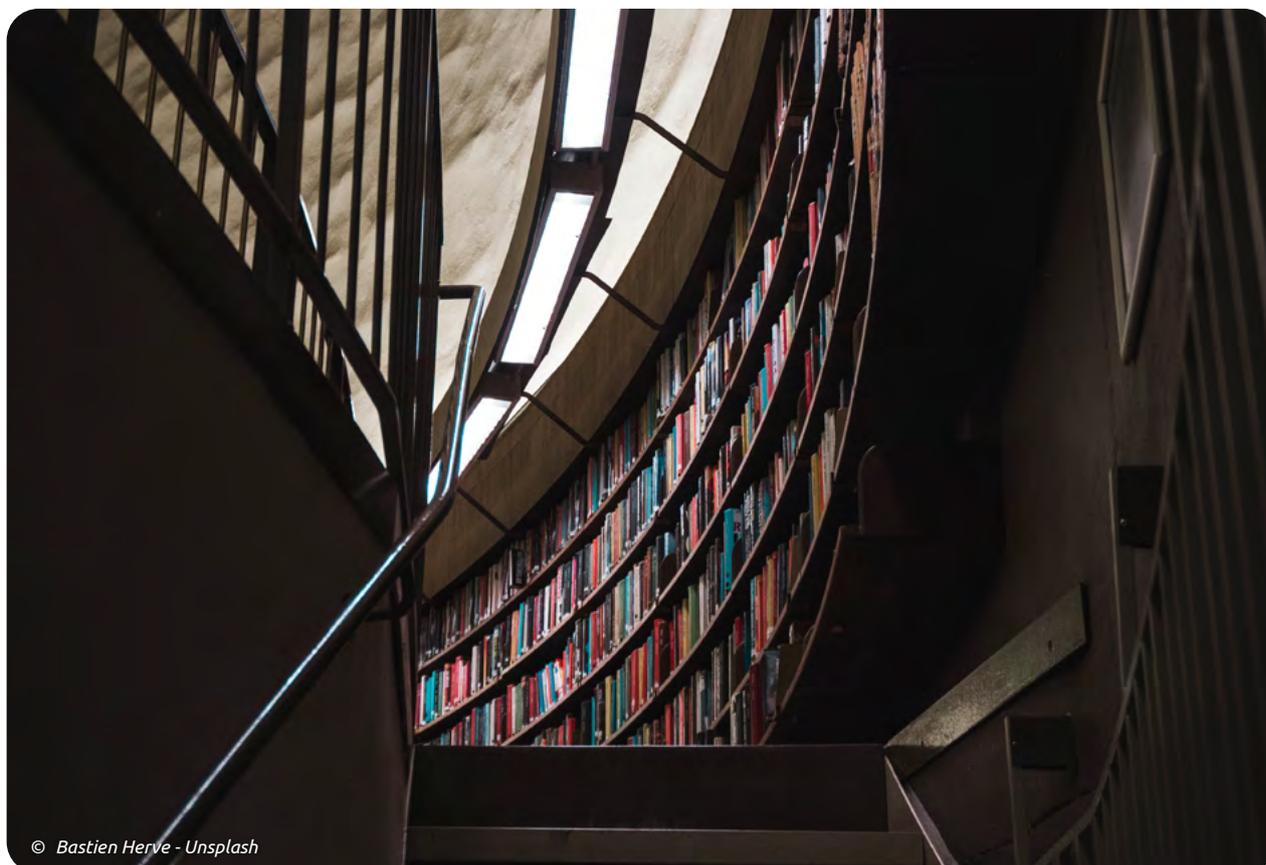
BTS (Brevet de Technicien

Supérieur):

The BTS national diploma is a two-year program designed to cultivate professional skills across various sectors, including sales and service activities.

This internationally recognized French state diploma provides excellent prospects for professional integration, boasting a high insertion rate of 100% for BTS graduates. Moreover, the BTS serves as a solid foundation for further studies at the Licence and Master levels, both within Mauritius and abroad.

Accompanied by 120 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), the BTS is aligned with the European LMD system, facilitating international recognition of the training.



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Choose from the following specializations:

1. BTS Marketing;
2. BTS Management;
3. BTS Computer Science;
4. BTS Communication;
5. BTS Banking - sandwich course;
6. BTS Insurance - sandwich course.

Licence professionnelle (Professional bachelor):

The Licence Professionnelle is a comprehensive three-year course leading to a diploma. Courses leading to a Licence Professionnelle are available at French universities and accrue 180 ECTS credits. This Bachelor's degree spans 6 semesters, encompassing at least 1,500 hours of coursework.

Year 3 of the bachelor's degree is accessible to individuals holding a BAC+2 diploma, such as a BTS.

Bachelor's degrees cover a broad spectrum of fields of study, including:

1. Arts, literature, and foreign languages;
2. Humanities and social sciences;
3. Law, economics, and management;

4. Science, technology, and health.

MCCI Business School offers Licences Professionnelles in the following specialties:

1. Management;
2. Tourism;
3. Communication.

Each of these programs has a duration of one year and confers French state diplomas. They are conducted in collaboration with the universities of Angers and La Réunion.



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Specialized bachelors:

1. Licence professionnelle métiers de la communication (Bachelor in Communication jobs);
2. Licence de Gestion (Bachelor in Management);
3. Licence Tourisme et Culture (L3) (Bachelor in Tourism and Culture).



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Master's programs are meticulously crafted to reinforce your career aspirations while enhancing expertise in specific fields. These internationally recognized French state diplomas provide high-quality training tailored to diverse professions.



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Geared towards working professionals, these programs cater to individuals looking to advance their careers, take on leadership roles, and specialize in a particular domain to achieve specific professional objectives. Emphasizing a practical teaching approach deeply rooted in the professional realm, these Master's programs integrate tangible cases, case studies, and professional experience. This approach allows students to apply theoretical knowledge in real-world professional scenarios.

The 2 Master's programs offered are:

1. Master in Management & International Business:

- ▶ Focuses on developing skills in strategic management, international marketing, finance, logistics, and human resources management;
- ▶ Prepares students for managerial positions within international companies.

2. Master's in Tourism:

- ▶ Aims to impart in-depth knowledge of global tourism trends;

- ▶ Develops skills in destination management, tourism marketing, sustainable tourism development, and hotel management.

These Master's programs span 2 years and are conducted in collaboration with ESTHUA (Études Supérieures de Tourisme et d'Hôtellerie de l'Université d'Angers). They are structured to meet the dynamic demands of the professional landscape and equip students with practical skills applicable in their respective fields.

Work-study programs:

These are intended for students, employees and companies and allow them to prepare the Brevet de Technicien Supérieur while working in the following fields:

- ▶ Computer services for organizations - IT;
- ▶ Operational Sales Management - Marketing;
- ▶ Communication;
- ▶ Small business management - Management;
- ▶ Insurance;
- ▶ Banking.

Admission requirements for the MCCI Business School

BTS and work-study

The BTS diplomas are obtained in 2 years on a full-time or sandwich basis after obtaining the Baccalaureate or the HSC. Each candidate must submit an appli-

cation file and participate in a motivation interview.

Bachelors

The Licence is a comprehensive three-year program culminating in a BAC+3 diploma.

Courses leading to a Licence are conducted at French universities and result in the accumulation of 180 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

The bachelor's degree is structured into 6 semesters, encompassing a minimum of 1,500 hours of coursework throughout the program. This multi-semester structure allows students to delve into a diverse range of subjects and acquire a robust foundation of knowledge in their chosen field of study.

These courses are intended for:

- ▶ Students with a BAC+2 who have obtained 120 ECTS credits;
- ▶ L2 or L3 students;
- ▶ BTS or DUT students, under certain conditions.

Admission fees to the MCCI Business School

You should contact the MCCI Business School to obtain information on the different courses offered by this school.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The University of Mauritius (UOM)

Located in Réduit, the University of Mauritius (UOM) has revised its strategy to focus on research and entrepreneurship. As a university, UOM is committed to actively participating in the spirit of innovation that drives the Mauritian economy. This is done by providing it with all the human, intellectual, commercial and social capital it needs.

The UOM training program

In order to achieve its objectives and, above all, to deliver quality education to its Mauritian and international students, the UOM has a very wide range of programs:

- ▶ [Undergraduate;](#)
- ▶ [Postgraduate;](#)
- ▶ [Postgraduate Programme by Research;](#)
- ▶ [Details of programs open to international students.](#)

Courses delivered in several faculties:

- ▶ [Faculty of Agriculture;](#)
- ▶ [Faculty of Engineering;](#)
- ▶ [Faculty of Information, Communication and Digital Technologies;](#)
- ▶ [Faculty of Law and Management;](#)

- ▶ [Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences;](#)
- ▶ [Faculty of Science;](#)
- ▶ [Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities.](#)



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List completed by collaborations with:

- ▶ The Mahatma Gandhi Institute, for courses focused on Eastern culture and languages;
- ▶ The University of Cergy Paris in France, for the study of Data Science;
- ▶ Center for Information Technology & Systems (CITS), for studies in Computer Science;

- ▶ Center for Innovative & Life-long Learning (CILL), to offer UOM students the possibility of distance learning through e-learning;
- ▶ Center for Biomedical & Biomaterials Research (CBBR), the center for biomedical and biomaterials research;
- ▶ Center for Research on Slavery and Indenture (CRSI), for the study of the history of slavery and indenture, 2 main migratory movements in Mauritius;
- ▶ Confucius Institute, to study Chinese and Chinese culture;
- ▶ Doctoral School, for students who wish to pursue their graduate studies through a doctorate.

Depending on the course, university studies can be part-time or full-time and last between 2 and 4 years, depending on the degree chosen.

Procedures and requirements for admission to the UOM

UOM application dates change depending on the program selected. Here are the instructions for each type of program:

[Applying as an international student to an Undergraduate program at UOM;](#)

[Applying as an international student to a Postgraduate program at the UOM;](#)

[Enrolling as an international student in a Postgraduate Research program at UOM.](#)

Admission fees at UOM

For a science and technology related undergraduate program at UOM, as an international student, expect to pay an overall fee of USD 6,000.

For a non-science and technology-related undergraduate program at UOM, as an international student, expect to pay a global fee of USD 5,000 plus a USD 50 non-refundable bank fee.

Fees for Postgraduate programs vary depending on the course of study, [see here](#). There is a USD 50 non-refundable bank fee.

Fees for Postgraduate Research programs vary depending on the degree, which can be found [here](#). They are accompanied by a non-refundable bank fee of USD 50.

If your children are Mauritian nationals, [here](#) are the undergraduate programs available to Mauritian students

Fees for students eligible for the Free Tertiary Education Scheme (FTES) - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iy6evHATu-1s7IEypP5c8b-gnZjPcXgyV/view?usp=share_link

Fees for students not eligible for FTES - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S7CTBwynKMiejpCP->

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Detailed fees for fee-paying programs - applicable to students not eligible for FTES - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PT7oeIx-OYnFlo0HBthBvqleuKJT-8VWXR/view?usp=share_link

Fees for double-degree programs - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vr_rMzKfN2SJTGDRR9d-pgOQ8o-ofNIHe/view?usp=share_link

Undergraduate programs for international students - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Cu5k-Kk8EGiUQSPC2HI3t_JZMa2d-6veCy/view?usp=sharing

Please note that in addition to these overall fees, students enrolled in the Tourism, Hospitality and Events Management programs must also pay an additional fee of Rs 5,500 for the practical module "MGT1245 Hospitality Operations", offered in the first year.

Good to know

UOM is now home to a mini campus of the University of Arizona, which offers 3 Bachelor programs: Bachelor of Applied Science in Cyber Operations, Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Economics and Management.



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The University of Mauritius distributes scholarships to certain international students to cover 50% of the tuition fees to be paid at the university. Only those who meet the admission requirements for the program and who meet one of the following conditions are eligible:

- ▶ Persons who have passed through an approved university recruitment agent;
- ▶ Persons from continental Africa, including SADC and COMESA member countries, or from developing Asian countries (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, China and Indonesia).

Université des Mascareignes

Created in 2012, the Université des Mascareignes (UDM) is a public institution resulting from the merger between the Institut Supérieur de Technologie (IST) and the Swami Dayanand Institute of Management (SDIM). It includes a geopolitical school, a doctoral school and a research institute, the "Institute for Research and Interdisciplinary Innovation", which is also part of the University. Eager to catch up with the trends and needs of the country's market, UDM works with professionals from the public and private sectors to design its curriculum.

Thanks to a select partnership with the University of Limoges, UDM offers double degrees: one from the Université des Mascareignes and the other one from the University of Limoges.

International students are, of course, welcome at the Université des Mascareignes, provided they have at least a Baccalaureate degree.

The training program at the UDM

The UDM offers theoretical and practical courses at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, in French and English, in 5 disciplines:

- ▶ Banking and Finance;
- ▶ Engineering;
- ▶ Information Technology;
- ▶ Sustainable Development;
- ▶ Management.

Undergraduate

- Faculty of Commerce and Management
- Swami Dayanand Campus, Pamplemousses (full-time and part-time)

- ▶ Human resources management;
- ▶ Marketing;
- ▶ Accounting and Finance;
- ▶ Banking and Finance.

– Faculty of Information and Communication Technology

- ▶ Software engineering (full program / complementary program);
- ▶ Digital Humanities;
- ▶ Digital Humanities with specialization in Tech Start-Up (Top-Up).

– Rose Hill Campus, Camp Leveix (full-time and part-time)

- ▶ Applied Computer Science.

Faculty of Sustainable Development and Engineering

– Rose Hill Campus, Camp Leveix (Full program - Complementary full-time program)

- ▶ Electrical and Computer Engineering;



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- ▶ Electromechanical Engineering;
- ▶ Civil Engineering.

Please note, however, that applications for undergraduate courses for international students for the 2023/2024 academic year are now closed. Applications for the following academic year are expected to reopen around April 2024.

Postgraduate

- Faculty of Business and Management
 - Swami Dayanand Campus, Pamplemousses
 - ▶ Sustainable Business Management;
 - ▶ E-learning.
- Faculty of Information and Communication Technology
 - Rose Hill Campus, Camp Leveux
 - ▶ Artificial Intelligence and Robotics;
 - ▶ E-Public Health for Indian

- Ocean and Regional Populations;
- ▶ Digital Humanities.
- Faculty of Sustainable Development and Engineering
 - Rose Hill Campus, Camp Leveux
 - ▶ Energy efficiency and sustainable development;
 - ▶ Civil Engineering, Structures and Public Works specialization.

Admission requirements to UDM

International students wishing to join UDM's undergraduate program must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ Have a higher education certificate/ BAC/ Higher Secondary School Certificate or equivalent;
- ▶ Submit a final transcript;
- ▶ Have an English language certificate (IELTS academic version [foundation level] or TOEFL certificate [level 1]) and a French language certificate (DELTA B2 certificate);
- ▶ Copy of passport (valid for the entire duration of the training course until at least December 2026).

For programs with specialization (Top Up):

- ▶ Diploma or equivalent (in relevant fields);
- ▶ Final transcripts for years 1 and 2;
- ▶ English language certificate

(IELTS academic version or TOEFL certificate) and French language certificate (DELTA B2 certificate);

International students wishing to join the UDM graduate program must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ Present a diploma or equivalent in the concerned fields.

[Consult the UDM website](#) to find out the criteria applicable to the chosen program.

Admission procedures at the UDM

Young foreigners wishing to enroll in the undergraduate program at UDM must follow the following procedures:

[Download the application form for the undergraduate course;](#)

Send the documents below in a single email to admission-international@udm.ac.mu:

- ▶ Completed application form (by hand);
- ▶ Certified copies of transcripts and certificates of previous qualifications;
- ▶ Their IELTS academic version certificate (foundation level) or TOEFL certificate (level 1);
- ▶ Any document that may be requested by the institution;
- ▶ Proof for students who have applied for the Mauritius/Africa scholarship;
- ▶ Proof of payment of the application fee of Rs 700 / USD 25 (excluding bank charges).

Young foreigners wishing to enroll in UDM's postgraduate program must follow the following procedures:

- ▶ Master Sustainable Business Management - send the application to the following address: facbm@udm.ac.mu;
- ▶ Masters Information and Communication Technology and Master E-Public Health for Indian Ocean and Regional Populations - send application to: facit@udm.ac.mu;
- ▶ Master Artificial Intelligence and Robotics - send application to the following address: facit@udm.ac.mu;
- ▶ Masters Sustainable Development and Engineering and Master Civil Engineering and Master Efficiency and Sustainable Development - send application to the following address: admissionlocal@udm.ac.mu.

Admission fees to UDM

As for the university fees for full-time international students:

Undergraduate:

- ▶ A non-refundable application fee of Rs 700 / USD 25 is payable at the time of application;
- ▶ Tuition fees - for students from SADC countries - Rs 45,500 / for students from non-SADC countries - Rs 80,500;
- ▶ NTLA (bus) fee for free travel from residence to university and vice versa- Rs 100;



- ▶ Metro fees for free travel from residence to university and vice versa - Rs 100.

For postgraduate, they are currently as follows:

- ▶ Application fee (non-refundable) - Rs 700;
- ▶ Administrative fee - Rs 5,500 per year.

Regarding the student visa, valid for 1 year, UDM assists students, provided they send the required documents. A message posted on the University's social media accounts on October 14, 2022 warns international students who have obtained a seat at the Université des Mascareignes that they must imperatively obtain their visa before coming to Mauritius; otherwise, immigration officers will deny them access to the Mauritian territory.

Cost estimates provided by the institution for one academic year are as follows:

- ▶ Between €116 and 157 for housing;
- ▶ Between €123 and 220 for food;
- ▶ Between €237 and 486 for daily expenses.

Moreover, a free pass is provided to get to the university by public transport.

University of Technology (UTM)

To meet the growing demand for ICT professionals, the Parliament created UTM in the year 2000. The institution is the result of a merger between the Mauritius Institute of Public Administration and Management (MIPAM) and SITRAC Ltd.

The training programs of UTM

There are several schools at the UTM:

- ▶ School of Business, Management and Finance (SMBF);
- ▶ School of Innovative Technologies and Engineering (SITE);
- ▶ School of Sustainable Development and Tourism (SSDT);
- ▶ School of Health Sciences (SHS).

Today, the institution offers a range of particularly attractive programs:

- ▶ Short courses - [View programs;](#)
- ▶ Undergraduate programs - [View programs;](#)
- ▶ Postgraduate programs - [View programs.](#)

Admission procedures at UTM

To apply to UTM, applicants must follow the [procedures](#) outlined in the International Students section.

Admission requirements to UTM

For the admission requirements to UTM, please consult this comprehensive [document](#).

Admission fees at UTM

The annual tuition fees at UTM are USD 1,430 for a certificate, a diploma or a bachelor's degree and USD 1,680 for a master's degree, except for the MBA which costs USD 2,500. For a doctorate, the cost is USD 3,500 for a 12-year period.

UTM is recognized as a univer-

sity by:

- ▶ The Association of African Universities;
- ▶ The Association of Indian Universities;
- ▶ The Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie;
- ▶ The Association of Regional Universities of Southern Africa;
- ▶ The Association of Commonwealth Universities;
- ▶ Anabin Database in Germany.

Accenture Academy for Technology

As a major pillar of the Mauritian economy, the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector needs competent and competitive professionals. In collaboration with the University of Mauritius, Accenture has set up a retraining program designed to provide a sound knowledge and understanding of software development principles and techniques for each study stream:

- ▶ Enhance critical analysis and evaluation skills related to information technology;
- ▶ Enable students to develop professional and ethical standards and to actively participate in future technology developments;
- ▶ Provide students with in-depth skills to build a successful career in the ICT industry.

The Accenture Academy Training Program

Launched in partnership with the University of Mauritius, the Accenture Academy 2023 Program presents an immersive one-year Master's initiative tailored for students holding a first degree in non-IT disciplines.

This collaborative program was introduced to support Accenture Technology's strategic vision of cultivating and expanding its innovative technology workforce.

Currently in its seventh intake, the Academy has enrolled more than 260 students, with over 230 having successfully graduated from the initiative.

Designed for students with a primary degree outside of computer science (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), the Master's conversion program is a result of joint efforts by Accenture and the University of Mauritius. It is continually updated to align with the evolving needs of the ICT industry. Participants undergo exposure



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to cutting-edge technologies, acquiring the technical, analytical, and professional skills necessary to join a dynamic and forward-thinking technology workforce.

This intensive one-year full-time curriculum integrates taught modules, assessments and/or exams, a six-month internship, and a Master's project. Part of the Graduate Training for Employment Scheme (GTES), the program aims to boost the employability of graduates by equipping them with skills highly sought after in the local job market.

Admission requirements for Accenture Academy

Criteria:

Applicants for the Accenture Academy 2023 Program must meet the following criteria:

1. Hold an undergraduate degree with honors from a recognized university, with a GPA not less than 2.50, generally in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) field.

or

Present alternative qualifications acceptable to the University of Mauritius and Accenture.

2. No prior knowledge or degree in the subject of the Master's program is required.

3. Successful completion of the Accenture Mauritius selection process for this program.

Lycée Polytechnique de Flacq

The Lycée Polytechnique de Flacq operates under the aegis of the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development (MITD). It trains future professionals in automotive mechanics, mechanical manufacturing, electronics, electrical engineering and construction in order to obtain a Brevet de Technicien.

The training program at Sir Guy Forget Polytechnic

The Sir Guy Forget Polytechnic School prepares students in 3 years for 5 Brevets de Technicien:

- ▶ Brevet de technicien (BT) in Building Construction;
- ▶ Brevet de technicien (BT) in Electronics (Electronics);
- ▶ Brevet de technicien (BT) in Electrotechnics (Electrotechnics);
- ▶ Brevet de technicien (BT) in Maintenance and production mechanics;
- ▶ Brevet de technicien (BT) in Automobile mechanics.

Admission procedures at Lycée Polytechnique Guy Forget

The online registration is not valid for the training institute, so candidates are invited to contact the school at the following address:

AG. TRAINING CENTRE MANAGER

*Lycée Polytechnique
Sir Guy Forget
Francois Mitterrand Street
Central Flacq 40606*
Phone: (230) 413 2959, 413 1568, 413 9262
Fax: (230) 413 2938
Email: lpsgregistry@mitd.mu

Admission requirements for the Lycée Polytechnique Guy Forget

Regardless of the program chosen, the following conditions apply:

- ▶ Have at least level V or equivalent, with an advantage for candidates who have taken science or technical courses;
- ▶ Be between 16 and 22 years old.



BOKAMOSO, A BOTSWANA DOCTORAL STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY OF MAURITIUS:

"Before making the decision to move abroad, carry out thorough research on the destination country and living conditions. With proper planning, you'll be able to make informed decisions and ensure a smooth transition. Stay open-minded and make the most of the opportunities that come your way."

Sir Gaëtan Duval Hotel School

Founded in 1971, the Sir Gaëtan Duval Hotel School is the result of a partnership between several international institutions: the United Nations, the International Labour Organization and the French Government. The objective was then, and remains today, the training of professionals for the hotel and tourism industry.

Thanks to partnerships with the École Supérieure de Tourisme et d'Hôtellerie of the University of Angers and Edexcel, students can complete their education. The training is provided in a professional setting (MITD - Mauritius Institute of Training and Development), where students face work situations, the training center being equipped with a reception area, a restaurant, a bar, a kitchen, demonstration rooms and a fully equipped laundry room.

The Sir Gaëtan Duval Hotel School Training Program

The Sir Gaëtan Duval Hotel School offers full-time, part-time and apprenticeship

courses in the fields of tourism, hospitality and leisure.

The following courses are offered, with customized modules to meet the needs of organizations and individuals upon request.

To date, 75 courses are available on the Sir Gaëtan Duval Hotel School [website](#).

Admission requirements to the Sir Gaëtan Duval Hotel School

Admission requirements vary from one program to another. Click [here](#) to find out your eligibility.

Admission procedures to Sir Gaëtan Duval Hotel School

Online registration is not valid for the training institute, so candidates are invited to contact the school at the following coordinates:

TRAINING CENTRE MANAGER

École Hôtelière Sir Gaëtan Duval
Ébène,
Réduit
Tel: 404 7200
Fax: 465 8835/465 8564
Email: ehsgdregistry@mitd.mu



Moving to Mauritius with children

Expats generally prefer international, or even French and Anglo-Saxon schools to local schools. Nevertheless, the country relies on a structured national education system and schooling is free and compulsory until the age of 16.



The Mauritian education system

The Mauritian school system is based on the Anglo-Saxon model and is divided, as is often the case elsewhere, into 3 main stages: primary education, secondary education and higher education. Moreover, the wearing of uniforms is compulsory in government schools, each bearing its own colors.

Regarding kindergarten, the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, and Science and Technology, through its Strategic Plan (2008-2020), has proclaimed that all children between the ages of 3 and 5 must attend a preschool and then go on to primary school.

The end of secondary school is marked by the High School Certificate (HSC), awarded by the University of Cambridge.

What about expat children?

Most expat children in Mauritius attend international schools. There are a plethora of schools to choose from in each category.



SANDRA LEBLÉ, ENTREPRENEUR AND CO-PRESIDENT OF FRENCH TECH MAURITIUS

Mauritius provides an exceptional living environment with a tropical climate that compelled my return. The island also boasts high-quality French school facilities for children, featuring a reinforced emphasis on English compared to schools in France. Additionally, Mauritius offers a commendable health system.

International schools in Mauritius

For serial expats or those who want a multicultural education, international schools apply American, English and mostly similar educational standards worldwide, making for an easy transition if there is a change in destination.

You will find [here](#) a list of international schools in Mauritius.

Moving to Mauritius with young children

If you are relocating with a young child, what are your childcare options during working days or weekends? What activities are available for families with young children?

Pre-primary school in Mauritius

Childcare

Nowadays, there are many options for childcare in Mauritius. Indeed, many private nurseries and kindergartens are spread

out in the center of the island and go up to the North.

Daycare centers and nurseries

Daycare centers are intended for parents of children who are too young to attend school. These structures have a staff that is generally bilingual in English and French, and trained in the field of early childhood.

You will find [here](#) a list of daycare centers and nurseries.

Preschools

Will your child be 3 years old when you arrive in Mauritius? It is compulsory for children to go to school from this age on. Here are some of [the preschools that will be able to accommodate your child:](#)

Google Maps, which lists several dozen addresses, should be useful in helping you in your research; click [here](#) to find the best-rated.

Mauritius also has a lot of activities that will keep your young children busy, or that you can do

as a family.

Here are a few examples:

La Vanille Nature Park - the Crocodile Park of La Vanille, now called La Vanille Nature Park, was founded in 1985. It owes its name to the vanilla formerly cultivated in the valley that is now home to this 5-hectare reserve. You can do the tour alone or decide to join a guided tour.

Casela Nature Park - a classic,



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Casela is one of Mauritius' most popular amusement parks and attractions. The park, which covers more than 350 hectares, offers a wide range of activities perfect for a good time with the family. The place is divided into 5 worlds: Thrill Mountain, Predator Kingdom, African Safari, Pangia Birds and Rides and World of Events.

Odysseo - Oceanarium - This is the very first oceanarium in Mauritius. It contains 45 habitats of different configurations, immersed in 2,000 m³ of water (1,500 m³ in the main aquarium) and home to 200 marine species from the Indian Ocean.

Gros Cailloux - Over a surface area of 385 hectares, the domain is located in Petite Rivière. There are 5 areas dedicated to agriculture, fruits and vegetables, nursery, maintenance and landscaping, and leisure.



Splash N Fun Leisure Park - Unique in Mauritius, this water park covers 12 hectares. It is located on the East coast of Mauritius, close to the public beach of Belle Mare. Mauritians and tourists alike enjoy the water and land attractions, swimming pools and waterfall, and a food court.

Curious Corner of Chamarel - located opposite the Seven Colored Earth of Chamarel, the Curious Corner of Chamarel is the first interactive illusion and art gallery in Mauritius.



Bel Ombre Nature Reserve - located in the 2,500-hectare Domaine de Bel Ombre, the Bel Ombre Nature Reserve covers 1,300 hectares; the perfect place to discover incredible biodiversity. You can also enjoy picnics, quad biking, buggy rides and hiking.



Gravity Max leisure complex - situated at Tribeca Mall, the Gravity Max leisure complex provides a diverse range of activities. These include a remarkable 900-meter karting circuit spanning multiple levels. In addition to the karting, the complex offers bowling lanes, mini-golf, arcade games, darts, a baseball cage, car racing simulators, virtual reality (VR) video games, karaoke, and various restaurants and bars.

Retirement in Mauritius

Mauritius is rapidly becoming a hub for foreign retirees. In order to provide for the growing interest, in addition to the existing programs (PDS, RES, etc.), the government is currently developing several projects to transform the "Silver Economy" into a full-fledged growth pole. If you are planning to spend your retirement in Mauritius, here are the essentials.



Why retire in Mauritius?

Mauritius has long built its reputation as a paradise destination; not only because of its idyllic beaches and extraordinary climate, but also in offering excellent quality of life to locals and expats alike. Here's why:

A favorable tax system: the Mauritian government has clearly stated its objective to attract foreign investment. To achieve this, it has set up a favorable and conducive environment for them, consisting of tax reductions and deductions. These include a 15% personal and corporate income tax rate and no tax on dividends.

For foreign retirees, there is no wealth tax and no inheritance

tax. These advantages make it possible to take full advantage of the standard of living that has contributed to the island's reputation.

Advantageous real estate programs: since 2002, expats have been able to purchase property in Mauritius through various programs. One example is the Property Development Scheme (PDS) program. As per the 2023–2024 budget, foreign retirees and their families can secure a residence permit in Mauritius by acquiring property within a PDS project specifically designed for the elderly. This opportunity is available on the condition that the property's purchase value surpasses USD 200,000.

A modern healthcare system: Mauritius boasts a high-quality healthcare system that includes

5 public hospitals staffed by highly qualified medical professionals. Additionally, there are 21 private clinics across the island. Notably, the Fortis Darné clinic in Floréal has established an agreement with the Caisse des Français à l'Étranger (CFE). This agreement allows hospitalized French patients to have their medical expenses covered without the necessity of upfront payment.

A unique culture in the world: culturally, Mauritius is the quintessence of peaceful living. Proud of its multi-ethnic personality, the country is home to the most diverse cultural mix in the Indian Ocean; a personality that is permanently expressed in all aspects of the island, including, of course, its gastronomy: Mauritius is a gourmet's paradise!

Celebrations and leisure activities: the main religious celebrations of each community are marked by a national holiday in Mauritius. In addition to these, there are also cultural celebrations. Let's not forget the leisure activities. The island is home to rich fauna and flora, a rich cultural scene, as well as a lot of history.



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"We've had the pleasure of visiting Mauritius multiple times for vacations, getting acquainted with the island, its amiable people, and delightful climate. When contemplating retirement, we were drawn to the policies implemented by the administration, specifically designed to ease the retirement process for expats. Additionally, we appreciate how these policies leverage the economic contribution of senior citizens to enhance the local standard of living. Mauritius offers a secure environment, with a low crime rate, and provides access to high-quality medical services, making it an ideal choice for our retirement."

- ▶ No inheritance tax;
- ▶ 15% tax on personal income, including rental income.

Other visas for retirees

Retired individuals have the option to secure a residence permit in Mauritius through property acquisition, with no specific minimum investment requirement. This is applicable as long as the purchased property is a residential unit within the Property Development Scheme catering to the elderly. However, for properties outside this scheme, a minimum investment of USD 200,000 is necessary.

Furthermore, individuals – whether retirees, professionals, or tourists – seeking an initial experience of life in Mauritius can apply for a premium visa. This visa is valid for a duration ranging from 6 months to 1 year, with the possibility of renewal.

Being considered a retired expat in Mauritius

Mauritius is a popular destination for investors, including those who wish to reside there under the status of retiree. For this, the criteria to be respected are the following:

- ▶ Not being a Mauritian citizen and being 50 years old or more;
- ▶ Having completed medical examinations (hepatitis, AIDS, lung X-ray, etc.) less than 6 months before applying for the permit;
- ▶ Making an initial transfer of at least USD 1,500 or its equivalent in a freely convertible foreign currency to your local bank account in

Mauritius;

- ▶ Thereafter, transfer at least USD 1,500 per month or in installments, or an annual total of at least USD 18,000 or its equivalent in foreign currency during the 10 years of validity of the residence permit;
- ▶ At the end of each year, submit to the EDB proof of transfer of funds to their local bank account;
- ▶ If all these conditions are met, it is possible to apply for a permanent residence permit for 20 years.

As for tax benefits for foreign retirees in Mauritius:

- ▶ No real estate wealth tax;
- ▶ No property tax or housing tax;
- ▶ No capital gains tax in case of resale of a property;



Communities specially developed for retirees

Mauritius wants to become a leading destination for retirees, so the government has set up a new housing program with specific standards found under the existing Property Development Scheme. This senior living program allows retirees to purchase a residential unit or the life rights to a residential unit in an approved project.

There is no minimum purchase price and the non-citizen may choose to apply for a residence permit in his or her name and in the name of his or her spouse or common-law partner until the property is no longer owned or occupied by the purchaser.

These retirement communities must contain at least 25 residential units, specifically designed for seniors. They must provide personal and home care services that may include nursing, daily meal delivery, on-site supervision, emergency health services and recreational facilities.

Residences under construction offer among others:

- ▶ Several types of accommodation (studios, penthouses, villas) with balcony, terrace or private garden;
- ▶ À la carte services (hairstyling, laundry, cleaning, etc.);
- ▶ Catering service;
- ▶ Leisure activities (gym, bar, swimming pool, etc.);

- ▶ Maintenance of cognitive abilities;
- ▶ Convalescent care;
- ▶ Relay for family caregivers;
- ▶ 24/7 security, etc.

List of upcoming communities:

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*Luxury Retirement Village Ltd
Réduit, Moka*
Project: 200 residential units, a 54-room frail care unit, a clubhouse and other amenities.
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Address: *Luxury Retirement Village Ltd. - NG Tower, Cybercity - Ébene*
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Phone: (230) 4547374

BG OASIS LTD

Palma, Quatre Bornes
Project of 68 residential units and related facilities
Contact person: Mr. Bhimajee Govinda
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La Louise, Quatre Bornes
Project of 63 residential units and related developments
Contact Person: Mr. Bhimajee Govinda
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Eligibility and facilities

Any foreigner aged 50 years or older can acquire a residential unit and live in it without any form of additional rent, provided that he/she buys the property on the basis of a plan, during construction or when the construction is completed.

In addition, it is provided by law that the investor be entitled to a de facto residence permit for himself and his spouse until he no longer occupies the property.

Tax incentives

The investor with a residence permit is entitled to a 5-year tax holiday on pension and other income earned in Mauritius by him and his spouse.

As a permanent resident, he/she becomes eligible for standard duty and VAT exemption on the importation of household and personal effects, but especially on his/her real estate.

Interview - Faraz Rojid



Director Silver Economy, EDB

In the latest rankings by Le Figaro, Mauritius was acknowledged as the 4th best country globally for retirement and was recognized as one of the safest countries for digital nomads in 2022 according to Kayak's Work from Wherever Index.

The island provides abundant opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts looking to stay active during their retirement. Whether it's walking, sightseeing, enjoying beautiful beaches, engaging in aquatic activities, or playing golf, Mauritius offers a diverse range of options. The golfing experience is particularly enchanting, set amidst picturesque landscapes and magnificent scenery. Boasting several world-class golf courses, Mauritius attracts enthusiasts from around the globe, emphasizing that golfing here is not just about the sport but also immersing oneself in the natural beauty surrounding each course.

What makes Mauritius attractive to retirees?

Today, Mauritius is considered one of the premier retirement destinations globally. With its tropical setting, the island enjoys warm weather for 8 months a year, a serene atmosphere, advanced infrastructure, and a cost of living that's both competitive and appealing. Notably, the Global Peace Index recognizes Mauritius as the most peaceful country in sub-Saharan Africa, and its political stability adds to its reputation as a secure destination for both locals and foreigners choosing Mauritius as their second home. Additionally, the jurisdiction clinched the top spot in Africa in the 2021 World Happiness Report, Mo Ibrahim, and Global Health Security.

Mauritius serves as a haven for those in search of tranquility, offering an escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. Renowned as a tourist hotspot, the island is a melting pot of cultures, fostering a harmonious blend of religions and ethnic groups.

What are the different visa options for retirees in Mauritius?

The initial choice is a retirement residence permit, which remains valid for 10 years and is renewable. It's granted to any individual aged 50 or older, and dependents are also eligible for a residence permit lasting the same duration. However, applicants are required to submit a certified bank statement from their country of origin or residence, indicating either a minimum amount of USD 18,000 or a guaranteed minimum income of USD 1,500 per month. The retirement residence permit offers significant

Interview - Faraz Rojid

flexibility by not imposing a minimum length of stay and doesn't mandate having a Mauritian bank account. Moreover, holders enjoy the notable advantage of accessing resident-only rates at various tourist attractions, restaurants, and hotels.

For those foreigners interested in experiencing life in Mauritius firsthand, the second option is a premium visa. This visa permits residence in Mauritius for a period exceeding 6 months up to one year, with the possibility of renewal. The visa holder can be a tourist traveling alone or with family. This option is particularly suitable for individuals looking to engage in telecommuting or explore investment opportunities in Mauritius.

The third alternative involves acquiring real estate, allowing individuals to purchase a residential unit (such as a duplex, villa, or apartment within an approved program) for themselves and their dependents.

What accommodation options are available for retirees in Mauritius?

Retirees in Mauritius have a multitude of accommodation options to choose from. The ongoing projects under the PDS for Senior Living program primarily focus on providing housing for adults aged over 50 who desire independent living in a community of peers. These projects offer various amenities such as leisure and socialization facilities, including a clubhouse, health club or gym, and facilities management services tailored to meet the needs of the elderly.

In addition to these specialized programs, retirees also have the flexibility to either rent or purchase residential properties within approved programs,

allowing them to tailor their living arrangements to their preferences and requirements.

What do foreign retirees need to know about tax requirements in Mauritius?

Mauritius employs a progressive income tax model ranging from 0% to 20%, and notably, there is no taxation on wealth, inheritances, dividends, or capital gains. Additionally, income received by a retired person, their spouse, or partner from outside Mauritius in the last five years is exempt from income tax.

Furthermore, Mauritius has entered into 53 double taxation avoidance agreements with various countries, including France, the UK, India, South Africa, and Germany. These agreements incorporate specific provisions designed to prevent the double taxation of pension payments and payments derived from pensions. This provides a sense of certainty and predictability for retirees relocating to Mauritius, offering favorable conditions for their financial affairs.

Finally, with its status as an international financial center, Mauritius provides advantageous options for estate planning through Mauritian trusts and foundations. These options encompass aspects such as asset protection, tax planning, succession planning, as well as wealth accumulation and preservation.

Are there any activities that are not permitted for retirees in Mauritius?

Retirees are not allowed to enter the Mauritian

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job market; however, they can explore the option of telecommuting to other parts of the world from Mauritius. If a person holding a residence permit wishes to enter the labor market or change their status to that of an investor, the procedure is simplified and the EDB will facilitate the conversion of their permit.

What is medical care like in Mauritius?

The government of Mauritius has placed a strong emphasis on healthcare, prioritizing the well-being of both citizens and non-residents alike.

Mauritius is equipped with a healthcare system that includes 5 public hospitals providing general services, along with 6 public hospitals specializing in mental health care, cardiology, orthopedics, otorhinolaryngology, eye care, and thoracic care. In addition, there are 18 private clinics and 11 specialized centers. Notably, the Fortis Darné

private clinic has established an agreement with the Caisse des Français à l'Étranger (CFE), an organization responsible for the social protection of French expatriates. This agreement ensures that French expatriates are reimbursed for expenses incurred during hospitalization.

Choosing Mauritius for retirement guarantees easy access to a wealth of healthcare professionals. The country boasts a robust healthcare workforce, including 3,210 doctors, 4,440 qualified nurses, 411 dentists, and 536 pharmacists, ensuring retirees have a comprehensive and accessible healthcare support system.

The Economic Development Board (EDB) serves as the central hub and primary contact for all foreign nationals interested in investing, working, living, or retiring in Mauritius. For more detailed information, you can visit our website at www.mauritiusr retire.com or reach out to us via email at myretirement@edbmauritius.org.



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Accommodation in Mauritius

Thanks to its idyllic setting, and its proximity to the African, India, Australia and Asia in general, this small, independent and prosperous republic attracts, every year, many foreigners seeking a high quality of life. If you're looking to make the move, accommodation should be a priority for you. Here is what you should know if you are looking for a place to live.



Renting

Houses, villas, studios and apartments are available in Mauritius. As a general rule, accommodations are furnished and equipped with appliances. The leases are usually established for one year, with tacit renewal. For a smooth rental, it is advisable to check with the owner or the rental agency before the end of the written lease.

The payment of 1 or 2 months' deposit is often required. Remember to have an inventory of fixtures drawn up before signing the lease. Do not hesitate to take pictures during your visit. Water

(CWA) and electricity (CEB) are sometimes included in the rent, although, this practice tends to disappear these days.

Heating is not necessary in Mauritius, except maybe for accommodation on the Central Plateau where you will be able to find electric heaters. Air conditioning is not always necessary, but it can be very pleasant during summer. On this last point, the electricity bill can rise very quickly if you use such an appliance.

If you go through a real estate agency when renting, note that the commission, shared between

the owner and the tenant, generally represents one month's rent.

Rents in general

Prices are very variable, depending on the preferences of each and everyone (view, proximity to beaches or centers, leisure facilities, swimming pool, garden, security services, furnishings, equipment, etc.).

The rental market is rapidly changing in Mauritius. Houses, apartments, studios, aparthotels, PDS villas and units with the Invest Hotel Scheme (IHS) are now available for rent.

Luxury homes are no exception, with second-home owners renting out their properties for part of the year.

Average rents in attractive areas for expats

In Port-Louis, apartment rentals typically range from Rs 15,000 to Rs 40,000. However, many expats prefer residences in Grand Baie, Flic en Flac, or Tamarin in the West of the island. In these areas, prices for similar apartments in the North can vary from Rs 18,000 to Rs 130,000.

ACCOMMODATION

For those seeking a seaside lifestyle in places like Flic en Flac or Tamarin, rents generally fall between Rs 18,000 and Rs 60,000.

If you opt for a house with a garden in the West or North, suitable for a family of four, anticipate a monthly budget of around Rs 50,000 to Rs 70,000.

In general:

- ▶ Inland accommodations typically range from Rs 15,000 to Rs 35,000;

- ▶ Properties near tourist areas may range between Rs 45,000 and Rs 75,000.

For those interested in beachfront villas with luxury amenities, prices can exceed Rs 100,000.

It's important to note that these prices serve as a reference and may vary based on the property owner and specific features of each residence.

Where to look?

Real estate ads - <https://www.expats.com/en/housing/africa/mauritius/>

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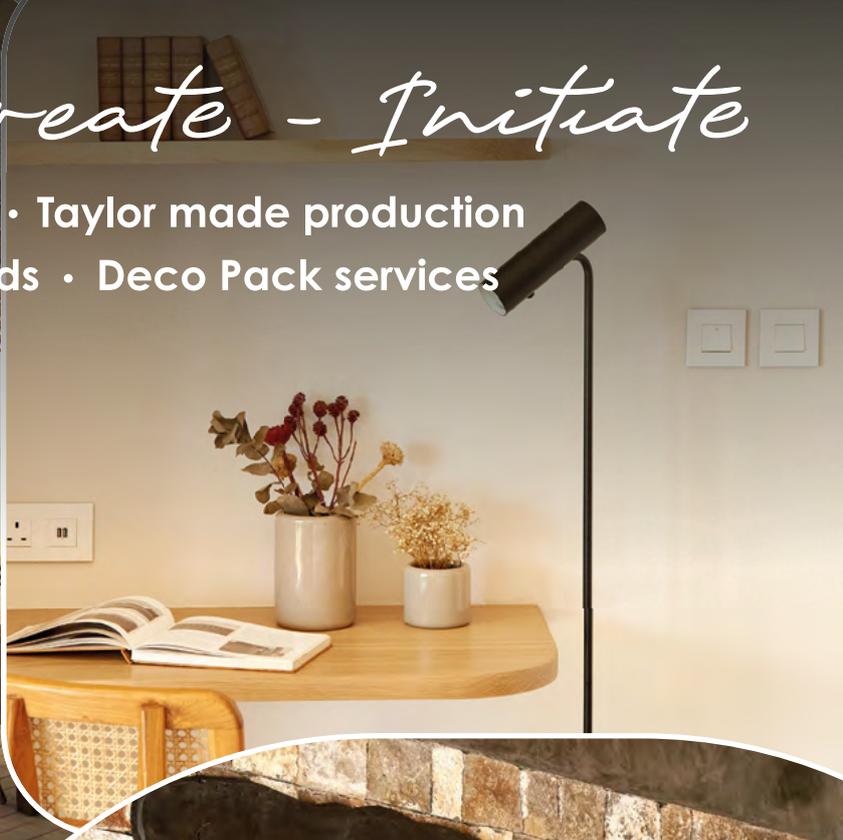
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WHERE TO LIVE IN MAURITIUS? THE DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY

The North of Mauritius

The North of Mauritius is undoubtedly a hub for expats looking for a lifestyle that naturally oscillates between a relaxed lifestyle and convenience. The varied shops, proximity to the schools, located in and around Mapou for most, availability of buses (Triolet Bus Service - TBS network), cabs and freeway make the North of the island conducive to a serene life.

Pros:

The North of the island is well served by public transport and the road infrastructure is well-developed and connects this region to the rest of the world.

The area is home to shopping centers, businesses, schools, and numerous offices and workspaces.

Many Northern beaches are among the most beautiful on the island.

Cons:

If what you want is to be away from it all, the North is not for you. The region is very popular with tourists as well as Mauritians who love this area for its beaches and its nightlife. Moreover, the summers are particu-

larly hot.

Among the most famous villages are:

Grand Bay: this seaside town is home to all the necessary amenities, a lively nightlife, while being located 15 minutes from international schools and 30 minutes from Port-Louis, the capital. Its climate is sunny all year round, with light winds and pleasant temperatures.

Pereybère: Beyond the Grand Bay coastline in the North of Mauritius, Pereybère was once a small fishing village that has changed a lot, while keeping an appreciable authentic side. Less touristy, it has all the essential amenities. As for the climate, you will enjoy very hot summers (November to March) and mild winters, while being sheltered from the wind.

Calodyne: In the North-East of Mauritius, it is a small preserved region, a haven of peace. It is close to the beach, which is why it is appreciated by expats looking for tranquility, without being cut off from the world. As for the weather, Calodyne enjoys a tropical climate with rainfall and a short dry season.

The West of Mauritius

This region is also touristy, with

many amenities, and has a particularly lively nightlife while being child-friendly. Its beaches are popular all year round.

Pros:

To keep up with the influx of tourists and expats, more and more schools, shopping malls, gyms, shops and other developments are being built in this area.

The beaches are never far away, especially those of Flic-en-Flac, Tamarin and La Preneuse.

Mountains and other hiking trails are easily accessible, including the Black River National Park.

It is easier to find peace and quiet in this area, unless you are in Flic-en-Flac.

Cons:

The Center, and even Port-Louis, are less accessible from the West than from the North, for example.

Summers are hot, but less than in the North of the island.

Popular villages in the West are:

Tamarin: Tamarin is the seaside region, ideal for families, couples and solo expats. Away from the hustle and bustle of tourism, its climate is dry in winter and rather rainy in summer. There are all the amenities,

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Nestled on plots ranging from 1,000 to 4,000 m², each villa guarantees privacy and serenity while of-

fering stunning views of Le Morne and the lagoon. The use of natural materials, such as wood, creates a cozy ambiance in harmony with the surroundings.

JIVA SANTOSHA also champions sustainable living, providing residents access to organic gardens for cultivating their own produce, fostering a culture of healthy eating. Common spaces like parks, pathways, and relaxation areas allow residents to reconnect with nature.

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stores, banks, pharmacies, supermarkets, and sports clubs with tennis courts, beach volleyball and a swimming pool. For children, there is the Paul et Virginie School (kindergarten and primary school, part of the local network of French Program Establishments in Mauritius) as well as the Telfair International Primary School.

Flic-en-Flac: located on the West coast of the island, it is the second seaside hub of Mauritius, therefore animated and touristy with bars, restaurants, night-clubs, and casinos. The beauty of its beaches is breathtaking. During the week, Flic-en-Flac is quiet, allowing you to enjoy the beaches and the numerous water activities, such as scuba diving or windsurfing.

The South of Mauritius

This region of the island is untouched, less touristy, with different landscapes, sometimes steep. If you are a nature lover and you do not have to travel frequently to the capital and its surroundings, the South of Mauritius is the perfect region to live fully immersed in the Mauritian way of life.

Pros:

The South of the island is far from everything; it offers the serenity and tranquility not accessible anywhere else on the island.

The South is literally between the mountains and the sea, so you don't have to choose.

Some of the most beautiful beaches on the island are in the South, including Le Morne in the Southwest and Blue Bay in the South East.

Cons:

The South is far from everything, with not many shopping centers, schools, or shops around.

The South is not well served by transportation, and road infrastructure is limited.

A popular village is:

Mahébourg: In the South-East of the island, Mahébourg and the surrounding villages, Blue Bay and Pointe-d'Esny, can be interesting options for solo expats or those without children. The village is served by a highway connecting it to the center of the island, it is only a few minutes from the airport and the beaches of Pointe d'Esny and Blue Bay, which are among the most beautiful on the island. There is also a shopping mall a few minutes' drive from the village and many small and varied shops and typical restaurants.

The East of Mauritius

This region is home to some of the most beautiful beaches of the island, such as Belle Mare or Trou d'Eau Douce. Its peaceful

environment, its village atmosphere, its lagoon, and its wonderful bays offer an authentic atmosphere. Furthermore, golfers will find breathtaking courses, such as the Constance Belle Mare Plage.

Pros:

There are beautiful beaches in the East of the island.

While it is close to Flacq, which is home to shopping centers and other facilities, it is still possible to find serenity in the East of the island since it is less accessible and busy.



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Cons:

The area remains difficult to access from the Center of the island, although developments are underway to remedy this.

Schools, especially private ones, and administrative offices are not well represented in this part of the island.

A popular village is:

Poste Lafayette: This is the most affluent part of the area and is home to a large expat community that has chosen to live by the sea. You will find many villas with private access to the beach. As for the climate, although sunny most of the time, it is quite windy.

Buying a property in one of these regions of Mauritius

The Economic Development Board (EDB) reminds us that any non-citizen, whether an individual or an investor, is allowed to hold/buy/acquire real estate in Mauritius.

In the case of an individual, such acquisition requires the approval of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

In the case of an investor, such an acquisition requires the approval of the EDB.

For this purpose, various schemes for the acquisition of residential property approved

and administered by the EDB have been developed:

Property Development Scheme (PDS) / Merger of Integrated Resort Scheme and Real Estate Scheme

Any investment of more than USD 375,000 entitles the purchaser and his or her dependents to a residence permit, valid for the duration of the property's ownership. As the owner of a PDS property, he does not need to obtain an occupation or work permit to invest or work in Mauritius.

Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS)

The purchaser and his dependents can obtain a residence permit against an investment of at least USD 375,000. The individual buyer is free to rent out the

property and is not subject to any tax restrictions. As a holder of a residence permit under the IRS, they do not need a work or occupation permit to work in Mauritius.

Real Estate Scheme (RES)

The benefits are similar to those granted by the real estate purchase in IRS.

Smart City Scheme

This scheme allows non-residents to purchase a residential unit, villa, apartment, penthouse, townhouse or duplex in Mauritius. Non-residents holding a residence permit, occupation permit or permanent residence permit can purchase a serviced plot of land of 2,100 square meters in a residential subdivision located in an EDB-approved Smart City development for the purpose of building a residence.



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Ground +2 apartments

Non-citizens who purchase an apartment located in a building with at least 2 upper floors for a minimum amount of USD 375,000 or its equivalent in other currencies are granted a residence permit. The permit remains valid as long as they own the property.

They may also purchase an apartment in a subdivision outside the approved residential programs. However, the apartment must be in a condominium with at least 2 floors above ground, and the minimum purchase price must be Rs 6 million or its equivalent in other currencies.

Good to Know

Classified ads and word-of-mouth can help in finding long-term rental that meets your expectations.

For new expats, it is preferable to first rent a seasonal property for a short period of time and then take the time to visit different properties and make a choice for the long term.

Turning your house into a home

When you moved to Mauritius, you probably left behind some of the things that made your house a home. To make this new life as sweet and pleasant as possible, the island has no shortage of

shops specially dedicated to furnishing, DIY, decoration, etc., such as Macumba Ltd, Espace Maison et Jardin, Teak World, Mr Bricolage, La Foir'Fouille, Roche Bobois and Moodesign. If you want to remain eco-friendly while furnishing and decorating your home, The Good Shop is a collaborative initiative, particularly oriented towards the circular economy. Three shops have opened so far, in Calebasses, Curepipe and Moka, respectively.

In Mauritius, it is also common to have your furniture made by local cabinet makers. Ask around or visit the Mauritius forum for information and tips!

Note that most furniture stores offer free delivery and assemble the furniture for you. To take

advantage of this, just ask when you visit the store.

Regarding the prices of products in store, most of them being imported, the prices can be slightly higher than in Europe, for example.

Units of measurement

Mauritians rarely speak in square meters. Thus, you will probably hear about square feet, perch and toise:

- ▶ 10.7641 square feet = 1 square meter;
- ▶ 1 perch = 42.21 m² (42.21 sq. ft.);
- ▶ 1 toise = 3.80 m² (3.8 sq. ft.);
- ▶ 1 arpent = 100 perches;
- ▶ 1 perch = 11,11 toises;
- ▶ 1 arpent = 1,111 toises.



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Health in Mauritius

Health is a key issue when moving abroad. This chapter will help you to understand the Mauritian health system, find out about your options and plan your move with peace of mind.



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Overview of the health system in Mauritius

Mauritius has regional hospitals, specialized hospitals and private clinics. This is supported by a network of regional and community health centers, evenly distributed throughout the island. This is complemented by a network of pharmacies, whose services extend to rural areas.

Public hospitals are freely accessible to both residents and expats. However, while care is free for residents, it is not free for non-residents.

In addition, it takes a lot of patience to get an appointment. The process is well defined, but long: in order to get an appoint-

ment, you must first go to the hospital, consult a general practitioner, and then a file will be put together for the appointment. Between each step, there is triage, waiting, additional tests if necessary (weight, height, blood pressure, temperature, blood test, X-ray, etc.).

Although the public health system is capable of treating most health problems, expats show a clear preference for the private system, which is faster and often better equipped. With several clinics, the private sector has allowed Mauritius to become a destination of choice for medical tourism.

Two pieces of information to keep in mind:

- ▶ Getting treatment in a clinic in Mauritius is often very expensive;
- ▶ Mauritians who wish to benefit from advanced treatments unavailable in the country very often turn to Reunion Island, India and South Africa. This is something to consider if you require specific treatments. Moreover, for maximum protection, most expats in Mauritius choose to take out international health insurance.

The healthcare system in Mauritius in detail

Mauritius has a well-developed healthcare system, governed by the Ministry of Health and



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Wellness. Healthcare is provided by both the public and private sectors. There are 5 major public hospitals, 6 specialized public hospitals, local health centers and clinics. There are also 18 private clinics and 11 specialized fee-for-service centers.

These structures are staffed by a large majority of foreign-trained doctors, as well as by doctors who are themselves expats. In Mauritius, the medical profession is regulated by the Medical Council of Mauritius. This ensures that medical practices conform to the highest international standards of quality and practice.

Hospitals, health centers and clinics in Mauritius

Mauritius' health system is evolving

The government of Mauritius is committed to modernizing its healthcare system and incorpo-

rating the latest technological advances to enhance services for its citizens. In the presentation of the 2023–2024 budget, the Minister of Finance announced an allocation of Rs 15.7 billion for this pivotal sector.

A key aspect of this modernization effort is the implementation of the E-Health System, scheduled to be operational by July. This Rs 180 million project will impact 5 regional hospitals, with Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital taking the lead in computerizing its entire healthcare system. The aim is to establish a "one patient-one record" system for all citizens.

Artificial intelligence will play a role in medical applications, with the introduction of electrocardiography across all the country's hospitals. This is expected to particularly benefit patients dealing with diabetes and cardiovascular diseases.

Infrastructure modernization is a focal point, with an allocation

of Rs 2.2 billion for various projects. This includes the construction of the New Flacq Teaching Hospital, the New Eye Hospital in Réduit, and a new kidney transplant unit at Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital. Additionally, health centers will be established in multiple regions, with planned upgrades for regional hospitals.

The budget also earmarks Rs 300 million for acquiring new medical equipment and recruiting 1,400 new staff to enhance patient care. Complex cases requiring eye surgery will be referred to private hospitals.

These significant funds and initiatives are geared towards aligning Mauritius' healthcare system with international standards, ensuring a higher quality of service for its citizens.

The 5 public hospitals of Mauritius

The Victoria Hospital - PMOC complex, located in Candos in the Plaine-Wilhems district

The following services are provided: General Medicine - General Surgery - Orthopaedic Surgery - Plastic Surgery - Gynaecology and Obstetrics - Paediatrics - Nursery - Neonatal Intensive Care - Cardiology - Radiology - Oncology - Burns Unit - Psychiatry - Lithotripsy - Pathology -

HEALTH

Dentistry - Haemodialysis - Accidents and Emergencies - Medical and Surgical Intensive Care - OPD Chest Diseases - OPD Dermatology.

Paramedical Services: Central Laboratory - Blood Bank - School of Nursing - Physiotherapy Department - Medical Social Service - Virology Department - Speech Therapy (at the ENT Center) - Occupational Therapy (at the ENT Center) - X-ray - CAT Scan - Dietician.

The area is also served by 20 community health centers and 5 regional health centers.

The regional hospital, Dr. A. Gaffoor Jectoo,

located in the district of Port-Louis, the capital

The following services are provided: General Medicine - General Surgery - Orthopedics - Pediatrics - Nursery - Gynecology and Obstetrics - Physical Medicine - Chest Diseases - NCD (Communicable Disease Clinic) - Skin Diseases OPD - ENT Clinic OPD - Oncology OPD - Ophthalmology OPD - Accident and Emergency Department - Medical and Surgical Intensive Care - Dental Facilities - Hemodialysis.

Auxiliary Departments: Medical Laboratory Services - X-Ray - Physical Therapy - Occupational Therapy - Speech Language Pathologist - Dietician - Social

Worker - Medical Records Department.

The area is also served by 25 community health centers and 6 regional health centers.

Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam National Hospital, located in Pamplemousses

The following services are provided: General Medicine - General Surgery - Orthopedics - Surgery - Gynecology and Obstetrics - Pediatrics - Nursery - Neonatal Intensive Care - Cardiology - Cardiac Surgery - Radiology - Oncology OPD - Psychiatry - Lithotripsy - Pathology - Dental - Hemodialysis - Accidents and

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Paramedical services: Magnetic Resonance Imaging Laboratory (MRI) - School of Nursing - Physiotherapy Department - Medical and Social Services - Speech Therapy - Occupational Therapy - X-Ray - C A T Scan - Dietician.

The area is also served by 23 community health centers and 4 regional health centers

Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital, located in Rose Belle

The following services are provided: General Medicine - General Surgery - Renal Surgery - Orthopedics - Pediatrics - Nursery - Gynecology and Obstetrics - Physical Medicine - Chest Diseases - NCDs (Non-Communicable Diseases) - Skin Diseases - ENT - Oncology - Ophthalmology - Accident and Emergency - Medical and Surgical Intensive Care - Dental Facilities - Hemodialysis.

Auxiliary Departments: Medical Laboratory Services - X-ray - Nuclear Medicine - C A T Scan - Physiotherapy - Occupational Therapy - Speech Therapy - Dietician - Social Worker - Centralized Medical Records Department.

The area is also served by 17 community health centers and 5 regional health centers.

Dr. Bruno Cheong Hospital (formerly Flacq Hospital), located in Flacq

The following care is provided there: General medicine - General surgery - Orthopedics - Pediatrics - Neonatal nursery - Gynecology and obstetrics - Psychiatry - Endocrinology - EMS services (emergency medical unit) - Physical medicine - Chest diseases - Outpatient clinic - NCD Secretariat - NCD Services - Skin Diseases - ENT Clinic - Ophthalmology - Accident and Emergency Department - Dental Facilities - Hemodialysis Unit - Ayurvedic Outpatient Clinic - Speech Therapy Unit - Nutrition Unit - Medical Social Worker.

Auxiliary Departments: Medical Laboratory Services - Blood Bank - X-Ray - Physiotherapy - Occupational Therapy - Centralized Medical Records Department - Centralized Sterile Supplies Department - Laundry Unit - Food Service Unit - Supply Unit - Energy Services Unit.

The area is also served by 24 community health centers, 4 regional health centers and 1 medical clinic.

District hospitals, community centers, and medi-clinics

The 2 district hospitals are the **Souillac Hospital** and the **Mahébourg Hospital**.

USEFUL LINKS

Hospitals - <https://govmu.org/FR/infoservices/healthandmedicalservices/Pages/hospitals.aspx>

Health centres - <https://govmu.org/FR/infoservices/healthandmedicalservices/Pages/healthcentres.aspx>

Community health centers and dispensaries will offer basic health services, family planning/maternal and child health services, dental care and immunization.

Medi-clinics offer basic health services, family planning/maternal and child health services, dental care, immunization, health education, public health services, laboratory services, X-ray and ultrasound.

Regional Health Centers (RHC) offer basic health services, family planning/maternal and child health services, dental care, immunization, health education and public health services.

Community Health Centers (CHC) offer basic health services, family planning/maternal and child health services, immunization and health education with community participation.

Family Health Centers (FHC) offer family planning, maternal and child health services and health education.

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The 4 specialized hospitals

Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Hospital - After functioning as a Covid quarantine center since March 2020, the New ENT Hospital has returned to its primary role as a specialized facility for ear, nose, and throat services. It is set to resume providing specialized care for issues related to the ear, nose, and throat, featuring a dedicated unit for pediatric surgery catering to children up to the age of 16. The 110-bed facility, equipped with digitized operating theaters and state-of-the-art equipment, will be operational 24/7, supported by a team of approximately 100 employees;

Brown Sequard Psychiatric Hospital in Beau-Bassin;

Subrahmanyam Bharati Eye Hospital in Moka;

Poudre d'Or **Chest Hospital**.

Private clinics

In addition to hospitals, Mauritius is home to numerous private clinics offering a wide array of medical services. These services encompass general consultations, specialized services, dental care, diagnostic procedures, and mental health services.

Specialized services: Private clinics in Mauritius commonly provide specialized services in fields such as plastic surgery, cosmetic surgery, cardiology, ophthalmol-

ogy, urology, and various other areas of specialized care.

Cost of care: The cost of healthcare in the private sector can vary based on the type of service, the clinic, and the extent of insurance coverage. Private healthcare can be relatively expensive, emphasizing the importance of having insurance coverage. A consultation with a general practitioner typically ranges from Rs 1,000 to Rs 3,000, depending on the clinic and tests conducted, while consultations with specialists can range from Rs 2,000 to Rs 6,000.

Travel for specialized treatment: For conditions requiring treatment beyond the island, patients can seek care at health centers in La Réunion, including the CHU Félix Guyon in Saint-Denis and its southern sites in Saint-Pierre, Saint-Joseph, and Cilaos.

You can find [here](#) a list of all private hospitals in Mauritius.

For pathologies requiring travel outside the island, patients can go to the health centers of Reunion Island. In particular, the Félix Guyon University Hospital in Saint-Denis and its southern sites in Saint-Pierre, Saint-Joseph and Cilaos have high-per-

formance technical facilities.

Private doctors in Mauritius

Mauritius presents a plethora of healthcare options, boasting a multitude of medical practices scattered throughout the country. Finding a healthcare professional tailored to your needs is a straightforward process – simply conduct a quick search on an online search engine. These searches often yield listings of various medical specialties, ranging from general practitioners to highly qualified specialists, facilitating the discovery of the right practitioner for specific healthcare requirements.

It's noteworthy that most doctor listings are typically organized by geographical area, simplifying the process of locating healthcare professionals in proximity to your residence. If the desired practitioner is not immediately found in your current region, consider expanding your search by adjusting the specified region on your search engine. This flexibility allows for exploration of a broader spectrum of healthcare professionals across the island.

Additionally, apart from online



research, personal recommendations from family, friends, or colleagues serve as an excellent resource for discovering trustworthy doctors. Feedback from

individuals who have previously consulted a practitioner can offer valuable insights into the quality of care and the doctor's approach to patients.

Whether seeking general consultations, specialized care, or mental health services, the diverse array of healthcare professionals in Mauritius ensures that residents and visitors have a comprehensive range of options to address their specific medical needs.

You will find [here](#) a list of private doctors in Mauritius.

USEFUL LINK

Ministry of Health and Wellness <https://health.govmu.org>



PAUL AND PENNY HOWS, BRITISH RETIREES:

"In the UK, anti-allergy medication like Puratèze has an antihistamine effect and is available over the counter. We suggest taking one a day for a week before you arrive in Mauritius.

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Settling down in Mauritius if you suffer from a chronic disease

If you suffer from a chronic disease and are taking medication, take the time to find out about the availability of your prescriptions before your departure.

If possible, plan to have sufficient stock to maintain your treatment during the first months after your arrival in Mauritius.

All treatments must be supported by a prescription: have this document at hand to present to customs upon arrival.

Moving to Mauritius with a disability

To counter the effects of the crisis that followed the COVID-19 pandemic, Mauritius is also banking on social inclusion as an economic lever. As a result, the government plans to approach organizations to make services,

communities and workplaces more accessible to people with disabilities, such as training of public agents in sign language, news bulletin in sign language twice a week, installation of equipment on certain beaches to allow people in wheelchairs to access the sea, installation of 40 floating beach wheelchairs, etc. While these measures are mostly available to the most disadvantaged Mauritians, they testify to the will of Mauritius to finally adapt to people with disabilities.

As for parents, [here](#) is an official list of the many NGOs that work tirelessly for the development of children with disabilities in Mauritius.

Pharmacy and medication

Foreigners traveling to Mauritius are allowed to bring common medicines for their personal use, provided that they carry a copy of the prescription at all times and that the medication has been dispensed in a pharmacy.

Tranquilizers, hypnotics, narcotics and other strong analgesics require prior authorization from the Ministry of Health.

When you are there, don't hesitate to ask your pharmacist if they can order the medication you need but have run out of, always on presentation of a valid prescription.

Good to know

Some medicines are not available in Mauritius, according to expats living on the island. These discussions on the [English](#) and [French forums](#) of the website have been created in order to list medications that may not be available. Do not hesitate to ask our members for advice.

Social security

There is a social security system in Mauritius. However, it does not cover the whole health sector.

Indeed, the "Mauritian Social Security" covers old age pensions, severe disabilities, eyeglasses, disability pensions, social assistance, rice and flour allowances, some funeral expenses (under conditions), redundancy, single mothers, children whose fathers are in prison, hearing aids, wheelchairs, elderly welfare and some loans (under conditions).

It is advised to check with the authorities in your country be-

forehand to see if there are any agreements between your local social security system and that of Mauritius.

It is also recommended to take out private expatriate insurance before departure.

Health insurance

In Mauritius, public healthcare is free for all. As a result, hospitals and other public health centers, as is very common around the planet, are often overcrowded. This is why a majority of expats, but also many Mauritians, opt for the private health sector. This system implies that all expenses are to be paid by the patients, however. To avoid this, it is essential to have individual health insurance, therefore private.

What are the offers?

The country has a wide range of local health insurance companies, complemented by international insurers. Several solutions and packages are offered.

Local health insurance companies offer either reimbursement of expenses or third party payment if the care is provided by an affiliated network establishment.

For their part, international health insurers can offer advantages such as the possibility of choosing one's own care facility, third-party payment in case of hospitalization, or services spe-

cifically designed for expats (free telemedicine with a doctor who speaks the patient's native language, medical transfers abroad for complex cases or those requiring a specific intervention, etc.).

Can expats be insured by local companies?

Expats can, of course, be insured locally. As everywhere, the budget depends on factors such as age, current health status, medical history, needs, etc.

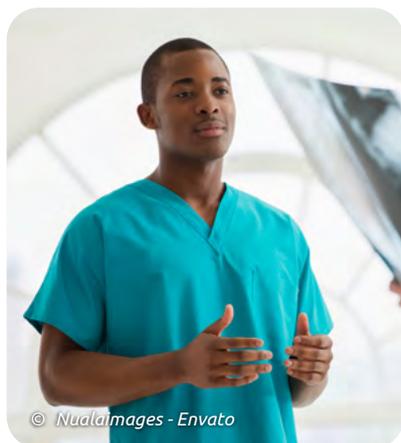
How to choose private health insurance in Mauritius?

A good health insurance should cover both minor and major care, but also, and especially, repatriation if necessary. Take the time to research and study the offers of the different insurance companies that seem interesting to you. Factors that will influence your decision include:

Type of plan and provider network: Does the insurance company have a specific network? If so, which healthcare providers, hospitals and pharmacies are in its network?

Premiums: How much do you have to pay per month to be covered?

Waiting period: What is the waiting period before your coverage is activated after you sign the contract?





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Drug coverage: Are your regular prescriptions covered by your insurance?

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Health risks

In the past, there have been outbreaks of insect-borne diseases like dengue fever and chikungunya. However, the current risk is not significant, with only a few imported cases reported.

Nevertheless, it is strongly advised to take preventive measures against these diseases, such as ensuring that your home is properly sealed to prevent insects from entering. Using insect repellents and wearing

long, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing are also recommended to minimize the risk of insect bites. If you experience symptoms like fever, muscle pain, rash, or severe headaches, it is crucial to consult a health professional immediately for proper diagnosis and treatment.

Vaccinations

It is no longer mandatory to have a complete vaccination schema against COVID-19 or to go through a quarantine period to enter Mauritius. However, if you have tested positive for COVID-19 within 8 days prior to departure, you are not allowed to board a flight to Mauritius.

Vaccination against yellow fever is optional if you come from Europe, North America, Oceania or Asia, but mandatory if you have recently visited an endemic area. Vaccination against hepatitis A and B is recommended. Make sure your tetanus and polio vaccinations are up to date. Foreign nationals returning to Mauritius after a stay in a high-risk country are required to present their up-to-date international vaccination booklet.

Allergies

From April to May, one should be wary of sugarcane flowers. During the cane-cutting season, cane fires can also create an allergy to airborne smoke particles.

Mosquitoes

During summer and especially the wet season, a mosquito net and repellent products are recommended. Preventive treatments can also be used, such as smoking or the use of fresh lemongrass that can be found everywhere in the gardens or even Geranium essential oil.

Note that there is no risk of Malaria in the country.

Mandatory medical examinations

Applicants for an Occupation Permit or a Residence Permit are required to undergo a series of mandatory medical examinations:

Blood tests for:

- ▶ Hemoglobin and complete blood count;
- ▶ Hepatitis B surface antigen;
- ▶ HIV test for AIDS;
- ▶ VDRL test (for syphilis);
- ▶ Urine tests for albumin and sugar;
- ▶ Stool parasite test;
- ▶ Chest X-ray;
- ▶ Lymphatic Filariasis (nationals of India, Bangladesh,



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Madagascar, Brazil, Comoros, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Tanzania, Uganda and Vietnam);

- ▶ Leprosy (Indian nationals).

Among these tests, the following 3 must be performed in Mauritius in any local private medical laboratory or in a clinic registered with the Ministry of Health and Wellness:

- ▶ Hepatitis B surface antigen;
- ▶ HIV;
- ▶ Chest X-ray.

Other tests can be done in the traveler's country before arrival in Mauritius or in Mauritius itself.

IMPORTANT:

All test results must be submitted to a local doctor, who will issue a medical certificate after an examination. The medical certificate and the reports of the 3 tests performed in Mauritius (HIV, Hepatitis B surface antigen and chest X-ray) must be submitted at the time of application for a resident and work permit.

No application for an occupation permit will be accepted if there is evidence that the applicant is suffering from an infectious or contagious disease.

Medical tests must not have been performed more than 6 months prior to the date of application.

The chest X-ray must be signed by a radiologist.

Children under the age of 12 will require a medical certificate after a clinical examination.

Appropriate medical examinations, including chest X-rays and blood tests, should only be performed if requested by the physician.

USEFUL LINKS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

<https://residency.mu/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Guide-line-for-OP-2023.pdf> (page 25-26)

LIST OF CERTIFIED PRIVATE CLINICS

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Is it expensive?

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Is it dangerous?

On the contrary! Ozonated water is safe! The generator "creates" ozonated water from tap water, simply by generating aqueous ozone. It's, in a way, enhanced water!



Why is it ecological?

The use of cleaning products is harmful to users and the environment. With ozonated water, you no longer emit any chemical substances into the air or on your surfaces. Your family is protected, and the environment is preserved. Wave goodbye to those awful-coloured plastic bottles under the sink!



Why didn't we think of it before?

The process is not new, but it was approved about a decade ago in the cleaning industry. Since then, countries worldwide have started the transition.

Banking and Finance in Mauritius



Non-resident foreigners in Mauritius

Banking in Mauritius for non-residents

Mauritius allows non-residents to open a savings account in rupees or foreign currency in the country without requiring a minimum stay in the country. Please note that some banking institutions automatically redirect them to the private bank.

Mauritian Rupee bank accounts

The Mauritian rupee savings account allows its non-resident holder to receive funds by installments or transfers. The ac-

count holder also benefits from a debit card for withdrawals and payments, as well as the possibility to make regular transactions, withdrawals and transfers of funds.

Foreign currency bank accounts

Foreign currency accounts are authorized to receive funds only by bank transfers, national or international. They also bear interest at fixed rates (term account) or variable rates (interest on the amount available). Ask your Mauritian bank about the procedure to follow.

Important:

Any cash deposit of foreign currency is possible in a foreign

currency account, provided that the currency, once converted, does not exceed Rs 500,000. The bank is allowed to ask for proof of origin of the funds depending on the amount to be deposited.

Good to know

Foreign currency current accounts in major foreign currencies are available to residents and non-residents (Euro, Dollar, Rand).

How to open a non-resident bank account in Mauritius?

If you wish to open a non-resident bank account while being in Mauritius, you will need:

- ▶ Original and copy of a valid passport (in color);
- ▶ Original and copy of a proof of residence in their country of origin (in color);
- ▶ Bank reference from the country of origin indicating that the account is well managed and does not have any anomalies;
- ▶ CV stating the professional status of the account holder.

Opening a non-resident account online in Mauritius

To open a remote account:

- ▶ Contact the management company located in Mauritius, which is approved by

the Financial Services Commission (FSC);

- ▶ Or contact the bank of your choice and ask about the possibility of opening a remote account for foreigners.

Resident Foreigners

Mauritian Rupee Current Account

To open a rupee current account as a resident, you need to present:

- ▶ A copy of your passport and the corresponding visa;
- ▶ A proof of address (a utility bill in your name, such as CEB, CWA) dated within 3

months;

- ▶ A certificate indicating the origin of your income or assets;
- ▶ Your residence permit issued by the relevant authorities.

In general, a minimum deposit of Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000 is required. Ask for confirmation from the bank you have chosen, as the amount may vary from one bank to another.

Good to know

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Setting your business in Mauritius

Thinking of moving to Mauritius? The advantageous tax system in Mauritius provides a lot of benefits to businesses and individuals alike.

There are various types of companies that can be set up in Mauritius but the two most common ones are a Global Business Company (“GBC”) and a domestic company.

A GBC is expected to conduct business principally outside Mauritius. However, the main purpose of a domestic company is to carry out business activities in Mauritius. Both a GBC and a domestic company, being Mauritius tax resident companies, are subject to tax in Mauritius at the rate of 15% on their worldwide income. A domestic company is also liable to an additional **Corporate Social Responsibility (“CSR”) tax of 2%**. An 80% exemption is available on certain specific income flows including but not limited to interest and foreign dividends, subject to meeting pre-defined substance requirements. As an alternative to the 80% exemption, a Mauritius resident company can claim a credit for foreign tax suffered.

Mauritius has tax treaties with various countries. The treaty benefits include, amongst others, reduced or nil withholding tax rate in foreign jurisdictions.

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The government in Mauritius has also introduced incentives for companies that are engaged in export activities.

How is an individual taxed in Mauritius?

A tax resident individual is liable to income tax on its worldwide income in Mauritius. Foreign income derived is subject to tax in Mauritius only when such income is remitted to Mauritius. Following the National Budget Speech for the year 2023/2024, a progressive tax system has been introduced. The new tax system comprises 11 bands with **tax rates ranging from 0% to 20%**.

A tax resident individual is entitled to a **deduction ranging from MUR 110,000 to MUR 355,000** from its total income based on the number of dependents he/she has before calculating taxes at the prescribed rates. The tax legislation also allows other tax deductions such as relief for medical insurance premium or contribution, interest relief on secured housing loans, deduction for household employees, solar energy investment allowance, amongst others.

A holder of a Premium Visa has additional tax advantages. Where the holder of a Premium Visa spends money from his/her foreign credit or debit card in Mauritius, such income shall not be deemed to have been remitted in Mauritius and the individual will hence not be subject to tax on this income in Mauritius.

Also, when the holder of a Premium Visa deposits money in a bank in Mauritius, the amount deposited shall not be subject to tax to the extent that the income has already been subject to foreign taxes.

There are no property taxes or inheritance tax in Mauritius.

Other fiscal advantages in Mauritius

- There is no capital gains tax.
- There are no thin capitalisation rules. Mauritius does not impose a limit on debt and equity financing.
- There are no foreign exchange controls.
- There is no withholding tax on repatriation of dividends from Mauritius.
- There are tax holidays for companies engaged in innovation-driven activities for intellectual property assets developed in Mauritius, manufacture of pharmaceutical products, medical devices and high-tech products, e-commerce, peer to peer lending, etc.

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Bank details

Before choosing your bank, check the relationship between your country of origin and the Mauritian bank. It will be imperative to justify the origin of funds for large deposits in Mauritian accounts.

Overdrafts

Foreign accounts are structurally credit accounts. However, special arrangements can be made for term deposits within the same institution.

Online banking and mobile payments in Mauritius

All banks in Mauritius offer their customers online services and mobile applications from which they can manage their personal finances.

Here is an overview of the solutions available to date.

The MCB

Internet banking

The MCB offers internet banking to its customers, who can manage their accounts at any time. To access it, you will have to request a login and password from one of the many branches across the island. MCB online banking allows you to:

- ▶ Open a savings account, cur-

rent account, single account with fixed deposit;

- ▶ Check account balances, current and past transactions going back up to 6 months;
- ▶ Move funds between accounts;
- ▶ Make an instant payment or schedule, both locally and internationally;
- ▶ Quickly pay bills by selecting recipients from the ready-to-use recipient list;
- ▶ Send funds to personal credit cards and prepaid cards;
- ▶ Create a standing order for automatic payments;
- ▶ Have a clear view of your di-

rect debits, loans and investments;

- ▶ Sign up for services such as MCB Refill, Juice or MCB Secure;
- ▶ View E-statements to track expenses. Available for a full year, the dematerialized statements can be downloaded and printed at will during this period;
- ▶ Receive, withdraw and send money via PayPal.

Mobile banking

On the mobile side, the bank offers "Banking by SMS", which allows you to:

- ▶ Consult the balance of your account;
- ▶ View the last 5 banking transactions;
- ▶ Make transfers between your MCB accounts;
- ▶ Receive notifications by SMS (salary payments, deadlines, failure of standing order or direct debit);
- ▶ Refill your mobile credit instantly by sending an SMS to 8700 to receive your credit;



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Important

The bank by SMS is a paid service. Still on the mobile side, the bank has a popular application called "MCB Juice", which allows a variety of services.

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- ▶ Transfer to a mobile phone number;
- ▶ Send or receive and withdraw money from an ATM without a card;
- ▶ Pay for your purchases by simply scanning the QR code of merchants who are equipped with it;
- ▶ Authorize or deactivate Touch & Pay, foreign or online transactions, change the PIN code of the card associated with the account, lock

the card if it is lost;

- ▶ Link the Juice account to the Paypal account to recharge your account, send money and transfer funds;
- ▶ Touch ID or facial recognition.

The SBM

Internet banking

The banking institution presents its internet banking as offering a "360° view". Indeed, this option allows customers to reset their password online, pay their bills (CEB, CWA, MyT, etc.) remotely, transfer funds and verify deposited checks.

All local and international SBM accounts are now available on the same page.

Mobile app

SBM also has a banking app called "SBM Mobile Banking App" accessible to both iOS and Android devices, which can be downloaded for free from App Store or Play Store. It allows you to:

- ▶ Request balance from anywhere in the world;
- ▶ Make a funds transfer and consult the mini statement;
- ▶ Make payments to another local bank;
- ▶ Report lost ATM card;
- ▶ Sign up for paperless statements;
- ▶ Pay utility bills/standing orders, including payments to

institutional payees;

- ▶ Pay monthly mobile phone plans;
- ▶ Instantly recharge a mobile phone number;
- ▶ Recharge a prepaid card;
- ▶ Refund bills paid with SBM credit card;
- ▶ Request a checkbook;
- ▶ Stop payment on a check.

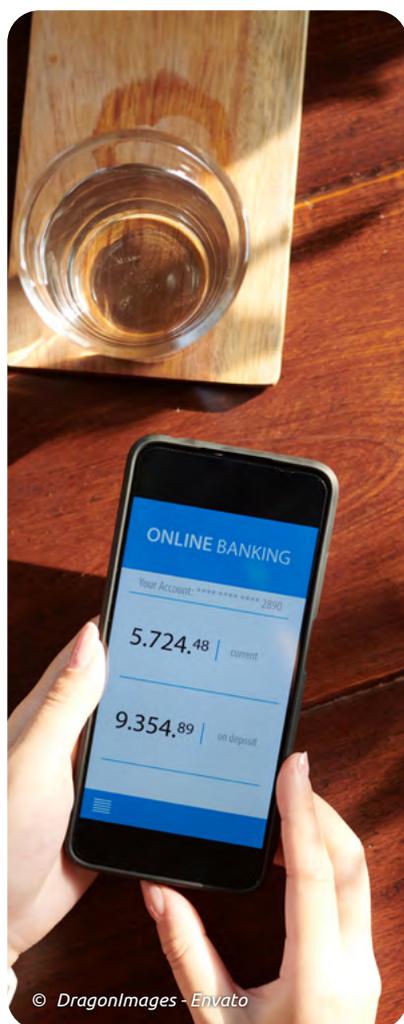
Maubank

Another popular bank in Mauritius, MauBank also offers an internet banking service, through which it is possible to transfer funds between MauBank accounts or to other local banks, to manage one's accounts (balances, transactions made), to fund one's credit cards.

Mobile app

The mobile application of MauBank (MauBank With Me) allows:

- ▶ Access by fingerprint or facial recognition;
- ▶ Instant activation;
- ▶ Download your account statements;
- ▶ Consult your balance;
- ▶ Recharge your mobile phone;
- ▶ Top up your credit card;
- ▶ Make transfers and withdrawals at ATMs without cards;
- ▶ Block and unblock your card;
- ▶ Open accounts;
- ▶ Transfer funds from foreign currency accounts (FCY).



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ABSA Bank (Mauritius) Limited

Internet banking

Through its internet banking services, ABSA Bank allows its customers to:

- ▶ Make instant domestic money transfers;
- ▶ Make international money transfers;
- ▶ Pay their bills;
- ▶ Pay off their credit cards;
- ▶ Recharge their mobile phone numbers;
- ▶ Make direct debits for recurring bills;
- ▶ Manage their debit card;
- ▶ Transaction limits;
- ▶ Update their email address/mobile number;
- ▶ Set their one-time password (OTP);
- ▶ Set a travel notice;
- ▶ Download the 24/7 E-statement;
- ▶ View their transaction history;
- ▶ Use advanced filters on account activity.

Mobile app

ABSA Bank's mobile app allows you to:

- ▶ View account activity;
- ▶ Authorize transactions;
- ▶ Transfer funds, pay bills;
- ▶ Download your statements;
- ▶ Update your email address or mobile phone number.

AfrAsia Bank Limited

Internet banking

AfrAsia Bank's internet banking allows users to access their accounts and manage their money online 24/7 through the user-friendly online banking interface, equipped with a 2-step authentication and one-time password for login and transactions.

Once logged in, users can:

- ▶ Check balances and recent transactions;
- ▶ Pay bills and transfer money;
- ▶ Stop payment on checks;
- ▶ Order new checkbooks;
- ▶ Update personal information;
- ▶ Download recent statements;
- ▶ Enroll in E-statements.

Mobile app

The AfrAsia Cards app allows you to:

- ▶ Manage AfrAsia Bank World, Titanium and Gold MasterCard credit cards;
- ▶ Activate and deactivate any of these cards;
- ▶ Create and manage a personalized secret code;
- ▶ Register your card to receive a one-time password (OTP) to validate purchases;
- ▶ View the history of transactions made with a card;
- ▶ Check your account balance

at any time;

- ▶ Know all the current offers related to the card;
- ▶ Report card blocking in case of need.

ABC Banking Corporation Ltd

ABC's internet banking allows you to:

- ▶ Consult and manage your accounts at any time;
- ▶ Transfer money between your ABC Banking accounts;
- ▶ Order a checkbook online in a few clicks;
- ▶ Pay your income tax to the MRA;
- ▶ Transfer money to another local or international bank account;
- ▶ Consult your credit facilities and repayments;
- ▶ Make transfers to third parties;
- ▶ Consult your transfer orders.





Bank One Limited

Internet banking

Bank One's internet banking allows you to:

- ▶ Access your accounts immediately 24/7;
- ▶ View your transactions and statement history at any time;
- ▶ Make payments and transfers to a local or international bank account;
- ▶ Pay your credit card balance or add funds to your prepaid card;
- ▶ Set up recurring payments;
- ▶ Track your loan or mortgage account.

Mobile app

The app allows you to:

- ▶ Check the balance of all your accounts on the dashboard;
- ▶ View your balance without even having to log in;
- ▶ Transfer money;
- ▶ Recharge your Emtel or MyT balance;
- ▶ Recharge your prepaid card;
- ▶ Cancel a lost card;
- ▶ Manage personal and business accounts from a single login.

HSBC Bank (Mauritius) Limited

Internet banking

Through HSBC Mauritius' internet banking platform, customers can:

- ▶ Make transfers and payments;
- ▶ Access their account details;
- ▶ Open and manage their fixed deposit account;
- ▶ Manage their cards;
- ▶ Update their personal details.

Mobile app

It allows you to:

- ▶ View account balances and statement information;
- ▶ Authorize payment instructions;
- ▶ Receive notification of payments ready to be authorized;
- ▶ Do online shopping in Mauritius.

The International Trade Administration describes e-commerce in Mauritius as still limited, although its use is increasing, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic.

BCP Bank (Mauritius)

BCP Bank (Mauritius) offers

a dedicated "My Tools" section on its website to assist clients in their daily financial endeavors and to help them plan their projects. This space features online loan and savings calculators that facilitate decision-making. The Internet Banking platform conveniently ensures clients have 24/7 access to their accounts.

Online shopping in Mauritius

With the country's transition to fiber optics, a number of companies have invested in e-commerce platforms for services such as searching for tourism offers or finding gardeners or housekeepers (deals.mu, marideal.mu, priceguru.mu, mychauffeur.mu, etc.). These platforms allow their customers to pay for their purchases by credit card or even debit card or PayPal.

While in the past many Mauritians used websites more to gather information than to shop, this has changed with the lockdowns as more businesses have shifted to online shops or have an online option. However, many small Mauritian businesses still prefer to use social media to reach their target market.

Mobile payments in Mauritius

Like internet banking, mobile payment applications are increasingly being used by consumers, driving the major Mauritian banks, but also other companies, to invest heavily in mobile banking since 2011.

My.t money by Mauritius Telecom

Mauritius Telecom offers "my.t money", a mobile payment application that describes itself as "a reliable and secure alternative to cash transactions". It is linked to all commercial banks in Mauritius, namely ABC Banking Corporation, Absa, Afrasia, Bank of Baroda, Bank One, BCP Bank (Mauritius), HSBC, MCB, SBI and SBM.

As a virtual wallet with a card, it eliminates the need to use cash and allows the following transactions:

- ▶ **Interbank transfer** - Transfer money from your registered bank to any other bank for free;
- ▶ **Personal Financial Manager** - Manage your budget and track your expenses;
- ▶ **Recharge your mobile** - Internet and voice;
- ▶ **Loyalty point system;**
- ▶ **Track past transfers;**
- ▶ **Schedule automatic recharges;**
- ▶ **Pay bills** - Utility bills (Telecom / CEB / CWA), insurance premium, monthly fees,

etc. at application partners, share payment receipts;

- ▶ **Transfer and receive money for free** - Make a withdrawal from a registered bank account, transfer money between savings portfolios, share a bill;
- ▶ **Children's account** - Create and manage accounts for children;
- ▶ **Pooled pot** - With a target amount set, ability to add contributors, schedule automatic transfers to the pot, withdraw money at any time.

The use of my.t money requires registration with Mauritius Telecom.

Blink by Emtel

Blink by Emtel is authorized by the Bank of Mauritius and works with all MauCas approved QR codes. This mobile payment application allows consumers to make transactions directly from their Mauritian bank account(s), send money instantly to any local Mauritian bank account, receive money, make payments at shops, pay all utility and online bills, top up their cell phone (voice and data), and set usage limits.

Because of its highly secure environment, Blink can be used from a smartphone or tablet, on all available networks and from anywhere.

Application features:

- ▶ Scan and pay via QR Code;
- ▶ Send and receive money;



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- ▶ Pay bills;
- ▶ Top up Emtel mobile voice and data credit;
- ▶ Make bank transfer from one account to another;
- ▶ Transfer and manage multiple bank accounts;
- ▶ Alerts and reminders to follow local and international news;
- ▶ Alerts and reminders for one-time transfers and payments.

Tax in Mauritius

When settling abroad, all questions must be dealt with in advance and be answered clearly and comprehensively, but some questions are more difficult to answer than others. This is the case of personal and corporate taxation, a subject that can be intimidating albeit essential – income tax, tax year, corporate tax, VAT, taxation of offshore companies, tax benefits, etc. This chapter has been designed to guide you through the taxation in Mauritius.



Mauritius offers a transparent tax system

Mauritius has put in place many tax advantages to encourage foreign investments while respecting international standards. The signing of international agreements in respect of these standards has allowed the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to rank Mauritius among the most virtuous countries in terms of taxation.

Becoming a tax resident in Mauritius

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) considers a tax resident in Mauritius to be a foreign person who stayed:

- ▶ At least 183 days during the fiscal year on the island;

Or

- ▶ At least 270 days if one combines the time spent during the current fiscal year and the 2 previous fiscal years.

With that, they become taxable on the income generated in Mauritius but also on the foreign income transferred to Mauritius.

By income, the tax authorities mean:

- ▶ Income from professional activity;
- ▶ Pensions;
- ▶ Income from a trade or profession;
- ▶ Rents;

- ▶ Interest;
- ▶ Royalties.

Capital gains are the exception to the rule, not being subject to any taxation.

To date, Mauritius has signed 45 tax treaties. An additional series of treaties is also under negotiation.

USEFUL LINK

[Countries with which Mauritius has signed a tax treaty](#)

Tax year

The tax year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30 of the following year. Tax returns must be submitted to the MRA by September 30 in person or October 15 electronically.

Individual income tax

The Mauritian tax system is pretty straightforward.

In Mauritius, not only tax contributions but also social contributions (pensions and retirement) are deducted at source by the employer. The system is called PAYE - Pay As You Earn and all administrative procedures are taken care of by the company.

As far as income tax is concerned, all employees have a Tax Account Number (TAN) and benefit from the deduction at source. This means that the employer extracts the appropriate amount directly from each employee's salary each month.

However, at the end of the tax year, the employer gives each employee an "Employee Declaration Form" (EDF) on which the non-salary income (interest, royalties, dividends from abroad) is listed. The employee must use this form to calculate the taxable amount. If the total of the deductions made at source is less than what the employee is required to pay, the employee must pay the difference to the MRA. If the MRA has been overpaid, the employee is refunded the difference.

To find out, the employee returns his or her declaration to the tax office, the MRA. This can be done by going in person

to the MRA with the EDF issued by the employer.

Alternatively, the employee can do this online by registering on the MRA's e-Service website with his TAN.

Individual tax rates

As of July 1, 2023, Mauritius has implemented a new progressive income tax system. This means that the amount of tax to be paid is dependent on the annual taxable income. Essentially, the higher your income, the higher the tax rate applied to the excess portion of your income. This progressive taxation system aims to promote fairness by requiring individuals with higher incomes to contribute more.

Here's a breakdown of how the system works:

- ▶ 0% on the first Rs 390,000;
- ▶ 2% on the next Rs 40,000, i.e., for the surplus income between Rs 390,001 and Rs 430,000;
- ▶ 4% on the next Rs 40,000, i.e., for the surplus between Rs 430,001 and 470,000;
- ▶ 6% on the next Rs 60,000, i.e., for the surplus between Rs 470,001 and 530,000;
- ▶ 8% on the next Rs 60,000, i.e., for the surplus between Rs 530,001 and 590,000;
- ▶ 10% on the next Rs 300,000, i.e., between Rs 590,001 and 890,000;
- ▶ 12% on the next Rs 300,000,

i.e., between Rs 890,001 and 1,190,000;

- ▶ 14% on the next Rs 300,000, i.e., between Rs 1,190,001 and 1,490,000;
- ▶ 16% on the next Rs 400,000, i.e., between Rs 1,490,001 and 1,890,000;
- ▶ 18% on the next Rs 500,000, i.e., between Rs 1,890,001 and 2,390,000;
- ▶ 20% on surplus income over Rs 2,390,000.

Tax allowances on individual taxes

Starting from the income year commencing on July 1, 2023, which pertains to income received by an individual on or after that date, the following changes have been implemented:

1. The previous exemption of Rs 325,000 provided to a taxpayer for themselves has been replaced by a tax rate of 0%, which is now applicable to the first Rs 390,000 of taxable income;
2. Individuals without dependants and a net monthly income of up to Rs 30,000, as opposed to the previous Rs 25,000 limit, will be exempt from paying income tax.

Additionally, the amount of deduction (Rs) per dependant is as follows:

- ▶ 1 dependant: Rs 110,000;
- ▶ 2 dependants: Rs 190,000;
- ▶ 3 dependants: Rs 275,000;
- ▶ 4 or more: Rs 355,000.

Corporate income tax

The corporate tax rate is 15%.

It applies to the following:

- ▶ Commercial profits;
- ▶ Interests;
- ▶ Dividends from abroad;
- ▶ Rents, commercial income, liberal business income, CPS Current Payment must be declared quarterly to the MRA.

Several tax-related changes have been introduced, effective for the relevant income year, bringing about various exemptions and deductions:

1. Interest Earned by Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) or Closed-End Funds: The partial exemption on interest earned by these investment funds has been increased from 80% to 95%. This means that a larger portion of the interest earned will now be tax-exempt, offering potential advantages for investors and fund managers;

2. Investment Tax Credit for Manufacturing Companies: Manufacturing companies, excluding cars, are now eligible for an investment tax credit. This credit is intended to incentivize investment in the manufacturing sector in Mauritius;

3. Triple Deduction for Donations to NGOs: Companies making donations to NGOs involved in health and disability support, protection of street children, and rehabilitation programs can benefit from a triple deduction on their contributions, up to a maximum of Rs 1 million;

4. Double Deduction for Companies Employing Women under Prime L'Emploi Program: Companies opting to employ individuals under the Prime L'Emploi program, particularly women, can now enjoy a double deduction on costs related to their employment;

5. Interest Income on Bonds, Debentures, or Sukuk: Eligible interest income now includes debt securities issued by foreign entities. Approval from the MRA is still required;

6. Reduced Tax Rate for Sale of Aviation Fuel to an Airline: Companies engaged in the sale of aviation fuel to an airline will benefit from a reduced tax rate of 3%;

7. Reduced Solidarity Tax Rate for Telephone Service Providers: Providers of fixed or mobile public telecom networks and services, excluding those exclusively involved in internet or internet telephony services or international long-distance services as defined by the ICTA, will experience a reduced solidarity tax rate. The specific rate of reduction has not yet been announced.



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VAT

Value Added Tax (VAT) is an indirect tax on consumer goods and services. The VAT rate in Mauritius is 15%.

However, some products are exempt from VAT in Mauritius, including:

- ▶ Medical, hospital and dental services provided in the public health system;
- ▶ Certain staple foods like sugar, margarine, rice, yoghurt, edible oils, and bread, along with 15 essential products such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, medical silicone, and all musical instruments have been identified;



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- ▶ Electricity and water;
- ▶ Export of goods and services;
- ▶ Cooking gas marketed in cylinders of up to 12 kg for domestic use;
- ▶ Photovoltaic systems;
- ▶ Glass ceramic blocks for dental use;
- ▶ Construction projects for educational buildings;
- ▶ Construction of social housing units as part of a social housing project implemented by New Social Living Development Ltd;
- ▶ Instruments and appliances used in the medical, surgical, dental or veterinary fields, classified under HS code 90.18.

Is it possible to recover VAT in Mauritius?

The tax authorities provide for the recovery of VAT by individuals in 2 cases:

- ▶ Foreign visitors leaving Mauritius;
- ▶ Mauritians leaving Mauritius.

Foreign visitors can recover VAT by making their purchases in 1,000 specific shops, displaying the logos:  and . This is possible as soon as their purchases reach a minimum of Rs 2,300 (VAT included) per store and upon presentation of their passport and receipts at the MRA customs counter.

For departing Mauritians, this

list is reduced to 200 shops.

USEFUL LINKS

Mauritius Revenue Authority - www.mra.mu

MRA – Personal Taxes - www.mra.mu/index.php/individual1

MRA – Corporate Taxes - <https://www.mra.mu/index.php/taxes-duties/corporate-taxation>

Taxation of offshore companies in Mauritius

Mauritius has put in place a number of regulations and benefits for offshore companies with the support of several actors: The Mauritius Financial Services Commission, the governing body for the creation and regulation of offshore companies as well as the banking sector as a whole, knowing that both domestic and international banks in Mauritius also welcome non-residents. As a result, investors can set up an offshore company in Mauritius, specifically a Global Business Company (GBC) or an Authorized Company (AC).

They can also manage their offshore funds through collective investment schemes or private equity funds.

An offshore company is defined as a company:

- ▶ Which establishes its registered office in a foreign country in which it does not carry out any commercial activity;

- ▶ Whose responsible managers are not domiciled locally.

The offshore company benefits from certain tax advantages, although it is entirely external, is not involved in the economy of the host country and does not benefit from the facilities offered to local companies.

Good to know
According to the Government Notice dated 2017, find [here](#) the annual fees payable by the different business configurations.

Taxes

When considered a tax resident in Mauritius, the GBC is subject to a 15% tax. To prove that it manages and controls its assets from Mauritius, it must:

- ▶ Have among its directors 2 residents in Mauritius;
- ▶ Lead and chair its board of directors from Mauritius;
- ▶ Have a local bank account for the transit of funds;
- ▶ Keep its statutory documents and its registered office in Mauritius;
- ▶ Hire a qualified local company secretary;
- ▶ Hire a local auditor;
- ▶ Present minimum annual expenses proportional to the activity of the structure.

Depending on the business activity of the GBC, other substantive requirements may apply.



Offshore trusts

In Mauritius, offshore trusts:

- ▶ Are taxable on worldwide income at the prevailing tax rate, i.e., 15%;
- ▶ Are obliged to submit an annual tax return to the MRA within 6 months of the end of their accounting period;
- ▶ Can claim the 80% partial exemption applicable on their foreign source income, provided that they submit written proof of the amount of foreign tax levied, which must be equal to 80% of the Mauritian tax chargeable on such income.

Note that taxable income is defined as the difference between:

- ▶ The net income generated by the trust;
- and

- ▶ The aggregate amount distributed to beneficiaries in accordance with the terms of the trust deed.

In addition, any amount distributed to non-resident beneficiaries is exempt from income tax.

An offshore trust may apply by written notification to the Mauritian auditor to be treated as a non-resident in Mauritius for tax purposes and be exempted from taxation. In such a case, it cannot benefit from the double taxation agreements signed by Mauritius.

Tax benefits

Tax benefits for individuals

The sine qua non condition to receive tax benefits in Mauritius is the notion of tax residence.

Therefore, any company that meets the criteria in force benefits from the following:

- ▶ No tax on dividends;
- ▶ No tax on capital gains;
- ▶ No wealth tax;
- ▶ No inheritance tax for direct descendants;
- ▶ Profits and dividends from companies located outside Mauritius repatriable without any restriction with a tax rate of 15%;
- ▶ 15% tax rate;
- ▶ Full tax exemption for import and export activities;
- ▶ 15% tax rate for processing activity;
- ▶ Exemption from customs duties on all goods imported through the free port;
- ▶ Free repatriation of profits.

Tax benefits for businesses

Global Business Companies

(GBC) are not subject to:

- ▶ Capital gains tax, withholding tax on the payment of dividends, interests or royalties;
- ▶ Stamp duty;
- ▶ Capital tax;
- ▶ Inheritance tax.

Where it owns at least 5% of an underlying company, the GBC receives a credit against the foreign tax paid on the income from which the dividend was paid ("underlying foreign tax credit").

Where a non-Mauritian resident company receives a dividend from another non-Mauritian resident company ("secondary dividend") of which it directly or indirectly owns at least 5% of the share capital, such dividend will qualify as a foreign tax credit and an underlying foreign tax credit.

Interest and royalty payments

made by GBC are fully tax deductible in Mauritius.

Tax savings credits

Under this regime, the effective rate of taxation in Mauritius can be reduced through a long-standing provision, which allows GBCs:

- ▶ Not to have to provide written proof of the amount of foreign tax collected;
- ▶ Benefit from taxation at 80% of the standard rate of 15%, i.e., 12%. Thus, the isolated use of this long-term provision will reduce the effective tax rate in Mauritius from 15% to 3%.

Good to know

A company that obtained a GBC 1 license after October 16, 2017, can claim a credit only for the actual foreign tax incurred.



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Driving in Mauritius

Mauritius has a well-developed public transport network, although the frequency and working hours might not work for all your commuting needs, especially if you want to get to the rural areas. While it is entirely possible to be without a car on the island, having one will give you much more flexibility, peace and comfort. So, if you are planning to buy or rent a car, here is what you need to know about driving on the island.



Driving in Mauritius: an overview

In Mauritius, the steering wheel is on the right and driving is on the left, as in Anglo-Saxon countries, while road signs are written in English.

Overall, the main roads are in good condition, although caution may be required in some areas, especially those with high rainfall, where the road surface tends to deteriorate rapidly.

Another important point is that Mauritian drivers can sometimes speed or have their own interpretation of the Highway Code but always remain courteous. You should get a "thank you"

with the hazard lights or a wave after giving way, for example.

As for traffic jams, it is a real problem on the island, which, according to the National Land Transport Authority (NLTA), counted 674,138 vehicles (all types) end of November 2023.

The Mauritian driving license

All resident foreign nationals are allowed to obtain a driving license in Mauritius, provided they are over 16 years of age for a motorcycle and 18 years of age for a car.

To be on the safe side, choose a reputable driving school, as many others operate illegally.

However, it is also possible to take the driving and parking test in a private car, provided that you take out a special insurance policy.

The driving license in Mauritius consists of 3 stages, namely the oral test, the driving and the parking. Once you pass the oral test, you can practice on secondary roads, under the supervision of an adult who holds a driving license. Once the driving test is passed, the parking test will follow. This test is the key to obtaining a driver's license. If you fail one of these tests, you will only have to retake one of the 2 missing steps but will still not be allowed to drive on your own.

Driving license for expats

Expats can either convert their existing driver's license upon arrival or exchange their license once they become residents in Mauritius.

Steps to convert a driver's license in Mauritius

Here are the steps to follow to apply for a Mauritian driver's license if you already have a driver's license (car):

Put together a file including the following documents:

- ▶ Letter of request for a driver's license exchange, written in English;
- ▶ Official certificate from your country's authorities confirming that your driver's license is still valid;
- ▶ Copy and original of your passport with entry details;
- ▶ Copy and original of your current driver's license;
- ▶ Proof of address;
- ▶ 2 passport photos;
- ▶ Marriage certificate if required;
- ▶ Rs 1,500 in cash.

Then go to the Line Barracks, located in Port-Louis, and ask for the Traffic Branch. The Line Barracks is open to the public from 9 am to 3 pm on weekdays only.

The officers may provide you with a form to fill out and ask

you to come back later, again in person. In this case, the exact date will be communicated to you by phone or text message.

As a precaution, please bring the documents listed above to this second visit to the police station. Also, bring the amount indicated to pay for your license conversion. The receipt given at the time of payment must be kept with you at all times, to be presented in the event of a road check.

The last step is the collection of the Mauritian license, which will take place approximately one month later, still at the Line Barracks. You can go in person or have someone pick it up.



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Example of a letter requesting the conversion of a driver's license:

To the Officer in Charge
 Licensing Office
 Traffic Branch
 Line Barracks
 Port-Louis
 Request for conversion of (nationality) Driving License to Mauritian Driving Licence

Dear Sir/Madam,
 I, (First and Last Name), of (nationality) nationality bearing passport number (Passport number) and residing at (address) since (date of moving in), hereby request to convert my (nationality) Driving license to a Mauritian Driving license. Please find enclosed the following documentation:
 - A copy of my (nationality) Driving License (front and back);
 - A copy of my passport and last visa entry page;
 - A copy of my Residence Permit;
 - An attestation from the (nationality) Police;
 - A copy of my marriage certificate.
 Thank you in advance for considering my request.
 Sincerely,
 (Signature)

Getting a driver's license in Mauritius

Expats are, of course, allowed to take their driving test for the first time in Mauritius. Here are the important steps to remember.

Applying for a provisional license

Before learning to drive any vehicle, all applicants, including expats, must apply for a provi-

sional driving license from the Traffic Branch of the Mauritius Police.

The application for a provisional driving license can be made in person at the police station or online through the Government Online Centre (GOC) upon registration. The applicant must choose a date and time to visit the license office.

Please note that the application for a provisional license will cost

you Rs 500, non-refundable.

Good to Know
Applicants over 60 years of age must present a medical certificate proving their ability to drive.

Failure to attend a provisional license appointment will result in the cancellation of the appointment. The applicant must wait 48 hours before requesting a new appointment.

For expats, there is no automatic conversion of the heavy vehicle license, so it is necessary to re-take the test in Mauritius.

The cab and heavy vehicle license in Mauritius

Application for a provisional license for cabs: the applicant must already hold a driving license in this sense.

Application for a provisional license to drive a heavy vehicle (bus and truck): the applicant must already hold such a license for at least 6 months.

Driving lessons

There are a total of 150 licensed driving instructors in Mauritius, located in Port-Louis, Curepipe, Rose Hill and Flacq.

However, it is also possible to learn to drive with a person of legal age who holds a driving license and the appropriate insurance.

How much does the driving license cost in Mauritius?

Between the registration, the practical test, the driving school, and the driving test, here are the costs you need to expect to obtain a driving license in Mauritius:

- ▶ Registration to the oral exam (test in the form of MCQ): Rs 500;
- ▶ Registration for the practical



test: Rs 500;

- ▶ Registration at the driving school (fees vary according to the driving school): between Rs 500 and Rs 2,000;
- ▶ Car rental from the driving school for the practical test and special insurance: between Rs 1,500 and Rs 2,500;
- ▶ Driving lessons (manual and automatic): between Rs 250 and 350 minimum for 30 minutes.

Exams

The fee for the oral test is fixed at Rs 500 and each new test, in case of failure of the previous one, is paid. The driving and parking tests are held at the Central Barracks in Port-Louis or at the Barracks in Curepipe.

Good to know
If you have passed the driving test on an automatic gear, you will not be allowed to drive a manual car with manual gear (stick).

International Driving Permit holders

Mauritius is a country that reco-

gnizes the Geneva Convention on Road Traffic of 1949, which states: "Any person holding an international driving permit or a valid driving licence issued by a competent foreign authority shall not be required to pass an examination. Any such permit or license shall authorize the holder thereof to drive in the State of Mauritius any vehicle of the types specified therein" (Sections 57 and 59 of the Road Traffic Regulations 1954).

Foreigners intending to stay in Mauritius for more than 4 weeks must have an International Driving Permit (issued in their country of origin) or apply to the Mauritian authorities for an extension if the permit is no longer valid.

A person holding an International Driving Permit is allowed to drive in Mauritius all types of vehicles mentioned on the permit. However, the license must be exchanged once the holder becomes officially resident in Mauritius.

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The Mauritius Police Force -
<https://police.govmu.org/police/>



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The road network

The road infrastructure is in good condition throughout the country, both for the main access roads, highways and main roads. Major works have been undertaken to widen existing roads and ease traffic congestion around the capital and other towns such as Quatre Bornes and Vacoas/Phoenix. Nevertheless, traffic jams remain frequent in these areas since the Metro Express.

Signage is good on the main

roads as well as on most secondary roads. The population is always courteous and helpful when it comes to pointing out roads and paths to take.

Driving on the left

As in all former English colonies, but also in Japan, driving on the right side of the road is not allowed in Mauritius.

If you come from a country where driving on the right side and you wish to drive in Mauritius, you must:

- ▶ Apply for an international license if you are staying for more than 4 weeks;
- ▶ Convert your driving license into a Mauritian license if you become a resident of Mauritius.

Traffic regulations manuals are available in all bookstores.

Extreme vigilance is required at roundabouts and when driving in city centers. Buses have priority and often do not respect the Highway Code.

Speed limits

The speed limit is 40 km/h in the city, 80 km/h on the highway and 110 km/h in some areas of the highway.

Maximum speed limits in kilometres per hour for specific class of vehicles	Motorways (M roads)	Classified roads (A roads)	Classified roads (B roads)	Other roads (UR roads)
Motorcars	110	90	90	80
Motorcycles or autocycles	80	60	60	60
Buses or heavy motorcars having a maximum gross weight :				
(a) not exceeding 3,5 tonnes	80	80	80	60
(b) exceeding 3,5 tonnes	80	80	60	60
Goods vehicles or articulated vehicles having a maximum gross weight :				
(a) not exceeding 3,5 tonnes	80	60	60	60
(b) exceeding 3,5 tonnes	80	60	60	60
Motor vehicles drawing one trailer where the combined aggregate maximum gross weight :				
(a) not exceeding 3,5 tonnes	60	60	60	60
(b) exceeding 3,5 tonnes	60	60	60	60
Motor vehicles drawing more than one trailer	60	60	60	60
Motor tractors	60	60	60	60



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Driving under the influence

Alcohol and drug consumption are the cause of numerous road accidents. The Mauritian authorities, therefore, act accordingly.

Drinking and driving

Local authorities remind us that drinking and driving remains one of the main causes of serious injuries and fatal accidents in Mauritius.

The legal limits are:

- ▶ 20 milligrams of alcohol per 100 ml of blood;
- ▶ 27 milligrams of alcohol in 100 ml of urine;
- ▶ 9 micrograms of alcohol in 100 ml of breath.

Penalties for DUI

On first conviction:

- ▶ Fine of Rs 20,000 minimum and Rs 50,000 maximum;
- ▶ Imprisonment of up to 5 years;
- ▶ Cancellation of the driver's license for a minimum period of 12 months.

In case of a second or subsequent conviction:

- ▶ Fine of not less than Rs 50,000 and not more than Rs 75,000;
- ▶ Imprisonment of at least 12 months and at most 8 years;
- ▶ Cancellation of driving license and disqualification for a minimum period of 24 months.

Drugs and driving

Following a tightening of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 2019, drivers who get behind the wheel after consuming drugs are liable to a fine ranging from Rs 5,000 to Rs 75,000 in the event of a check, with a one-year jail term.

Whether it is alcohol or drugs, police operations are regularly conducted on the country's roads at any time of the year!

Importing your car

Importing a personal car is possible but expensive. You will need to apply for a National Transport Authority (NTA) approval which may require modification of the vehicle in addition to a 15% Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) tax, and another 15% VAT.

The following points should be considered in order to calculate the profitability although cars are more expensive in Mauritius:

- ▶ The car must have been registered in the name of the owner, in their country of residence, at least 6 months before their arrival in Mauritius;
- ▶ The cost of transporting a car is high (about € 3,000 to 4,000);

- ▶ Driving a car with a left-hand steering wheel is dangerous for the driver as well as for the passengers and the people around!

Buying a car

As everywhere else, you can buy a new car from a dealer or an agency or prefer a used car from a private individual. Regarding prices, you will need between Rs 400,000 and Rs 1,5 million for a new car, and between Rs 300,000 and Rs 900,000 for a second-hand car, depending on the car make, model, and other factors.

All brands are represented at the various dealerships on the island. However, it is important to inquire about maintenance, as spare parts for European cars (Peugeot, Renault, BMW, Mercedes, Rover, Ford, Volkswagen) are expensive in Mauritius.

Asian brands are the most common (Toyota, Honda, Nissan, Mitsubishi, Mazda, Hyundai, Suzuki, KIA). The reason is simple: spare parts are more readily available, and the labor force is trained for repairs.

Buying a new car in Mauritius

Buying a new car in Mauritius is relatively simple, knowing that the agency or dealer takes care of all the administrative formalities.

However, you will need to present:

- ▶ Your residence permit or visa;
- ▶ Your identity card;
- ▶ A proof of residence;
- ▶ Your passport.

Buying a used car in Mauritius

If you wish to buy a used car in Mauritius, good news, many websites (Mycar.mu, l'express-cars.mu, bestdeal.mu, etc.) and Facebook groups are specialized in this type of sales.

To avoid unpleasant surprises, hire the services of a mechanic (use word-of-mouth) to inspect the vehicle in great detail.

Once you have found the ideal car, the seller must provide you with:

- ▶ The certificate of the technical inspection;
- ▶ A certificate of no-pledge by the seller, who must go to the National Land Transport Authority (NLTA - fee, Rs 50), to certify that there is no existing pledge that prevents the transfer from seller's to buyer's name;
- ▶ A sales document to be completed in 2 or 3 copies.

Steps to register the vehicle in your name

With the above documents, but also with your residence permit, a proof of address and your passport, go to to NTLA at the





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Emmanuel Anquetil Building in Port-Louis to pay the registration fees of the purchased vehicle.

You will then receive the vehicle's registration document and possibly renew the sticker (valid for one year).

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[*Renewal of the vehicle's sticker*](#)
[*Obtaining a fitness certificate*](#)

Can you buy a car on leasing in Mauritius?

Leasing is an alternative method

of financing, which allows you to rent a car for a long period of time and then return it to the provider or to exercise the purchase option in order to become the owner. This practice is common in Mauritius. Dealerships usually take care of the file with banks or financial institutions.

Insuring your car

Insurance is mandatory for all vehicles. The annual price varies and can start from Rs 6,000 for a small model and exceed Rs 20,000 for the largest. The price

also depends on factors such as the type of transmission, the age of the vehicle and the estimated value of the vehicle. As in other countries, there are several types of car insurance in Mauritius, the most popular being the third-party and comprehensive cover.

There is a plethora of insurers. Therefore, it is important to carefully analyze each contract in order to find the one that will meet your needs and that will cover you properly whether you are involved in a road accident or if you are a victim.

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Moving to Mauritius

The decision has been made. You are moving to Mauritius. You have obtained your visa. You have a job or you have been accepted to university. How do you plan your move now?



Organizing your move to Mauritius

An international move deserves special attention. It is important to take the necessary time to get information from the official organizations and to study carefully the offers and conditions of the different carriers. The advice of expats already living in Mauritius can be invaluable. It is sometimes best to sell or rent your belongings before leaving and to buy new items on the spot. Moreover, this approach also reduces the volume to be transported and consequently the cost.

Also note that in Mauritius, most of the houses or apartments for rent are furnished and equipped with household appliances.

How to get to Mauritius?

With 21 airlines, including Air Mauritius (MK), serving Mauri-

tius from 29 airports worldwide, most travelers fly to Mauritius.

Approximately 450 flights per month (105 flights per week) land at the country's only international airport, Sir Seewoosagar Ramgoolam (SSR) International Airport, located in the South-East of the island.

The majority of airlines operating to Mauritius:

Here is the list of airlines serving Mauritius, along with the number of routes they operate to MRU:

- ▶ Air Mauritius (MK) - 13 flights;
- ▶ Emirates (EK) - 14 flights;
- ▶ British Airways (BA) - 3 flights;
- ▶ Neos (NO) - 3 flights;
- ▶ Corsair (SS) - 2 flights;
- ▶ Edelweiss Air (WK) - 2 flights;
- ▶ Air Austral (UU) - 2 flights;
- ▶ Turkish Airlines (TK) - 2

flights;

- ▶ Evelop Airlines (E9) - 1 flight;
- ▶ South African Airways (SA) - 1 flight;
- ▶ Saudi Arabian (SV) - 1 flight;
- ▶ Condor (DE) - 1 flight;
- ▶ Austrian (OS) - 1 flight;
- ▶ Air France (AF) - 1 flight.

Air Mauritius operates the largest number of flights to Mauritius, connecting 13 airports to MRU, followed by Neos, Corsair, Edelweiss Air, Air Austral, Turkish Airlines, and other airlines with fewer flights.

Non-stop flights from Europe to Mauritius

Air Mauritius: year-round flights from Geneva (GVA), Saint-Denis (RUN), London Gatwick (LGW), London Heathrow (LHR) and Paris (CDG);

Edelweiss Air: year-round flights from Zurich (ZRH);

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Austrian (Star Alliance): year-round flights from Vienna (VIE);

Condor: year-round flights from Frankfurt (FRA);

Eurowings: flights all year round from Frankfurt (FRA);

Corsair: flights all year round from Saint-Denis (RUN) and Paris (Orly) (ORY);

Air Austral: year-round flights from Saint-Denis (RUN);

British Airways (Oneworld): year-round flights from London Gatwick (LGW);

Air France (SkyTeam): year-round flights from Paris (CDG);

Air Belgium: year-round flights from Brussels (BRU);

Neos: seasonal flights from Milan (Malpensa) (MXP) and Rome (Fiumicino) (FCO);

Evelop Airlines: seasonal flights from Madrid (MAD);

Aeroflot (SkyTeam): seasonal flights from Moscow Sheremetyevo (SVO).

Non-stop flights from the Middle East / West Asia to Mauritius

Emirates: year-round flights from Dubai (DXB);

Saudi Arabian (SkyTeam): year-round flights from Jeddah (JED);

Turkish Airlines (Star Alliance): year-round flights from Istanbul (IST).

Non-stop flights from India / South Asia to Mauritius

Air Mauritius

Air Mauritius offers year-round flights from Mumbai (BOM) and New Delhi (DEL) to Mauritius.

Vistara

Vistara offers seasonal flights from Mumbai (BOM) to Mauritius.

Non-stop flights from East Asia to Mauritius

Only Air Mauritius currently offers non-stop flights from East Asia to Mauritius. The Mauritian airline operates year-round flights to Mauritius from Hong Kong.



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Non-stop flights from South East Asia to Mauritius

Air Mauritius

Air Mauritius is currently the only airline to offer direct flights from South East Asia to Mauritius. They operate year-round from Kuala Lumpur (KUL).

Non-stop flights between Australia / New Zealand / Oceania / Pacific and Mauritius

Air Mauritius

Air Mauritius is currently the only airline to offer direct flights from Oceania to Mauritius. They operate year-round from Perth (PER).

There are no direct flights from the following destinations to Mauritius:

- ▶ United States;
- ▶ Canada;
- ▶ South America;
- ▶ Central America;
- ▶ The Caribbean;
- ▶ China;

- ▶ Japan;
- ▶ Central Asia.

Is it necessary to hire an international mover?

It is normal to want to manage the transportation of your belongings when you move, but the situation is different when the move is international. However, the question remains: do you really need an international mover? Here are some preliminary questions to help you out:

- ▶ Are you moving alone or with your family?
- ▶ Do you intend to take all your belongings with you or not?
- ▶ What is the volume to be transported?

An international moving expert can send an agent to your home to evaluate the volume to be transported and determine the best solution (container, pallets by cubic meter, or canteens). This simple service will bring you all the serenity you need if you are moving with your family and if you plan to send all your

belongings!

The different types of freight

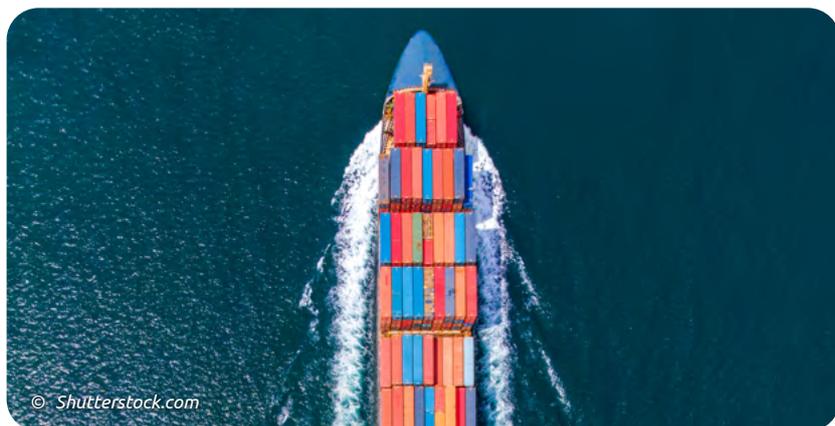
Depending on your budget, the volume of goods to be shipped and your preferences, you can choose between air freight and sea freight. Let's take a look at how each solution can meet your needs and their advantages and disadvantages.

Air freight

Sending your belongings by air is more expensive: up to about 16 times more expensive than shipping by sea. To determine the total bill, carriers take into consideration the volumetric weight, which is the billable or gross dimensional weight of the cargo.

In return, expats benefit from a quicker process and more secure delivery, which typically ranges from a few days to 10 days.

In addition, the shipment of certain goods by air freight requires the production of an official certificate or authorization from the customs of the country of origin and destination and other third-party authorities. For example, sending telecommunications equipment by air freight requires written authorization from the International Air Transport Association (IATA) or the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), depending on the country of origin.



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Calculate the volumetric weight of your goods by multiplying for each package: (Width × length × height) / 5000.

Sea freight

Sea freight becomes more interesting financially if you want to ship all your goods, including heavy goods. It's a more affordable bill even if you have to add extra charges for handling the goods from the country of departure and arrival or for customs clearance.

Sea freight is also the most environmentally friendly solution when you consider that for every 1,000 kg of air freight, a modern cargo plane (B747) emits an average of 500 g of carbon dioxide

(CO₂) per km. By sea on a modern container ship, this figure is reduced to 15 g per km.

On the other hand, the waiting time between shipping and receiving the goods can be 4 to 5 weeks and up to 70 days.

Depending on the volume to be moved, you can choose between 2 sea freight options:

Full Container Load (FCL): this involves renting a container for your own use without having to share the space with others. Containers are generally larger than 30 m³;

Shared moving container (Less Container Load - LCL): This is a formula for sharing a maritime container with one or more peo-

ple. The price is divided according to the number of tenants. This formula is interesting if the volume to be moved is not too important.

Finally, shipping containers are available in several sizes:

- ▶ 10 m³;
- ▶ 20 m³;
- ▶ 30 m³;
- ▶ 40 m³ and more.

Choice of carrier

Preferably choose an international carrier referenced by professional associations such as FIDI (Fédération Internationale des Déménageurs Internationaux) with a structured network and a local partner in order to



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facilitate the customs clearance formalities and the final delivery. This choice will ensure a safe move.

Start by contacting several international moving companies and analyze the following points to select the best-rated:

- ▶ Knowledge and experience in international moving;
- ▶ Management of packing on departure and unpacking once on site of furniture, appliances, fragile goods;
- ▶ Responsibility for goods in transit, including liability for the early arrival of goods or delays, storage of goods;
- ▶ Knowledge of the shipping process, including the time required to ship the goods;
- ▶ Equipment, e.g., for transporting heavy and/or fragile goods, protective covers, straps, etc.

Once you have selected the best-rated movers, read the reviews submitted by customers and, if possible, ask your questions directly on expat forums and groups on social networks.

The moving contract

The contract must include several essential points:

- ▶ The departure address/place of collection of goods;
- ▶ The arrival address in Mauritius;
- ▶ The volume;
- ▶ The type of transport and the duration;



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- ▶ The services and obligations of the carrier;
- ▶ Price;
- ▶ The conditions of transport to the place of residence;
- ▶ Insurance coverage.

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Fédération Internationale des Déménageurs Internationaux (FIDI) – www.fidi.org
Federation of European Movers (FEDEMAC) – www.fedemac.eu

Services

It is up to you to define with

the carrier what services are required:

- ▶ Dismantling of the furniture;
- ▶ Packing of all or part of the belongings;
- ▶ Specific packing;
- ▶ Supply of boxes;
- ▶ Furniture storage;
- ▶ Follow-up of the movements of the boat of transport;
- ▶ Insurance;
- ▶ Transport of vehicles, etc.

For an international move, it is wise to entrust the packing of fragile objects to a professional.

Waybill

The waybill includes the terms of the contract, the mode of transport, the volume transported, the name and address of the customer and the transport company, etc.

You will have to sign it at the time of loading and at the time of the final delivery.

Timeframe

The total duration of a move from your home to Mauritius is 4 to 5 weeks for a departure from Europe. Keep in mind that international moving also involves road transport to the port of departure and then sea transport.

If the carrier generally indicates a date coinciding with the departure of cargo ships, prepare your international move with our calendar:

10 weeks before the move

Canvass international moving companies. Request several quotes and select the most reliable and cost-effective one.

8 weeks before the move

Create a moving action plan with your mover (arrival time of movers, time needed to pack, etc.).

6 weeks before the move

Sort through your belongings

and select which ones you will ship, donate and resell. Note that all types of appliances are available in Mauritius, including the latest in refrigerators, etc.

4 weeks before the move

Make a plan of your home in Mauritius and start allocating the right boxes to the right rooms.

2 weeks before the move

Separate your personal and family medical records so that they are within reach.

1 week before the move

Check in with your mover and make a note of the movers' names, the time the crew will arrive, the time it will take to pack your belongings and the time it will take to ship them.

The day of the move

For better coordination, be present in person to facilitate this step!

Customs clearance of the container upon arrival

You will be notified of the arrival of your container at the Port-Louis harbor and be asked to present yourself at the MRA to complete the required formalities with your identity papers, your Occupation Permit or the approval in principle (pre-ap-

proval of the occupation permit) if the procedures are in progress, the list of your personal belongings, as well as their evaluation.

List and declaration of value

It is essential to make a very precise list of the contents of the container (or crate) in order to establish the "declaration of value". This is required to establish the estimate and to set up, in case of loss or damage of your goods, a compensation according to the loss.

Keep a copy of this list. Consequently, "damage insurance" can be offered by the carrier to cover the non-foreseeable damages related to the transport of your goods up to the value indicated in your declaration. An insurance contract will be issued to you.

Local forwarder

It is mandatory to use a forwarding agent to assist you in your customs clearance, authorization to leave the container from the port area, and, if necessary, for home delivery.

Prohibited products

Several dozen types of goods are totally prohibited for import. This is due to sanitary, environmental, endangered species protection, security, legislation, etc.

Prepare your international move and avoid your goods being confiscated and fines by the Mauri-

tian customs authorities by respecting the list of products prohibited to import into Mauritius issued by the [Mauritius Revenue Authority](#).

Transport and delivery to the home

Some carriers do not deliver to the final destination but only until the container arrives at the port. Therefore, there could be additional costs involved for this last leg.

MAURITIUS REVENUE AUTHORITY (MRA)

Custom House
Mer Rouge - Port-Louis
Phone : (230) 202 0500 / 01
Fax : (230) 216 9567
E-mail : customs@mra.mu
Web: www.mra.mu

MAURITIUS PORTS AUTHORITY

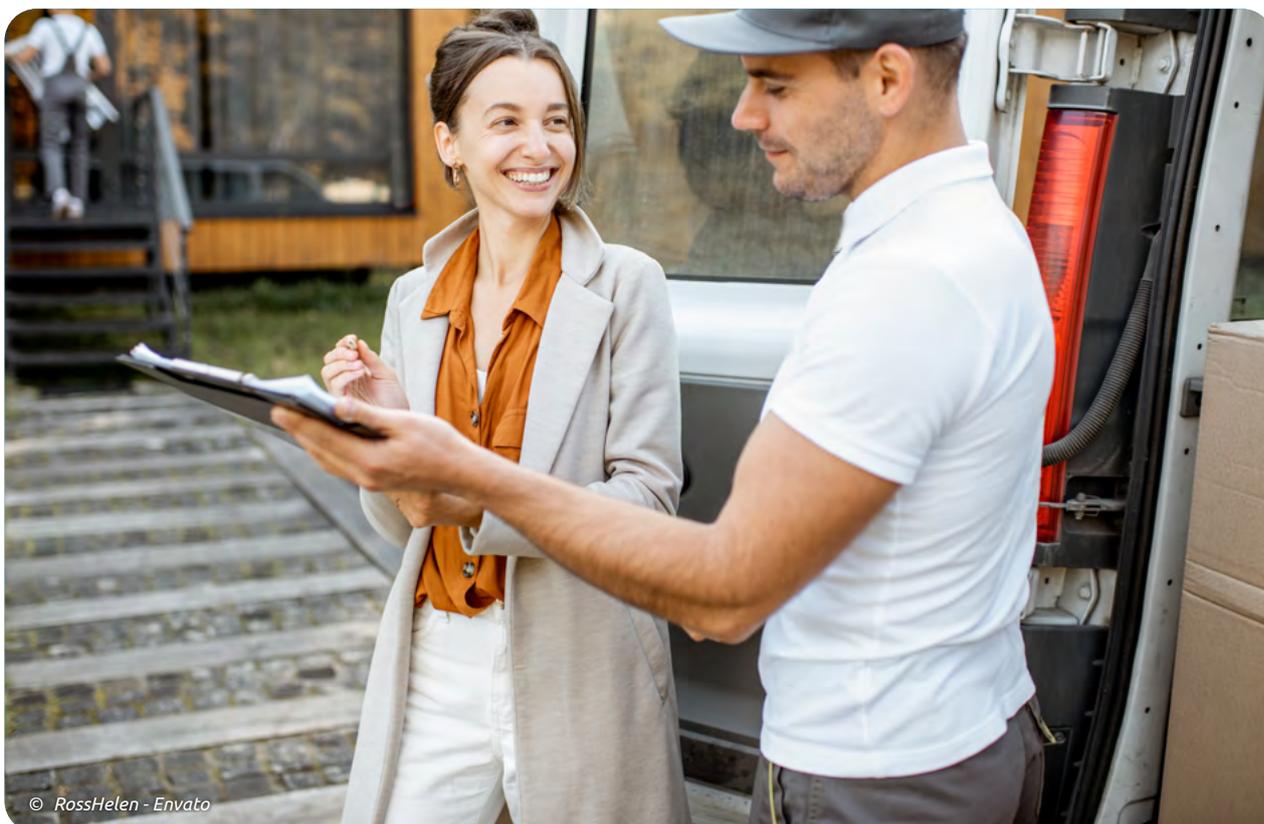
H.Ramnarain Building
Mer Rouge - Port-Louis
Phone : (230) 206 5400
Fax : (230) 240 0856
E-mail : info@mauport.com
Web: www.mauport.com

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS

C/o The Mauritius Chamber of Commerce & Industry
3, Royal Street, Port-Louis
Web: www.aptmu.com

Important

In order to be authorized to pick up your container, you must be in possession of your Occupation Permit or the approval in principle if the process of obtaining it is in progress. If not, the container will remain blocked in customs. There is a fee for the storage of the container (and sometimes the rental). An appointment will be made at the docks. The customs control will open the container in your presence. All or part of the boxes and packaging can be opened to check the contents. Heavy penalties are incurred in the case of prohibited products in Mauritius.



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Customs in Mauritius

As you embark on your expatriate journey to the picturesque shores of Mauritius, navigating the intricacies of customs and import regulations becomes paramount. This chapter serves as your guide through the bureaucratic landscape, detailing the procedures, tariffs, and customs duties associated with bringing goods into the country.



What documents are required for the importation of personal goods?

Once your container arrives in Mauritius, you will be contacted by the Mauritius Revenue Authority to complete the legal formalities. You will need to present:

- ▶ Your passport;
- ▶ Your Occupation Permit or pre-approval document;
- ▶ The list of imported goods (Packing List);
- ▶ Declaration of value of goods;
- ▶ Carrier's invoice;
- ▶ Any other relevant document/permit required by local authorities (veterinary, agriculture, health, etc.).

Time frame for the recovery of the goods

Regarding the recovery of personal property upon arrival, when all requested documents are submitted in a timely manner and all possible fees are paid, it takes:

- ▶ 4-5 business days for ocean freight;
- ▶ 1-2 business days for air freight.

Good to Know

If you are unable to present your Occupation Permit or approval document, the authorities will ask you to deposit a bank guarantee until you can do so. They may also require a deposit to clear your goods through customs.

Goods authorized, prohibited or subject to authorization

As elsewhere in the world, importation of some products is allowed, while others are prohibited or sub-

ject to official authorization.

To ensure that shippers comply with the law, all shipments of goods, including household goods, by sea and air, are subject to a thorough customs inspection before being released to the owner by Mauritian Customs.

Duty-free and import clearance-free goods

Apart from appropriate clothing and personal effects, foreign nationals traveling to Mauritius are allowed to import freely and tax-free personal items already in use, namely:

- ▶ A portable musical instrument;
- ▶ A personal music player, MP3 and/or image recorder;
- ▶ A portable radio receiver;
- ▶ A portable video camera;
- ▶ A camera;
- ▶ One bicycle;
- ▶ One windsurfing board and up to 3 matching sails;
- ▶ Fishing equipment (excluding any type of underwater fishing weapon);
- ▶ Diving equipment, golf.

The above items must be re-exported within 6 months of importation. If not, duties and taxes will be due.

Products subject to authorization

The import of certain products is subject to strict regulations, often requiring a permit prior

to importation. Here are some examples:



- ▶ Species and products protected under [CITES](#). A permit is necessary for the import of these items;
- ▶ Plants and their derivatives, including fruits, vegetables, and seeds, necessitate authorization from the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Safety;
- ▶ Pets require an import permit from the Veterinary Service of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Safety before being brought into the country;
- ▶ Firearms and weapons mandate an import permit from the Mauritius Police.

Good to know
Flower boxes sold at airports have a phytosanitary certificate authorizing their import/export. Unless used in a professional context, weapons (war, hunting, underwater fishing), as well as ammunition, are prohibited from being imported into Mauritius.

Products prohibited for import

The importation of the following items is prohibited:

- ▶ Rolling papers;
- ▶ Counterfeit products;
- ▶ Obscene articles and publications;
- ▶ Sugar cane cuttings and plants;
- ▶ Drugs;
- ▶ Prohibited weapons, including switchblades, cane swords, truncheons, and any weapon designed to give the appearance of another object.

Products subject to authorization

- ▶ Products of animal origin;
- ▶ Live animals.

Important
Drugs in all forms are prohibited, their importation is illegal, and trafficking is severely punished by law. Soft drugs are not legal in Mauritius. The possession of rolling papers is also prohibited. Failure to declare prohibited products or products subject to prior authorization to customs is a serious offense; offenders are liable to a fine or even imprisonment, and the products are immediately seized.

Authorized duty-free products

There are specific limits and regulations for the importation of certain goods into Mauritius:

Tobacco limit:

For travelers aged 18 and over: 250 grams of tobacco and tobacco products, such as cigarettes and cigars.

Alcohol imports:

For travelers aged 18 and over:

- ▶ 2 liters of hard liquor and 4 liters of wine and beer.

Cash limit:

Currency valued at more than Rs 500,000 must be declared to customs.

Other goods:

- ▶ Personal medication must be accompanied by a prescription issued by a medical practitioner;
- ▶ Residents aged 12 and over may import personal effects worth up to Rs 15,000;
- ▶ Residents under 12 and non-residents of any age may import personal goods up to a value of Rs 7,500.

Pet animals

Bringing pets into Mauritius involves several steps and regulations:

- ▶ Microchip implantation: Ensure your pet is implanted with an ISO-standard 15-digit microchip;

- ▶ Rabies vaccination: All pets must be vaccinated against rabies, with the first vaccination administered between 60 days and 1 year before entry, and boosters between 30 days and 1 year before entry. Additional vaccinations are required for dogs (canine distemper, leptospirosis, and canine parvovirus) and cats (feline herpes disease, feline rhinotracheitis, and feline calicivirus);

- ▶ Rabies test: Pets must undergo a rabies test by an approved veterinarian at least 30 days and no more than 6 months before entry. A letter from your veterinarian confirming compliance with regulations is necessary;

- ▶ Import permit application: Submit an application for an import permit 3 to 6 months before entry. Specify the reason for your visit;

- ▶ Veterinary Health Certificate: Obtain a veterinary health certificate validated by the relevant government authority in the country of origin;

- ▶ Parasite treatment: Treat pets for external parasites and have them examined for internal and external parasites before entry;

- ▶ Approval from Mauritius Veterinary Officer: Inform the Mauritius Veterinary Officer of your pet's arrival time and port of entry at least 3 days before arrival. Once approved, dogs undergo quarantine for 5 to 30 days;

- ▶ Entry via Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport: Pets must enter Mauritius through this airport, arriving in the cabin, hold, or as air freight;



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- ▶ Direct flight and pre-notification: Pets must arrive via a direct flight. Pre-notification of arrival is required, and a broker's declaration is mandatory for dogs and cats arriving as airfreight;
- ▶ Disease-free examination: Pets must be free from any evidence of disease transmissible to humans upon arrival;
- ▶ Sterilization requirement: Dogs and cats must be sterilized before entry and should not be pregnant;
- ▶ Breed-specific regulations: Specific regulations exist for certain dog breeds, including registration requirements and restrictions on breeds like Alaskan Malamute, Bull Mastiff, Cane Corso, Doberman, Kangal, Mastino Napoletano, Presco Canario, Rhodesian Ridgeback, and Rottweiler. Some breeds, such as American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, and others, are not allowed in Mauritius.

Adhering to these regulations is essential to ensure a smooth entry for your pets into Mauritius.

Delivery of orders from abroad

It is possible to order online from Mauritius. Most foreign merchants deliver on the island. So, how to receive deliveries safely, and in what conditions?

E-commerce websites that deliver to Mauritius

Regarding the leading online sales platforms such as Amazon, Ali Express, or eBay: the first one is a UPS partner, and the second and third send the packages directly by post at your nearest post office, where you will be charged a postage fee of Rs 40 to collect them. For those who do not deliver in Mauritius or who charge very high shipping costs, you have the option of using other shipping companies.

Shipping companies in Mauritius

Currently, Mauritius has several key companies that will allow you to receive your orders safely. The main ones are:

- ▶ Mauritius Post;
- ▶ DHL Express;
- ▶ FedEx;
- ▶ UPS Express (represented locally by the company Velogic);
- ▶ TNT.

Customs fees

In Mauritius, the tax and VAT regulations are outlined as follows:

Tax and VAT thresholds:

- ▶ Products valued below Rs 1,000 are exempt from tax and VAT;
- ▶ For items valued between Rs 1,000 and 10,000, a standard 15% VAT is typically applicable;

- ▶ Products exceeding Rs 10,000 require customs clearance through a brokerage company, as direct collection by Mauritius Post is not allowed.

Customs clearance fees:

Items over Rs 10,000 may incur brokerage fees in addition to VAT and possibly customs duties.

Specific customs duties:

- ▶ Handbags made of textiles or plastic sheeting are subject to a 30% customs duty unless made of leather;
- ▶ Crockery and kitchen utensils are subject to a 15% tax, in addition to the standard VAT applied to all products.

Unsolicited items:

- ▶ For unsolicited items, such as gifts from relatives abroad, VAT is not applicable if their value is below Rs 1,000;
- ▶ If the value exceeds Rs 1,000, VAT is calculated on the item's value minus the Rs 1,000 allowance.

Customs duties vs. VAT:

- ▶ Customs duties are levied solely on the item's value, excluding shipping costs;
- ▶ VAT is applied to the total price paid, encompassing shipping and insurance costs.

Understanding these regulations is crucial for individuals importing items into Mauritius, as it helps determine the applicable taxes and duties based on the value and nature of the products.



Good to know

Mauritius has a secure framework for online shopping. Indeed, e-commerce operates in accordance with the Electronic Transactions Act of 2000.

USEFUL ADDRESSES & LINKS

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, PORT-LOUIS

Phone: (230) 202 05 00 / 01
Web: www.mra.mu

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RÉDUIT

Phone: (230) 401 28 00

Fax : (230) 464 8749

Web: <https://govmu.org/EN/info-services/agri/Pages/default.aspx>

SENIOR STAFF DIRECTORY - MINISTRY OF AGRO-INDUSTRY AND FOOD SECURITY

<https://agriculture.govmu.org/Pages/About%20Us/Senior-Staff.aspx>

The first things to do when you arrive on the island

After months of preparation, you are finally in Mauritius. After settling in for a day, you will still have to take care of some administrative procedures. If you don't know where to start or if you feel a bit overwhelmed, Expat.com is here to help.



Registering at the passport office

The first step is to apply for the right permit: residence, retirement, or work. For this, you will need to contact the Economic Development Board (EDB). The application is done online and can be done before you arrive - especially for work permits. Once you have obtained an agreement in principle, the EDB will give you an appointment, and you will have to go to the EDB's offices with the original documents required.

Formalities for working

Thanks to the National Electronic Licensing System, the prospective employer of a foreign

professional can start the application procedure for a work visa online, even before the arrival of the employee in Mauritius.

Unless you work in a regulated sector (banking, engineering, medicine, animal medicine, paramedics, etc.), you do not need to register to apply for a license or authorization to work.

For the work permit, if your application has been accepted, you will have to complete it with your original documents at the EDB offices. Once in Mauritius, you will receive an invitation to the EDB offices by SMS to complete your application.

Registering with your embassy

Most foreign nationals have the possibility to register with the

consulate or embassy of their country in Mauritius. This is done in order to allow the authorities of their respective countries to register the different nationalities and to offer them additional assistance and protection in case it is needed.

The most obvious example was the vaccination against COVID-19 for French expats. The vaccination of all French nationals registered with the Consulate and their Mauritian spouses was taken care of by the French authorities.

Enrolling children in school

If you have moved with your family and with children of school age, school registration is also done once you are settled in Mauritius, although you should, of course, contact the schools you are interested in and even book seats well prior to your arrival.

Some schools, for example, the Lycée Labourdonnais, require parents to present their Resident Permit or Occupation Permit in order to enroll their children.

Opening a bank account

Foreigners can open a resident or non-resident account, depending on their needs. To easily prove the origin of your funds in a Mauritian account, choose a Mauritian bank that has financial relations with your country of origin.

The banks present in Mauritius are the following:

- ▶ The Mauritius Commercial Bank (MCB);
- ▶ SBM (Mauritius) Bank;
- ▶ Standard Chartered Bank (Mauritius);
- ▶ AfrAsia Bank Limited;
- ▶ Bank One Limited;

- ▶ Absa Bank (Mauritius) Limited;
- ▶ ABC Banking Corporation Limited;
- ▶ HSBC Bank (Mauritius) Limited;
- ▶ MauBank Limited;
- ▶ Bank of Baroda;
- ▶ SBI (Mauritius) Limited;
- ▶ BCP Bank (Mauritius).

Documents to be provided:

- ▶ Passport and visa;
- ▶ Proof of address less than 3 months old;
- ▶ A certificate indicating the origin of income;
- ▶ Permit to stay in Mauritius.

with commuting

You can choose between car and public transport to get to work.

If you prefer to drive, note that peak travel times are between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. and between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m., whether you are traveling to the North or from the North to Port-Louis. Many drivers use the Waze GPS app, which is available on both iOS and Android.

As for public transportation, you can choose between the bus and the Metro Express.

The Mauritian bus network allows you to travel from 5:30 am to 8 pm in urban areas and from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm in rural areas.

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Click [here](#) to know the bus numbers to use according to your destinations and [here](#) to know the bus stops for each line.

The Metro Express currently serves 20 stations from Port-Lou-

is to Curepipe, with 6 major stations adjacent to bus stations, and 3 stations from Rose-Hill to Réduit.

Supermarkets

If you want to keep your shopping habits, good news! Mauritius is home to several international supermarket chains, including from France and South Africa.

Find amenities

Intermart (Intermarché)	Monday to Thursday	Fridays and Saturdays	Sundays and public holidays	Contact	Address
Bagatelle	09:00 a.m. 09:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 07:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 468 8088	Bagatelle Mall of Mauritius, Bagatelle
Ébène	09:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 08:30 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 02:30 p.m.	Phone: +230 465 9000	Ébène Commercial Centre, Cyber City, Ébène
La Croisette	09:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 05:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 269 6666	Grand Baie La Croisette, Royal Road, Grand Bay
Beau Bassin	09:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 09:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 05:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 454 6888	Royal Road, Chebel, Beau Bassin
Curepipe	08:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 03:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 670 5110	Botanical Garden Street, Curepipe
So'flo	08:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 09:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 04:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 660 8898	Royal Road, Floréal
Calodyne	08:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 05:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 283 1068	Royal Road, St François, Calodyne
Quatre Bornes	08:00 a.m. 07:30 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 04:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 425 7788	19 St Jean Road, Quatre Bornes
Rose-Hill	09:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 09:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 05:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 460 5888	Plaza Boulevard, 8-10, Sir Celicourt Antelme Street, Rose-Hill



Super U	Monday to Saturday	Sundays and public holidays	Contact	Address
Grand Bay	09:00 a.m. 08:30 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 03:00 p.m.	Phone: (230) 263 0502 E-mail: info.gb@superu.mu	La Salette Road, Grand Bay
Flacq	09:00 a.m. 08:30 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 03:00 p.m.	Phone: (230) 413 5752 E-mail: info.fl@superu.mu	Avenue Président François Mitterrand, Central Flacq
Belle Rose	09:00 a.m. 08:30 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 03:00 p.m.	Phone: (230) 454 6640 E-mail : info.br@superu.mu	Royal Road, Belle Rose
Tamarin	09:00 a.m. 08:30 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 03:00 p.m.	Phone: (230) 484 0062 E-mail : info.tm@superu.mu	Cap Tamarin Smart City, Royal Road, Tamarin





Jumbo

The company has a total of 6 locations, consisting of hypermarkets, supermarkets and convenience stores. Most Carrefour brand products are now available.

Note the opening hours and days, which differ from one store to another, are as follows:

Jumbo Phoenix - Phoenix Mall - S Sivananda Ave - Va-coas-Phoenix

Monday to Thursday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. / Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. / Sundays and holidays: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Jumbo Riche Terre - Riche Terre Mall - Riche Terre Road - Port-Louis

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. / Friday and Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. / Sundays and public holidays: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Jumbo Express Windsor - Windsor Shopping Centre - Royal Road - Beau Bassin

Monday to Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. / Sundays: 7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. / Holidays: 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Jumbo Express Manhattan - Manhattan Shopping Center - Curepipe

Monday to Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sundays and holidays: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Jumbo Express Orchard - Orchard Center, Saint Jean Road - Quatre Bornes

Monday to Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. / Sundays and holidays: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Jumbo Express Moka - Les Allées - Moka

Monday through Saturday: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. / Sundays and holidays: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Jumbo Express Pasadena - Pasadena Village, Coastal Road - Flic en Flac

Monday through Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. / Friday and Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. / Sundays and holidays: 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Winner's

With 25 supermarkets, Winner's also sells Leader Price products for the connoisseur. Open from Monday to Sunday, Winner's ex-

tends the opening hours of some of its outlets on Sundays until 8 pm. It also delivers all over the island and offers the click-and-collect option.

Find the list of supermarkets [here](#).

Food Lover's Market

This South-African chain of mini-markets focuses on premium quality products and organic food. The products are locally sourced, but also come from Great Britain or South Africa.

BAGATELLE MALL

Mon - Thurs: 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

TAMARIN, RIVIÈRE NOIRE

Mon - Thu: 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dream Price Supermarkets

This chain of convenience stores continues to grow and modernize.

Present in [about thirty locations](#).



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Dream Price offers products from Turkey in particular and offers very decent quality. It is definitely to be considered if you are living in Mauritius with a tight budget.

Post office

The growing development of tourism generates a significant flow of mail and frequent international deliveries thanks to the air service. However, during the high tourist season, the delivery time varies from 4 days to 3 weeks.

Opening hours of the post offices:

Monday to Friday – 8.15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday – 8.15 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

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Express mail

Sometimes a letter or a parcel needs to reach its recipient very quickly. There are several services available for this purpose:

- ▶ EMS www.ems.post/en;
- ▶ Fedex www.fedex.com/en-mu/home.html;
- ▶ UPS Mauritius <http://www.ups.com/mu/en/Home.page>;
- ▶ DHL Mauritius www.dhl.com/mu-en/home.html;
- ▶ Chronopost Mauritius www.chronopost.fr/en/mauritius.

Television in Mauritius

The Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) is responsible for the programming of local channels, accessible via DTT. Films and programs are broadcast in several languages: Kreol Morisyen (Mauritian Creole),

English, French, Hindi, Bhojpur and other oriental languages. Many Indian films and series are broadcast, as well as channels.

For access to international channels, turn to the 3 cable television providers:

Canal + Mauritius

Choose the TV package that suits you:

- ▶ SPORT - Rs 500;
- ▶ CINE & SERIES+ - Rs 550;
- ▶ FAMILY - Rs 500.

Duration of the subscriptions:

- ▶ No commitment - Rs 2,700 for installation;
- ▶ 12-month commitment;
- ▶ 24-month commitment - often subject to promotions.

Options:

- ▶ BOLLYWOOD channels - Rs 250 / month;
- ▶ DISCOVERY channels - Rs 250 / month;
- ▶ DISNEY+ channels - Rs 445 / month;
- ▶ OCS Channels - Rs 350 / month;
- ▶ NETFLIX - Rs 370 / month;
- ▶ 2nd TV - Rs 400 / month;
- ▶ ALL CANAL+ - Rs 2,450 / month.

How to subscribe to Canal+?

You can subscribe online by clicking [here](#) or by visiting a Canal+

branch, usually available in shopping malls.

For more information, you can contact the provider's hotline from 08:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., including public holidays, at (230) 602 18 18.

Parabole Maurice

Another television provider, Parabole Maurice provides:

- ▶ [Cinema channels;](#)
- ▶ [Sports channels;](#)
- ▶ [Discovery channels;](#)
- ▶ [Youth channels;](#)
- ▶ [Radio channels.](#)

Parabole Maurice packages

SMARTY - 87 channels + 28 radios

Includes the rental of your de-

coder at Rs 207 (tax included). Payable in one time at the subscription: Rs 500 (refundable) deposit on the equipment + Rs 1,150 (tax included) - Rs 1,645 / month.

SPORTY MAX - 71 channels + 28 radios

Sporty Max can be taken alone or with supplements. Includes the rental of the decoder at Rs 207 (tax included). Payable in one time at subscription: Rs 500 (refundable) deposit on the equipment - Rs 999 / month.

CRISPY - 55 channels + 28 radios

Crispy can be subscribed to alone or with supplements.

Includes the rental of the decoder at Rs 207 (tax included). Payable in one time at subscription:

Rs 500 (refundable) - Rs 650 / month.

CANDY - 50 channels + 28 radios

Candy can be subscribed to alone or with supplements. Includes the rental of the decoder at Rs 207 (tax included). Payable in one go when subscribing: Rs 500 / month.

How to subscribe to Parabole Maurice?

The subscription is done online by clicking [here](#) or by going to one of the showrooms of the provider, whose addresses are indicated [here](#).

To get a complete list of what you need to bring, contact 403 88 88 (toll-free number).

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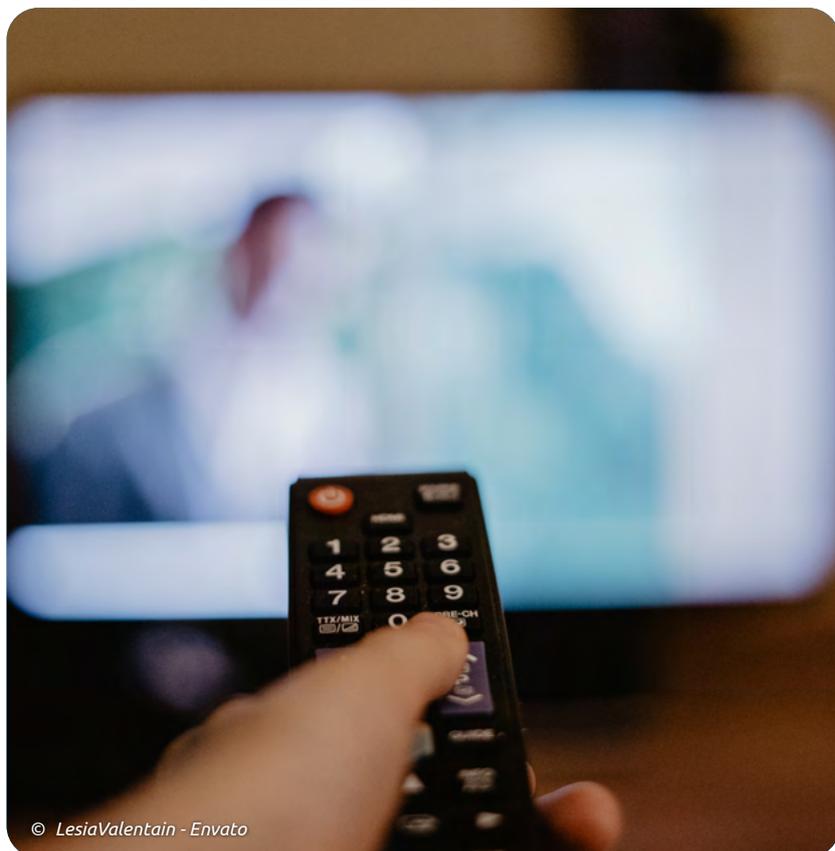
The market leader presents a particularly wide range of offers and channels, all coupled with Internet access.

Discover the numerous my.t television offers by clicking [here](#).

Stay informed

Media

All international newspapers, magazines and journals are on sale in Mauritius in large stores. You can also find game magazines (crosswords, sudoku), children's magazines, etc.



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Television

MBC - test.mbcradio.tv/replay/entertainment#

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Radios

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Top FM Radio
www.topfm.mu

Wazaa FM
www.wazaa.mu

Newspapers

L'Express Maurice
www.lexpress.mu

Le Mauricien
www.lemauricien.com

Le Défi
www.defimedia.info

5 Plus Dimanche
www.5plus.mu

News on Sunday
defimedia.info/categorie/news-sunday

Transports in Mauritius

Bus, cabs, motorcycle, helicopter, boat and now a light rail system. It is easy to move around in Mauritius. The country benefits from a relatively extensive and convenient transport network, which extends to the North, the South, the East and the West. The tramway only operates on the outskirts of the cities for now.



The bus network

Mauritius has a bus network that provides service from 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in urban areas and from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in rural areas.

It is shared between public, regional and private operators, including:

- ▶ TBS - Triolet Bus Service;
- ▶ [MBT - Mauritian Bus Transport;](#)
- ▶ [NTC - National Transport Corporation;](#)
- ▶ [UBS - United Bus Service;](#)
- ▶ RHT - Rose Hill Transport;
- ▶ Luna Transport Company.

This network covers a very large part of the island, with many stops throughout the villages and towns. Click [here](#) to find out which bus numbers to use for your destinations.

Which bus, for which direction?

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has compiled all the buses serving the island and their numbers. Click [here](#) to see the bus stops for each line.

As for Port-Louis, the capital has 2 main stations: Gare du Nord and Gare Victoria. Both are

connected by shuttles, while each town has its own central station. To find it, just ask for directions!

Fares for the bus network

To travel by bus, it is imperative to have change. Tickets are purchased on board, often after the bus has started. Indeed, the "ticket collector" passes by each passenger to ask about the destination and to collect payment.

Fares are calculated according to the distance traveled, so they increase approximately every 1.6 km.

Here are the rates applicable since May 8, 2022:

- ▶ Stage 1: from Rs 12 to Rs 17;
- ▶ Stage 2: from Rs 18 to Rs 24;
- ▶ Stages 3-4: from Rs 24 to Rs 30;
- ▶ Stages 5-6: from Rs 27 to Rs 35;
- ▶ Stages 7-8: from Rs 30 to Rs 39;
- ▶ Stage 12: from Rs 31 to Rs 41;
- ▶ Stages 13-30: from Rs 34 to Rs 44;
- ▶ Stages 31-39: from Rs 37 to Rs 47.

MAURITIUS BUS ROUTES

www.mauritius-buses.com

Good to Know

For a few extra rupees, you can take one of the many air-conditioned buses that serve the major towns. You will also find a special bus to and from the airport in Plaine Magnien. Of course, elderly or pregnant people have priority for seats! It is not uncommon to see ticket inspectors boarding the buses to check passengers' tickets. Any offender risks a fine.

The Metro Express

The tramway, also called Metro Express, began operating between Port-Louis and Rose Hill in December 2019.

Today, it connects Port-Louis to Curepipe every day,

from Monday to Sunday, including public holidays, from 06:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and it allows the population to move in a modern, safe and comfortable way over 26 km.

The tramway, "metro" as it is commonly called, passes through Port-Louis, Beau Bassin-Rose – Hill, Ébène, Quatre



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Bornes, Vacoas-Phoenix and Curepipe. There are currently 20 stations from Port-Louis to Curepipe, including 6 major stations adjacent to bus stations.

Current Metro Express stops:

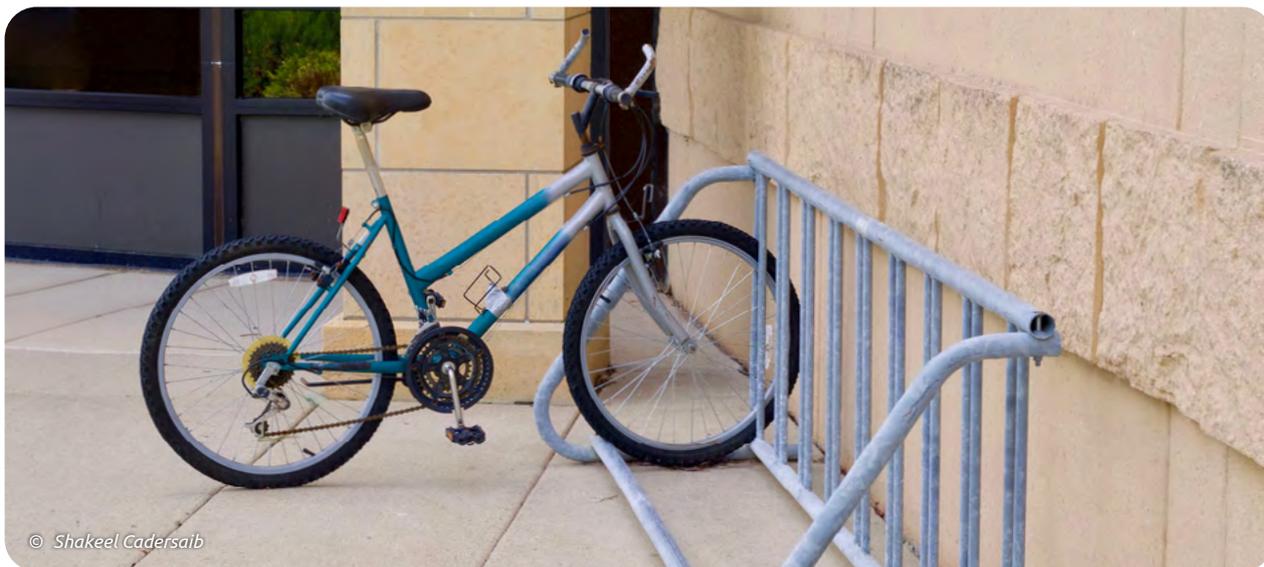
On the Curepipe-Port-Louis line:

- ▶ Central Curepipe;
- ▶ North of Curepipe;
- ▶ Floréal;
- ▶ Sadally;
- ▶ Vacoas Center;
- ▶ Palmerston;
- ▶ Phoenix Mall;
- ▶ Phoenix;
- ▶ Trianon;
- ▶ St. John;
- ▶ Quatre Bornes Center;
- ▶ Belle Rose;
- ▶ Rose Hill Center;
- ▶ Ébène;
- ▶ Vandermeersch;
- ▶ Beau Bassin;
- ▶ Barkly;
- ▶ Coromandel;
- ▶ St Louis;
- ▶ Port-Louis Victoria;
- ▶ Place d'Armes.

On the Rose-Hill - Ebène line:

- ▶ Rose-Hill
- ▶ Ebène
- ▶ Réduit

In the next few years, the light rail service should be extended to the rest of the island starting with the East very soon.



Facilities for users

Drivers

Metro Express users can park their cars in a specially dedicated parking lot in Coromandel with a capacity of 250 vehicles, including spaces for the disabled. Two other similar parking facilities are under construction, one in Phoenix and the other in Vacoas.

Cyclists

Those who ride to the Metro Express station have several spaces to park their two-wheelers:

- ▶ Rose-Hill Central: sheltered and secure space with 24 bike racks;
- ▶ All stations: 12 bike racks;
- ▶ Direct road access to bikes within a 1–2 km radius of stations.

Metro Express tickets

The price of the ticket is calculated according to the number of zones covered. For the time

being, it starts at Rs 32 and can go up to Rs 52 per trip.

To buy a single-use ticket, simply go to one of the many automated ticketing machines on all stations, then select the "SINGLE USE TICKET" option. The following steps are indicated on the screen and are easy to follow.

The MECard

Regular Metro Express riders can save between 5 and 10% per trip with the MECard.

The MECard is designed for all segments of the population, so it is available in 6 categories:

- ▶ Adult: Rs 200 (including a 100 rupee top-up);
- ▶ Child: Rs 150 (including a 50 rupees top-up);
- ▶ Student : Rs 100;
- ▶ Senior citizen: Free (for retired citizens aged 60 and over);
- ▶ Priority: Free (for citizens with reduced mobility).
- ▶ Priviledge: varies per traveller

who can choose between the daily, monthly, weekly and yearly options according to their budget.

The purchase, as well as the refill of the card, is done at the dedicated MECard counters.

Driver service

If you need a driver, for example, in anticipation of a night out, there are many companies offering this type of service. A few examples are:

My Chauffeur: A subsidiary of RHT Holding Ltd, the company takes care of one-off and business trips for both the public and companies. You can download its mobile application from the web, book a car 24/7, and even request a female driver.

Europcar - Chauffeur services: The car rental specialist offers to hire a driver by the day for Rs 900 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Rs 160 per additional hour (including VAT).



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Hire Car Mauritius: This company based in Quatre Bornes offers an extensive chauffeur service for both individuals and companies. Its fleet is composed of a Sedan Car, a Toyota Wish, a Minivan, a Minibus, a BMW 7 Series, a BMW X5 and a Mercedes V class.

Rent a car

The largest international agencies, Avis, Sixt, Europcar or Hertz, as well as official local rental companies, are present on the island and offer all types of cars.

You can benefit from preferential rates on long-term rentals. Insurance is included in the rental price.

The agencies also offer a replacement vehicle immediately in case of a breakdown.

Cabs

While Uber and other similar cab

apps do not exist in Mauritius, there are a number of cabs that operate in dedicated locations. You can find them near hotels, train stations, beaches and shopping centers. In addition, restaurants, bars, pubs, or nightclubs also usually have a list of cabs in case of an emergency. Don't hesitate to try out cabs near your home and keep the contacts of those you feel you can trust.

There is no set rate for cabs. Thus, it is difficult to give you an acceptable average cab fare.

Cabs operating with licenses have yellow plates on the doors indicating where they operate. Be careful, as many operate without a license, and if the cab is subject to a police routine check, both the driver and the passenger are liable to a fine.

USEFUL LINKS

Expat.com – Classified ads for buying and selling cars [https://](https://www. expat.com/en/classifieds/africa/mauritius/cars.html)

www. expat.com/en/classifieds/africa/mauritius/cars.html

Avis www. avis.com/en/locations/mu

Sixt <https://www. sixt.com/car-rental/mauritius/#/>

Europcar <https://www. europcar.com/fr-mu>

Hertz <http://www. hertz.mu/hertz12/book#no-back-button>

Air

Air Mauritius offers about 30 weekly flights to and from major European cities, including 3 flights between London and Mauritius.

You can book your flight to Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle and many other UK cities via London. British Airways, Air Austral, Air France, Air Seychelles, Air India, Kenya Airways, Emirates, South African Airways, Air Zimbabwe, Condor, Corsair Fly and Turkish Airlines are other airlines that fly to Mauritius.



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USEFUL LINKS

Air Mauritius

www.airmauritius.com

British Airways

www.britishairways.com

South African Airlines

www.flysaa.com

Turkish Airlines

www.turkishairlines.com

Flight information

www.myt.mu/sinformer/flight/

Ship

At the date of publication of this guide, the Trochetia is the only ship in service between Mauritius and Rodrigues. A boat trip to Rodrigues has several advantages: it is cheaper than a flight, the port of embarkation is located in Port-Louis, and boarding takes place one hour before departure.

The Trochetia serves as both a cargo ship and a passenger ferry. It can accommodate a maximum of 112 passengers exclusively in cabins of different categories (luxury, semi-luxury, first and second class).

Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd www.mauritiusshipping.net



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Telecommunications in Mauritius

Connecting to a landline, a mobile network, or the Internet will be one of the first things you do when you settle abroad. Whether to communicate daily with your relatives living locally or abroad or to work remotely, choosing a secure and reliable network is important. In Mauritius, you will benefit from a modern and easily accessible network, supported by one telephone service provider (my.t), 3 mobile service providers (my.t - Emtel - Chili) and 11 Internet service providers (the main ones being My.T - Emtel and Chili).



Telephone and internet usage in Mauritius

Here is what the latest report from [DataReportal](#) tells us.

The landline

The number of landline subscriptions is trending downwards. The latest report shows a 2.0% decrease in 2020 in the number of landlines and from 478,700 in 2020 to 469,100 in 2021.

Mobile phones

There were 1.95 million mobile connections in Mauritius in early 2023, a 1.2% increase (23,000)

between 2022 and 2023. This is 153.3% of the total population in January 2022.

Internet

As of January 2023, Mauritius had a total of 878.7 thousand Internet users, indicating an Internet penetration rate of 67.6% of the country's total population. This statistic, based on an analysis by Kepios, reflects the extent to which the Internet is accessed and utilized by individuals in Mauritius. According to the report, the average mobile internet connection speed via cellular networks was 21.97 Mbps compared to 26.53 Mbps for fixed internet.

Phone service providers

Landline

The telephone network in Mauritius is provided by Mauritius Telecom (my.t).

National and international communications are good. In general, houses, apartments and commercial premises have a line already installed. If not, an application must be made to the nearest branch either in person or [online](#).

The connection is usually made within 15 days to 3 weeks.

The installation costs for a landline (excluding VAT) are as follows:

	Domestic line	Professional line
Refundable security deposit	Rs 1,000	Rs 2,000
New line	Rs 2,300	Rs 2,500
Landline transfer	Rs 1,500	Rs 2,500
Line extension	Rs 1,500	Rs 1,500
Renewal of internal cables	Rs 1,500	Rs 1,500
Re-routing of the down conductor	Rs 1,500	Rs 1,500
Moving the telephone installation from one room or office to another	Rs 1,500	Rs 1,500
Monthly rental of the line	Rs 90	

If the installation of the landline is done outside office hours, an additional Rs 500 will be charged. This amount is added to the first invoice issued for the new line.

A security deposit is also required as follows: Rs 5,000 for foreign nationals and Rs 2,000 for professionals. The rental of the machine (optional) costs Rs 1,000, while the monthly subscription costs Rs 90 for individuals and Rs 225 for professionals.

Good to know

The hours considered as out of office hours are as follows:

- **Monday - Friday**
4:30–6:30 p.m
- **Saturday and Holidays**
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m

To subscribe, you will need to produce the following documents:

- ▶ An application form for installation;
- ▶ A passport;
- ▶ Proof of address.

Mobile network

Three providers share the mobile phone market in Mauritius: Emtel, my.t Mobile and Chili (Mahanagar Telephone Mauritius Ltd).

All of them offer monthly plans as well as prepaid cards that are very popular among Mauritians.

You will find official stores of these suppliers in large shopping malls and downtown or simply online:

- ▶ [Emtel](#);
- ▶ [my.t Mobile](#);
- ▶ [Chili](#).

The different providers and mobile phone packages

Emtel

Two payment plans are available: prepaid (purchase of credit as you use it) and postpaid (monthly).

To rent an Emtel mobile line, you must go to an Emtel store and present proof of address and your residence permit and/or passport.



my.t Fibre Internet & TV

Speed up your everyday life



Conditions apply.

Looking for the best and fastest Fibre Internet? Mauritius Telecom has the solution for you, whatever your needs. Check our Fibre Internet and TV offers and choose the package that best suits you.

The best plans for your home

50 Mbps + Tv channels Rs 1200/month	100 Mbps + Tv channels Rs 1500/month	200 Mbps + Tv channels Rs 2000/month	300 Mbps + Tv channels Rs 2500/month	500 Mbps + Tv channels Rs 3800/month	1G bps + All Tv channels Rs 6500/month <small>Unlimited local calls (fixed line calls within the MT network only)</small>
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The formulas

The public can choose between several prepaid packages:

- ▶ [Unlimited Data Pack;](#)
- ▶ [Unlimited Voice & Data Combo;](#)
- ▶ [Voice & SMS Packs;](#)
- ▶ [Airtime Recharges.](#)

As for Emtel's postpaid formulas:

- ▶ [Unlimited Data Packs;](#)
- ▶ [Postpaid Bundle Plans;](#)
- ▶ [Voice & SMS Pack.](#)

Getting an Emtel mobile line

Get a prepaid line

Buy a prepaid starter pack, which includes the purchase of a SIM card - Rs 100. The provider includes:

- ▶ Free initial credit - Rs 87;
- ▶ Free local SMS - Unlimited for 7 days;
- ▶ Free data - 3GB per day for 7 days;
- ▶ Caller tune - 1 caller tune + 1-month subscription to personalized caller tune service;
- ▶ Missed Call Alert - Free.

Recharge a prepaid Emtel Mobile account

Emtel allows prepaid number holders to recharge their phone credit online, through Emtel Epin, Emtel Scratch Cards, ATM Recharge (at ATMs) and through SMS Topup.

5G Network expansion:

Emtel is actively increasing its 5G coverage across Mauritius, with a goal of achieving complete 5G coverage by 2024.

To link up with Emtel's 5G mobile network, you must ensure the following 4 prerequisites are met:

- ▶ Possess a 5G-enabled device paired with an activated 5G SIM card;
- ▶ Activate the 5G settings on your phone;
- ▶ Be in an area covered by Emtel's 5G network;
- ▶ Subscribe to and activate a 5G plan on your account.

Rent a postpaid line

Download, print and fill out the [Emtel Postpaid application form](#) to save time when registering at the showroom.

Go to one of Emtel's showrooms and present a national ID card or Residence Permit and/or passport, a recent proof of address (not older than 3 months), and preferably the bank details of the mobile line holder. The provider includes:

- ▶ RBT registration - Free (for 30 days);
- ▶ Free Data (MB) - 750MB (valid for 30 days);
- ▶ Caller tune - 1 caller tune;
- ▶ Missed Call Alert - Free;
- ▶ Unlimited Facebook - Free (for 30 days).



My.t Mobile

Rates - Billing is per minute

- ▶ Calls to my.t mobile (Prepaid and Postpaid) - Rs 1.20;
- ▶ Calls to my.t landline / other landline operators (except for special numbers such as 301XXXX, 302XXXX, etc.) - Rs 3.48;
- ▶ Calls to other mobile operators - Rs 3.60;
- ▶ SMS - Rs 0.60 per SMS.

Rent a my.t mobile line

Two formulas are available: prepaid (purchase of credit as you use it) and postpaid (monthly).

Prepaid plan

It all starts with the purchase of a my.t Prepay SIM card, which costs Rs 100 (VAT included) and contains:

- ▶ Rs 87 of free credit;
- ▶ 15 GB weekly unlimited at 2.14 GB/day for 7 days;
- ▶ 150 SMS.

The next step is to activate the my.t SIM card by calling 124 from the SIM card and following the instructions of the voice assistant.

Recharge a prepaid my.t Mobile account

To recharge a prepaid account, there are several options:

Scratch cards



- ▶ Buy a my.t mobile scratch card to reveal the 14-digit number;
- ▶ Call 124;
- ▶ Choose option 1 by pressing 1 to recharge the account;
- ▶ Enter the 14-digit code of the scratch card;
- ▶ Receive an SMS indicating the new credit level and the validity of the account;
- ▶ Or dial *124*+ the 14-digit scratch card code followed by #;
- ▶ Receive a flash SMS indicating the new balance and validity of the account;
- ▶ Receive another SMS indicating the new credit level and validity of your account.

Recharge at the ATMs of SBM, MCB, MPCB and Bank One

- ▶ Insert the debit or credit card in the ATM;
- ▶ Enter the PIN code of the debit or credit card;

- ▶ Select the account;
- ▶ Select transaction type (Recharge);
- ▶ Select amount;
- ▶ Enter cell phone number;
- ▶ Confirm cell phone number;
- ▶ Receive an SMS indicating the new credit level and the validity of the account.

Recharge by SMS (SBM and MCB)

You must have a bank account with SBM or MCB and be registered for this service with the bank.

To recharge:

- ▶ Send a "topup" SMS to 8726 for SBM if the recharge amount has already been decided at the time of the request, e.g., Rs 100. For MCB, send the amount to 8700;
- ▶ Or to recharge with a different denomination, send the SMS "topup xxx" to 8726 for SBM, where xxx is the denomination of the credit (Rs

50, Rs 100 and Rs 300).

Recharge with E-voucher

Some retailers can top up mobile phones with credit through my.t's E-voucher system:

- ▶ Find a retailer who offers this service;
- ▶ Choose the amount of the E-voucher (between Rs 10 and Rs 5,000);
- ▶ Make sure you wait for the retailer to proceed with the recharge and for the confirmatory SMS before leaving the store.

Postpaid formula

Go to any Telecom Shop and present proof of address and your passport and/or Resident Permit.

Postpay 2000 at Rs 2,000 per month:

- ▶ No data limit;
- ▶ Unlimited SMS and calls to all mobile operators and local landlines;
- ▶ Free Deezer.

Postpay 1000 at Rs 1,000 per month:

- ▶ 75 GB of data;
- ▶ 1,500 SMS;
- ▶ 600 minutes of calls to my.t mobile and landlines;
- ▶ 150 minutes of calls to other mobile operators;
- ▶ Free Deezer.



Postpay 500 at Rs 500 per month:

- ▶ 115 GB of data;
- ▶ 1,000 SMS;
- ▶ 360 minutes of calls to my.t mobile and fixed lines;
- ▶ 30 minutes of calls to other mobile operators;
- ▶ Free Deezer.

Chili

The rates

- ▶ No activation fee (one time only - VAT excluded);
- ▶ No possibility of monthly subscription.

Call charges:

- ▶ To MTML (Mahanagar Telephone Mauritius Limited) / CHiLi number - Rs 1.15 /min;
- ▶ To other networks (mobile/fixed) - Rs 2.30 /min;
- ▶ To Rodrigues - Rs 3.60 /min;
- ▶ SMS - Rs 0.50;
- ▶ Additional benefits: 20 GB data for 7 days, and 200 SMS.

The packages

The operator offers several packages:

- ▶ [Special Packs](#) (which includes Chili Monthly Freedom Plan, the monthly postpaid package);
- ▶ [Mobile Internet](#);
- ▶ [Prepaid recharge card](#);
- ▶ [International roaming](#);
- ▶ [Caller tunes](#);
- ▶ Additional services - Rs 15 / additional service.

Chilli offers its subscribers to purchase [additional and optional services](#):

- ▶ SMS subscriptions;
- ▶ Missed call alert;
- ▶ Emergency credit facility;
- ▶ Voicemail;
- ▶ MMS;
- ▶ Closed user group (minimum 10 members);
- ▶ Chili World;
- ▶ Mobile Chat;
- ▶ Push Email;
- ▶ 3-way calling.



Rent a mobile line

Chili is present through many agencies and resellers throughout the island. Get in touch with one of them to buy a Chili SIM card or a recharge coupon to top up your mobile credit.

For a first-time purchase:

- ▶ Show your ID if it's a prepaid plan;
- ▶ Show your ID and proof of address if it's a monthly plan (postpaid).

Recharge a Chili Mobile account

Chili sells scratch cards to top up your mobile numbers. These cards are available at retail partners and at the following rates:

- ▶ Rs. 25 - Validity period 30 days;
- ▶ Rs. 50 - Validity period : 50 days;
- ▶ Rs. 100 - Validity period: 90 days;
- ▶ Rs. 300 - Validity period: 150 days;
- ▶ Rs. 500 - Validity period 180 days.

They are simple to use; just:

- ▶ Scratch the designated area on the recharge card to reveal the 13-digit PIN code;
- ▶ Dial *111* and enter the 13-digit PIN code.

Important

To subscribe to a monthly plan with one of these operators, go directly to the authorized store of the provider of your choice by presenting an ID or your residence permit/passport and proof of address less than 3 months old.

Internet

There are currently 5 internet providers operating in Mauritius, Emtel, my.t, Bharat Telecom, Chili, and Canal+. My.t, however, is the market leader.

The average fixed internet connection speed peaked at 19.69 Mbps at the end of January 2022, with an increase of 1.80 Mbps, or 10.1%, during the same period.

As for WiFi spots, they are available in many public places: shopping malls, some fast food

chains, the airport, etc.

Internet service providers

Emtel

For internet connection, the telecommunications provider Emtel offers Airbox, namely [Airbox 4G](#) and [Airbox 5G](#).

The formulas available are:

- ▶ [Prepaid](#): From Rs 1,200 up to Rs 1,800;
- ▶ [Postpaid](#): Free router and landline, options from Rs 1,049 to Rs 1,484.

Regarding internet connection via Emtel Airbox, go to an Emtel or Canal+ agency to subscribe with one of the Emtel agents present and providing:

- ▶ Your identity card or passport/residence permit;
- ▶ A recent proof of address;
- ▶ Mobile phone number of another contact.

my.t

My.t offers TV + Internet packages. Several packages are available:

- ▶ 50Mbps at Rs 1,200 / month - 60 TV channels;
- ▶ 100Mbps at Rs 1,500 / month - 60 TV channels - Wifi repeater;
- ▶ 500Mbps and TV at Rs 3,800 / month - 60 TV channels - Wifi repeater;
- ▶ 1Gbps at Rs 6,500 / month - More than a 100 - Wifi repeater - Unlimited local calls from one my.t landline to another;
- ▶ TV à la carte from Rs 50/month to Rs 75, to subscribe to the channel of your choice from the selection offered by the provider.

All details are on the [online brochure of my.t](#).

Concerning the internet connection via my.t, you must first check the eligibility of your line to the optical fiber by calling 8902. If it is eligible, you can proceed online or by going to a branch of the provider with your residence permit/passport,

proof of address and possibly authorization from your landlord if the line is not in your name.

If you apply online, there are 2 possibilities:

[You already have a telephone line;](#)

[You do not have a phone line yet.](#)

For both options, you must apply online:

- ▶ If you have a phone line, you will need to provide your landline/customer/mobile phone number and follow the procedure;
- ▶ If you do not have a phone line, you will need to enter your cell phone number and follow the procedure.

Bharat Telecom

The operator specializing in fiber optics offers 2 types of packages: unlimited offers and offers "Internet for a purpose", i.e., whose use is for a specific pur-

pose, education, security and recreation, to discover [here](#).

The unlimited offers

- ▶ Turbo - 5 Mbps - Rs 699 / month;
- ▶ Ultimate - 10 Mbps - Rs 799 / month;
- ▶ Extreme - 20 Mbps - Rs 1,219 / month.

"Internet for a purpose" offers

- ▶ Education - Rs 300 / month;
- ▶ Security - Rs 400 / month;
- ▶ Entertainment - Rs 550 / month.

The Streaming Package to be combined with a Home Connect offer :

- ▶ Streaming Package;
- ▶ Download: 7Mbps, Upload: 2Mbps, Quota: 300GB;
- ▶ Price: Rs.550 incl. VAT.

For internet connection through Bharat Telecom, 2 offers are available:

- ▶ Offer 1 - 12-month contract: refundable security deposit of Rs 1,000;
- ▶ Offer 2 - open-ended contract: refundable security deposit of Rs 1,000 and Rs 1,150 (incl. VAT) for the installation fee.

Please note that once the installation request is approved, a technical team will schedule an appointment for the installation. The appointment time is 2 to 3 weeks, which may vary



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depending on natural factors or factors beyond the control of the supplier.

Important

To date, the following areas are served by Bharat Telecom: Bananes - Beau Bassin - Belle-Rose - Castel - Camp Fouquereaux - Chebel - Cluny - Curepipe - Eau Coulée - Ébène - Floréal - Forest Side - Highlands - Hermitage - La Rosa - Mare d'Albert - Mesnil - Midlands - Mont Fertile - New Grove - Nouvelle France - Plaisance - Phoenix - Palma - Plaine Magnien - Petit Camp - Pinewood - Quatre Bornes - Rose-Hill - Rose Belle - Union Park - Vacoas.

Chili

The operator offers 3 types of internet connection:

The C-Wingle USB connection key - Rs 1,500 (VAT included):

- ▶ 2-way connectivity, 3G and Wi-Fi;
- ▶ Provides data and SMS services;
- ▶ Connects directly to the PC or laptop;
- ▶ Also connects up to 10 Wi-Fi enabled devices.

LC-Wingle USB dongle with power adapter - Rs 1,675 (incl. VAT):

- ▶ 2-way connectivity, Ethernet port and Wi-Fi;
- ▶ Data, Voice and SMS services;
- ▶ Connects 2 Ethernet ports and up to 32 Wi-Fi devices;
- ▶ Voice service enabled: connect a phone and make calls.

Plans

Unlimited Internet packages for home and office	Price (excl. VAT)	Price (incl. VAT)	Validity (days)	Free use	Activation code
Unlimited monthly (2 TB)	Rs 608.70	Rs 700	30	Unlimited	act ul
Quarterly Unlimited (6 TB)	Rs 1,565.22	Rs 1,800	91	Unlimited	act ulq
Semi-annual Unlimited (12 TB)	Rs 2,608.70	Rs 3,000	182	Unlimited	act ulh
Annual Unlimited (24 TB)	Rs 4,173.91	Rs 4,800	365	Unlimited	act uly

Good to Know

Once you have exceeded the allocated usage limit, the data speed is limited to 256 Kbps.

USEFUL LINKS

Mauritius Telecom

www.myt.mu

EMTEL www.emtel.com

Chili www.chili.mu

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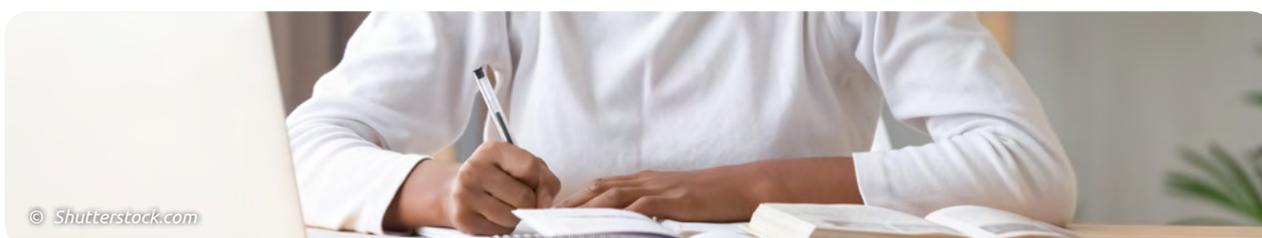
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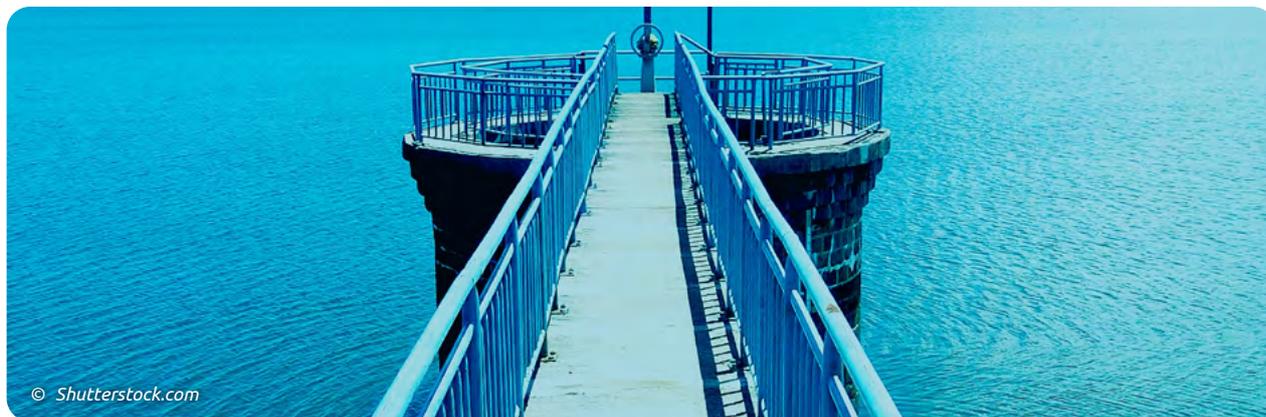
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Energy and utilities in Mauritius

What is the public utility situation like in Mauritius? How to get connected to the water or the electricity network? What are the procedures like? Here are a few pointers.



It is estimated that 98% of households have access to running water. The water is properly treated and drinkable. However, during periods of heavy tropical rains, mudflows can cause the water to become contaminated with a brownish tint as it flows out of the tap. It is, then, recommended to drink bottled or boiled mineral water.

The water service

The water service is provided by the Central Water Authority (CWA), which currently supplies 96.4% of Mauritian households.

An important fact to keep in mind is that the water supply in Mauritius is not continuous, i.e., there are usually cuts during the day. These "dry" hours are generally longer during the summer because there is usually a

drought before the rainy season.

Every region has its own "supply schedule", so it is important to check with your local CWA for valve opening times.

The tank and water pump option

To ensure that their home has a constant supply of water, including during off hours, Mauritians usually have tanks installed at home.

Water tanks are usually available at dedicated department stores (Duraco, Resiglas, Mammouth Courts, 361, Nabridas Mauritius) or even hardware stores if you take the time to inquire.

For some, this tank is optimized with a water pump in order to have a more efficient water flow. Ask for advice at the above-mentioned stores.

Water service rates

For domestic water supply in Mauritius, the average price is Rs 9 per m³ but the price increases with water consumption, as shown [here](#).

For the supply of water to professional structures:

- ▶ Office-type structures, etc.: Rs 1,122 for the first 33 m³ and Rs 34 per additional m³;
- ▶ Commercial structures: Rs 391 for the first 17 m³ and Rs 23 for each additional m³.

How to pay your water bill?

You have several options to pay your CWA bill:

- ▶ By presenting your monthly bill at any post office;
- ▶ At the CWA office closest to your home;

- ▶ By automatic debit on a fixed date from your bank account.

Important

If you're not knowledgeable in plumbing, leave the installation of your tank and/or water pump to a professional.

Connecting or reconnecting to the water service

To connect or reconnect to the network, here are the steps to follow.

First-time connection to the water service

Fill out [this form](#), then go to the nearest CWA office with the following documents:

- ▶ Property deed;
- ▶ Identification card or residence permit/passport;
- ▶ 2 approved site plans.

Reconnecting a unit to the water service

If you plan to rent a unit where the water supply has been disconnected at the request of the landlord, go to the nearest CWA office with the following documents:

- ▶ ID or Residence Permit/Passport;
- ▶ BRN (in the case of supply for business premises);
- ▶ Previous water bill.



There is a charge for these procedures:

- ▶ Reopening fee of Rs 550 for domestic supply;
- ▶ Reopening fee of Rs 1,750 for business supply.

Central Water Authority

<https://cwa.govmu.org/cwa/>

Electricity

99.6% of Mauritian households are connected to the electricity network managed by the Central Electricity Board (CEB). The CEB is making a lot of efforts in terms of supply and to allow consumers to prepare themselves in case of power cuts due to works in the region. The CEB has set up an interactive map, which you can discover [here](#).

Focus on the Central Electricity Board

As its name suggests, the Cen-

tral Electricity Board is the electricity provider in Mauritius. The body is parastatal, government-owned and operating under the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities. It generates about 40% of the country's total electricity needs from its 4 thermal and 10 hydroelectric power plants.

The remaining 60% is generated by independent power producers.

The electrical system in Mauritius

The current charge is 220 V. The electric plugs are mostly "English" (square plugs) in houses, but this is not systematic. You should bring an adaptor for emergency use. In Mauritius, you can easily find plugs, extension cords and adapters in hardware stores, supermarkets and DIY stores. During a tropical cyclone, a generator may be useful.

Connection to the electrical network

Connection requests are subject to a connection fee and a security deposit. After payment, the CEB will make the necessary arrangements within 10 working days.

The CEB asks consumers to present the following documents for any request for connection to the domestic electricity network:

- ▶ National Identity Card;
- ▶ A copy of the deed of the property concerned by the connection;
- ▶ Or a copy of the lease agreement for tenants;
- ▶ Or a copy of a transcript, if the land has been transcribed for you;
- ▶ Or a letter of authorization from your landlord, if you are a tenant, and a copy of the landlord's title;
- ▶ And a list of declared electrical appliances to be connec-

ted in watts or kilowatts.

If the application is for a commercial structure, it must be made in person or in writing, along with the following documents:

- ▶ A duly signed letter from the business requesting the new supply, stating the total load connected;
- ▶ A list of the declared electrical equipment to be connected in watts or kilowatts;
- ▶ A copy of the company's registration card and a copy of its certificate of incorporation;
- ▶ A copy of the property deed if the premises are owned;
- ▶ A letter of authorization from the landlord or a copy of the lease agreement if the client is a tenant, as well as a copy of the corresponding property title;
- ▶ A building and land use permit, if applicable.

In the case of a registered company:

- ▶ A list of shareholders (those

holding more than 10% of the shares);

- ▶ Director's national identity card or passport.

Electricity prices in Mauritius

Electricity prices vary according to usage. You can find the latest CEB price list [here](#).

How to pay your electricity bill?

You have several options to pay your CEB bill:

- ▶ By presenting your monthly bill at any post office;
- ▶ At the CEB office closest to your home;
- ▶ By automatic debit on a fixed date from your bank account;
- ▶ On the my.t Money mobile application;
- ▶ By Juice transfer.

You can access your bill online [here](#).

Central Electricity Board
<https://ceb.mu/>



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Gas

There is no "town gas" system in Mauritius. If you have chosen to cook and heat water with gas, you will have to buy 5, 6 or 12 kg gas cylinders.

The price of gas in Mauritius

Prices are regulated by the government:

- ▶ 5 kg - Rs 100 per cylinder;
- ▶ 6 kg - Rs 120;
- ▶ 12 kg - Rs 240.

Types of gas cylinders and where to find them

You will find 3 types of gas cylinders: red ones, sold in Total gas stations; blue ones, in Shell gas stations and yellow ones, which are harder to find. In addition to gas stations, you can find the necessary equipment at a number of authorized dealers.



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Connecting a gas cylinder to your equipment

If you need to connect your boiler and/or hotplates to a gas cylinder, here are the best practices:

- ▶ The cap/expander, called a "gas regulator" here, differs depending on the type of cylinder, so ask around or take a picture of your cylinder and bring it to the store to buy the right model;
- ▶ If you are unsure of how to connect the cylinder, ask a neighbor;
- ▶ It is highly recommended that the cylinder be installed outdoors;
- ▶ Remember to change the connecting hose regularly, referring to the date on the hose.



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Good to Know

In Mauritius, you will also find systems that allow you to connect 2 pieces of equipment to the same gas cylinder!

Total Gas for individuals www.total.mu

Green energy in Mauritius

More than ever, Mauritius is working and refining its energy policy to gradually increase the use of renewable and clean energy. This is not only to reduce the country's dependence on fossil fuels but also to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

In the last budget, the government announced the implementation of a program called the "Green Transformation Package". Its objective is to enable the production of an additional 200 MW of electricity by 2025, which would bring the island's renewable energy production to 40% of the 60% target set for 2030.

We know that Mauritius is slowly moving to smart meters; in fact, 25,000 have already been installed in homes and businesses, and 75,000 more units are expected. Other initiatives include:

- ▶ The commissioning of 18 MW of battery storage to maintain grid stability;
- ▶ The implementation of a 2 MW floating solar project at

Tamarind Falls Reservoir;

- ▶ Increasing the capacity of the Henrietta photovoltaic facility from 2 MW to 10 MW;
- ▶ Installation of 1,000 solar panels for low-income households;
- ▶ Programs designed specifically for small (household) and medium (commercial) users;
- ▶ Designing a framework for biomass for electricity generation;
- ▶ Finalizing the green bond framework for financing local and regional green projects.

Other initiatives under development:

- ▶ The use of photovoltaic technologies;
- ▶ Increased access to solar energy technologies for solar water heaters;
- ▶ The creation of solid waste-to-energy plants;
- ▶ Pumping sea water for air conditioning;
- ▶ Installation of wind turbines;
- ▶ Development of liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects;
- ▶ Development of green building design services and equipment;
- ▶ Energy efficiency projects and energy audits;
- ▶ Incentives for the purchase of electric vehicles.

Incentives

The EDB reminds us that many incentives already exist so that the majority of Mauritians actively participate in the collec-



tive environmental effort:

- ▶ Solar photovoltaic projects are exempt from VAT;
- ▶ Provision for accelerated depreciation of income tax for green investment for investment in green technology equipment (50% straight line);
- ▶ Utility renewable energy projects are exempt from the land conversion tax;
- ▶ Businesses and households can receive a tax deduction for investment in solar unit equipment;
- ▶ All interest income from bonds issued to finance renewable energy projects that are approved by the MRA are tax-exempt.

Mauritius being an island, it is

more than ever concerned with the many environmental issues. Expats who wish to participate in this collective effort can, for example, take action through green electricity options.

To learn more about the various green facilities available in Mauritius for the public and businesses, you can contact [Green Energy Co. Ltd.](#), the "green" subsidiary of CEB.

Please note that some programs, for example, dedicated to the installation of photovoltaic kits, are reserved for beneficiaries registered in the social register of their region. It is, therefore, important to find out more before signing up for this type of initiative.

Cost of living in Mauritius

Of course, the cost of living in Mauritius depends greatly on habits, daily needs, region, and other factors. Nevertheless, between the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia–Ukraine conflict, the world economy was completely disrupted. As Mauritius slowly recovers from these events, the cost of living is just beginning to stabilize on the island.



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The increase in cost of living in figures

Food - As of June 30, 2023, the inflation rate in Mauritius, excluding alcoholic beverages and tobacco, has risen to 10.5%, marking a notable increase from the 7.7% recorded in June 2022. This surge primarily reflects higher prices for various commodities and services, particularly in the food sector, impacting items like fish and meat. Interestingly, the report also highlights a decrease in the prices of specific vegetables during this period.

Transport - Bus and streetcar fares have increased by 25 to 40% since 2022.

Fuel - In 2023, the cost of petrol went from Rs 74 to Rs 69, while diesel prices have risen from Rs 54.55 to Rs 63.95.

Monthly cost of living in Mauritius

In the context of moving abroad, one must take into account several parameters such as renting an accommodation, mandatory bills, internet, food, gasoline,

children's education, health, car and home insurance and finally leisure activities.

Housing

Apartment rentals in Port-Louis can range from Rs 15,000 to Rs 40,000 per month, with beachfront options commanding higher prices, typically between Rs 18,000 and Rs 60,000. For a family of 4 seeking a house with a garden in the North or West, the monthly rental cost is approximately Rs 50,000 to Rs 70,000.



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It's important to note that these figures serve as general indicators and may vary based on property features such as swimming pools, gardener services, and domestic help. Additionally, location plays a significant role, with the more touristic North generally having higher rents compared to the East or South of Mauritius.

Agency fees and deposit when renting a property for the first time

In general, tenants are asked to pay a deposit of at least 1 month's rent + 15% VAT, and in some cases, 2 or even 3 months. The tenant should recover this amount at the end of their lease, provided that they have paid their rent regularly and returned the property in its original condition.

As for the agency fees, they are traditionally shared by the tenant and the landlord. The amount varies according to the duration of the lease and in the case of a long-term rental, i.e., more than 6 months, the agency fees could go up to 1 month's rent + the 15% VAT.

Food

For food expenses in Mauritius, everything will depend on your habits. Note however that the fruits and vegetables are still affordable at the market.

As for meats, alcohols and cheeses, they are easily found in supermarkets, which are relatively well stocked, but at relatively higher prices.

About 35% of your overall monthly budget will go towards this item.

Here are some indicative prices:

- ▶ 500 g deboned chicken breast: Rs 172;
- ▶ 1L full cream milk: Rs 35;
- ▶ 12 large eggs: Rs 80;
- ▶ 1 kg local tomatoes (pommes d'amour): Rs 87;
- ▶ 500 g local cheddar : Rs 160;
- ▶ 1 kg apples: Rs 83;
- ▶ 1 kg potatoes: Rs 51;
- ▶ 0.5L local beer (bought from the supermarket):Rs 70;
- ▶ 1 mid-range bottle of red wine: Rs 472;
- ▶ 2 L Coca-Cola: Rs 76;
- ▶ A baguette: Rs 5.85.

Eating out

There is an option for everyone in Mauritius. Prices for eating out vary depending where you fancy eating with prices being the cheapest on the streets or in 'snacks' (small, modest restaurants), a little more expensive in fast food outlets and most expensive in restaurants. A pair of dholl puri, one of the most popular on-the-go meals in Mauritius, costs Rs 20. The fried

noodles, on the other hand, a little more substantial than the dholl puri, costs between Rs 100 and 200. If you prefer to eat in a restaurant, you probably spend around Rs 400 per person.

Restaurant meal prices in Mauritius can vary, ranging from Rs 99 for a McValue Lunch to Rs 2,000 for a meal for 2 in an up-scale restaurant.

On average, you can expect:

- ▶ Basic weekday lunch menu (including drinks) in the business district: Rs 300;
- ▶ Combo menu in a fast-food restaurant (Big Mac menu or similar): Rs 240.

Utilities

Water, electricity, cell phone and internet

Electricity bills in Mauritius typically range from Rs 1,000 to Rs 6,000 per month, with variations based on the season. Summer months, which may require air conditioning and running a pool pump, can contribute to higher electricity costs.

For water expenses, the average monthly cost is approximately Rs 100 to 500 on the island. Many residents in Mauritius utilize gas for cooking and water heating.

Prices as an indication

Price per liter of fuel	Gasoline - Rs 69 / L	Diesel - Rs 63,95 / L	
Price of electricity per kWh	Domestic - Rs 6.05	Business - Rs 5.4	You will be spending Rs 2,700 during the southern winter versus approximately Rs 4,500 in summer per month, if there is an air conditioning system.
The price of household gas	5 kg cylinder - Rs 100	6 kg cylinder - Rs 120	12 kg cylinder - Rs 240
Price of water per cubic meter	About Rs 9 / m ³		
Internet	From Rs 1,100 and up to Rs 2,100		
Cell phone with prepaid credit	Rs 2.23 per minute		

Transport

Depending on your preferred mode of transportation, travel expenses can constitute a significant portion of your monthly budget.

Nevertheless, if you want to save money, the country has a good network of official buses and cabs, and now there is also the Metro Express, a light rail system that is gradually expanding.

Beware: Cabs are not equipped with fare meters, so it is strongly recommended to negotiate the price beforehand. For a trip, the starting rate is about Rs 150, to which you will have to add between Rs 60 and 200 per additional kilometer. If you want the driver to wait for you, it will be around Rs 500 per hour.

Learn about traveling through Mauritius using public transport in "[Getting around Mauritius](#)".

The car

Fuel, servicing, maintenance, annual registration, insurance, etc. If you plan to drive in Mauritius, you have the possibility as an expat to buy or rent a car. More information on buying a car in the chapter "[Driving in Mauritius](#)", which explains how to proceed.

Registering a car in Mauritius

The cost of vehicle registration in Mauritius is determined by several factors. You can use this online [calculator](#) to estimate the registration fee based on the following criteria:

- ▶ Type of vehicle;
- ▶ Fuel type;
- ▶ Engine capacity;
- ▶ Month of registration;
- ▶ Year of registration.



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"Before relocating to Mauritius, I had the misconception that it would be an affordable country, comparable to the cost of living in Bali or Thailand. However, upon arrival, I discovered the opposite to be true! Living in Mauritius is expensive, covering aspects such as food, cars, housing, and fuel. I wish I had been aware of this beforehand, enabling me to save even more."

This calculation is based on the regulations of the National Land Transport Authority Road Transport Division, which have been valid since the end of November 2013:

Cars with combustion engine

Car up to 1,000 cc:

- ▶ First registration in Mauritius - Rs 16,300;
- ▶ Up to 1 year old - Rs 13,000;
- ▶ More than 1 year old, but less than 2 years old - Rs 11,400;
- ▶ More than 2 years, but less than 3 years - Rs 19,800;
- ▶ More than 3 years, but less than 4 years - Rs 19,000;
- ▶ More than 4 years, but less than 5 years - Rs 8,200;
- ▶ Over 5 years, but under 6 years - Rs 7,300;
- ▶ Over 6 years, but under 7 years - Rs 6,500;
- ▶ Over 7 years, but under 8 years - Rs 5,700;
- ▶ Over 8 years, but under 9 years - Rs 4,900;
- ▶ Over 9 years, but under 10 years - Rs 4,000;
- ▶ More than 10 years - Rs 3,300.

From 1001 cc to 1250 cc:

- ▶ First registration in Mauritius - Rs 32,500;
- ▶ Up to 1 year old - Rs 26,000;
- ▶ More than 1 year old, but less than 2 years old - Rs 22,800;
- ▶ More than 2 years, but less than 3 years - Rs 19,500;
- ▶ More than 3 years, but less

- than 4 years - Rs 17,900;
- ▶ More than 4 years, but less than 5 years - Rs 16,300;
- ▶ Over 5 years, but under 6 years - Rs 14,700;
- ▶ Over 6 years, but under 7 years - Rs 13,000;
- ▶ Over 7 years, but under 8 years - Rs 11,400;
- ▶ Over 8 but under 9 years - Rs 9,800;
- ▶ Over 9 years, but under 10 years - Rs 8,200;
- ▶ More than 10 years - Rs 6,500.

From 1251 cc to 1500 cc:

- ▶ First registration in Mauritius - Rs 52,000;
- ▶ Up to 1 year old - Rs 41,600;
- ▶ More than 1 year old, but less than 2 years old - Rs 36,400;
- ▶ More than 2 years, but less than 3 years - Rs 31,200;
- ▶ Over 3 years, but under 4 years - Rs 28,600;
- ▶ More than 4 years, but less than 5 years - Rs 26,000;
- ▶ Over 5 years, but under 6 years - Rs 23,400;
- ▶ Over 6 years, but under 7 years - Rs 20,800;
- ▶ Over 7 years, but under 8 years - Rs 18,200;
- ▶ Over 8 years, but under 9 years - Rs 15,600;
- ▶ Over 9 years, but under 10 years - Rs 13,000;
- ▶ More than 10 years - Rs 10,400.

From 1501 cc to 1600 cc:

- ▶ First registration in Mauritius - Rs 65,000;

- ▶ Up to 1 year old - Rs 52,000;
- ▶ More than 1 year old, but less than 2 years old - Rs 45,500;
- ▶ More than 2 years, but less than 3 years - Rs 39,000;
- ▶ More than 3 years, but less than 4 years - Rs 35,800;
- ▶ More than 4 years, but less than 5 years - Rs 32,500;
- ▶ Over 5 years, but under 6 years - Rs 29,300;
- ▶ Over 6 years, but under 7 years - Rs 26,000;
- ▶ Over 7 years, but under 8 years - Rs 22,800;
- ▶ Over 8 years, but under 9 years - Rs 19,500;
- ▶ Over 9 years, but under 10 years - Rs 16,300;
- ▶ More than 10 years - Rs 13,000.

From 1601 cc to 1750 cc:

- ▶ First registration in Mauritius - Rs 78,000;
- ▶ Up to 1 year old - Rs 62,400;
- ▶ More than 1 year old, but less than 2 years old - Rs 54,600;
- ▶ More than 2 years, but less than 3 years - Rs 46,800;
- ▶ More than 3 years, but less than 4 years - Rs 42,900;
- ▶ More than 4 years, but less than 5 years - Rs 39,000;
- ▶ Over 5 years, but under 6 years - Rs 35,100;
- ▶ Over 6 years, but under 7 years - Rs 31,200;
- ▶ Over 7 but under 8 years - Rs 27,300;
- ▶ Over 8 years, but under 9 years - Rs 23,400;
- ▶ Over 9 years, but under 10 years - Rs 19,500;

- ▶ More than 10 years - Rs 15,600.

From 1750 cc to 2000 cc:

- ▶ First registration in Mauritius - Rs 117,000;
- ▶ Up to 1 year old - Rs 93,600;
- ▶ More than 1 year, but less than 2 years - Rs 81,900;
- ▶ More than 2 years, but less than 3 years - Rs 70,200;
- ▶ Over 3 years, but under 4 years - Rs 64,400;
- ▶ Over 4 years, but less than 5 years - Rs 58,500;
- ▶ Over 5 years, but under 6 years - Rs 52,700;
- ▶ Over 6 but under 7 years - Rs 46,800;
- ▶ Over 7 but under 8 years - Rs 41,000;
- ▶ Over 8 but under 9 years - Rs 35,100;
- ▶ Over 9 years, but under 10 years - Rs 29,300;
- ▶ More than 10 years - Rs 23,400.

From 2001 cc to 2500 cc:

- ▶ First registration in Mauritius - Rs 156,000;
- ▶ Up to 1 year old - Rs 124,800;
- ▶ More than 1 year old, but less than 2 years old - Rs 109,200;
- ▶ More than 2 years old, but less than 3 years old - Rs 93,600;
- ▶ Over 3 years, but under 4 years - Rs 85,800;
- ▶ Over 4 years, but less than 5 years - Rs 78,000;
- ▶ Over 5 years, but under 6 years - Rs 70,200;
- ▶ Over 6 years, but under 7 years - Rs 62,400;
- ▶ Over 7 but under 8 years - Rs

- 54,600;
- ▶ Over 8 years, but under 9 years - Rs 48,800;
- ▶ Over 9 years, but under 10 years - Rs 39,000;
- ▶ More than 10 years - Rs 31,200.

Over 2500 cc :

- ▶ First registration in Mauritius - Rs 195 000;
- ▶ Up to 1 year old - Rs 156,000;
- ▶ More than 1 year old, but less than 2 years old - Rs 136,500;
- ▶ More than 2 years, but less than 3 years - Rs 117 000;
- ▶ Over 3 years, but under 4 years - Rs 107 300;
- ▶ Over 4 years, but less than 5 years - Rs 97,500;
- ▶ Over 5 years, but under 6 years - Rs 87,800;
- ▶ Over 6 years, but under 7 years - Rs 78,000;
- ▶ Over 7 but under 8 years - Rs 68,300;
- ▶ Over 8 but under 9 years - Rs 58,500;
- ▶ Over 9 years, but under 10 years - Rs 48,800;
- ▶ More than 10 years - Rs 39,000.

Electric cars

Motor vehicles with a rated power not exceeding 1.5 kW:

- ▶ First registration in Mauritius - Rs 1,000;
- ▶ Up to 1 year old - Rs 800;
- ▶ More than 1 year but less than 2 years old - Rs 700;
- ▶ More than 2 years, but less than 3 years - Rs 600;
- ▶ Over 3 years, but less than 4

- years - Rs 550;
- ▶ Over 4 years, but less than 5 years - Rs 500;
- ▶ More than 5 years, but less than 6 years - Rs 450;
- ▶ More than 6 years, but less than 7 years - Rs 400;
- ▶ More than 7 years, but less than 8 years - Rs 350;
- ▶ Over 8 years, but under 9 years - Rs 300;
- ▶ Over 9 years, but under 10 years - Rs 250;
- ▶ More than 10 years - Rs 200.

More than 1.5 kW and less than 7.5 kW:

- ▶ First registration in Mauritius - Rs 2,500;
- ▶ Up to 1 year old - Rs 2,000;
- ▶ More than 1 year but less than 2 years old - Rs 1,750;
- ▶ More than 2 years, but less than 3 years - Rs 1,500;
- ▶ Over 3 years, but under 4 years - Rs 1,375;
- ▶ Over 4 years, but less than 5 years - Rs 1,250;
- ▶ Over 5 years, but under 6 years - Rs 1,125;
- ▶ Over 6 years, but under 7 years - Rs 1,000;
- ▶ Over 7 years, but under 8 years - Rs 875;
- ▶ Over 8 but under 9 years - Rs 750;
- ▶ Over 9 years, but under 10 years - Rs 625;
- ▶ More than 10 years - Rs 500.

More than 7.5 kW:

- ▶ First registration in Mauritius - Rs 3,300;

- ▶ Up to 1 year old - Rs 2,600;
- ▶ More than 1 year old, but less than 2 years old - Rs 2,300;
- ▶ More than 2 years, but less than 3 years - Rs 2,000;
- ▶ Over 3 years, but under 4 years - Rs 1,800;
- ▶ Over 4 years, but less than 5 years - Rs 1,600;
- ▶ Over 5 years, but under 6 years - Rs 1,500;
- ▶ More than 6 years, but less than 7 years - Rs 1,300;
- ▶ Over 7 years, but under 8 years - Rs 1,100;
- ▶ Over 8 years, but under 9 years - Rs 1,000;
- ▶ Over 9 years, but under 10 years - Rs 800;
- ▶ Over 10 years - Rs 700.



The price of gasoline and electric recharge of a car

If you have a car with a combustion engine, you will have to

spend :

- ▶ Gasoline - Rs 69 / L;
- ▶ Diesel - Rs 63,95 / L.

Note that this figure is subject to change during the year.

As for recharging electric cars, everything will depend on the capacity and the type of battery! The more powerful a battery is, the more expensive it will be to recharge. Three other factors are to be taken into consideration, namely the place (gas station or at home), the time and the speed (levels 1, 2 or 3) of each recharge.

To calculate the cost, multiply the size of the battery (kWh) by the cost of electricity from the supplier (per kWh) to get the cost of a full charge for an electric car.

Vehicle maintenance

Called "servicing", the maintenance of a vehicle is periodic (checks, adjustments of parts, etc.) or annual. In the latter case, it is mandatory, as is the case, for example, in France, with the annual technical inspection.

The cost of maintenance depends on your garage. If the car agency takes care of the maintenance, it will be more expensive. If you turn to a private individual, the costs really depend on the garage or mechanic. However, the average price of a servicing is Rs 8,000 to 10,000.

Many garages, dealerships and specialized chains offer their

services, whether it is annual or one-time maintenance.

Renting a car

If you wish to rent a car in Mauritius, you will have to plan for:

- ▶ From Rs 900 per day for a vehicle with manual transmission. At this price, you will get the strict minimum. For more comfort and especially a more recent car, you will have to invest around Rs 1,200 per day.
- ▶ From Rs 1,200 per day for an automatic vehicle. Again, the car in question will be quite old. For a more recent car, this price will reach about Rs 1,700 per day;

If you are staying in a hotel, you can go through the hotel for car rental as well, but you will have to pay around Rs 2,400 per day.

Finally, if you decide to rent a car from a private individual, be careful, once again, with how old the vehicle is! It is best to choose a vehicle that is at most 4 to 5 years old. As for the price, you have to spend about Rs 800 per day.

Leisure activities

As far as leisure activities are concerned, of course, the beach and the mountains are free, but you can also go to the cinema for about Rs 350 per person. Note also that most of the tourist attractions legally charge 2 prices: one for residents and one, a little bit higher, for tourists!

Some indicative prices

Casela	Resident adult entrance, Rs 460 / excluding activities and meals	Resident child admission, Rs 370 / excluding activities and meals	
Splash and Fun	Adult resident admission, Rs 450 / excluding meals	Admission for children under 12 years old, resident, Rs 300 / excluding meals	Adult admission + 60 years old, resident, Rs 200 / excluding meals
Cinema	2D movie fee, Rs 250	3D movie rate, Rs 300	
Bowling (Strike City Bagatelle and Flacq)	Peak hours: Rs 200 per round/player	Off-peak hours: Rs 180 per game/player	Shoe rental: Free (excluding meals)
La Vanille Nature Park	Resident adult admission, Rs 405 / includes a voucher applicable at the restaurant	Resident child admission, Rs 295 / excluding meals	

Clothing

There is no shortage of stalls in the markets where you can buy fair quality clothes at very low prices!

In shopping malls, prices are a bit higher :

- ▶ 1 pair of jeans - Rs 1,943.48 minimum;
- ▶ 1 summer dress in a chain store - Rs 1,587.50 minimum;
- ▶ 1 pair of mid-range branded running shoes - Rs 3,215.38;
- ▶ 1 pair of men's leather dress shoes - Rs 2,971.43 minimum.

Cost of schooling

While education is free in Mauritius, the situation is generally different for expat parents, who usually prefer to turn towards the international private institutions on the island, in the North, in the capital, in Plaines-Wil-

hems and in the West:

- ▶ Nursery school (or kindergarten) - full day, private day-care will cost Rs 6,062.50 per month per child;
- ▶ International Primary School, Rs 157,500 per year per child.

Some examples of fees by following the links below:

- ▶ École du Nord, La Bourdonnais <https://secondary.llbinternationalschool.mu/fr/inscription.html#tariffs;>
- ▶ Clavis International, Montagne-Ory <https://clavis.mu/admissions;>
- ▶ Westcoast International Secondary School [https://westcoast-schools.com/admissions-and-fees/.](https://westcoast-schools.com/admissions-and-fees/)

Please refer to the chapters "[Studying in Mauritius](#)" and "[Moving with children in Mauritius](#)", both of which are very comprehensive on childcare and higher

education in the country.

Living on a budget in Mauritius

It is quite possible to live in Mauritius on a small budget.

To do so, several items of expenditure must be studied in advance, namely:

- ▶ Health;
- ▶ The standard of accommodation;
- ▶ Accommodation;
- ▶ The educational system for the children, if you have any;
- ▶ Leisure activities;
- ▶ Type of car.

Health

It is possible to rely on the local health system, thanks to local doctors, physiotherapists, osteopaths, dentists, often trained

abroad. Fees rarely exceed Rs 2,000, except in cases such as cavities, orthodontic procedures, etc.

For optimal health, expats can take out local or international health insurance. It is important to analyze all the different coverage packages offered and select the best financially and in terms of quality.

The standard of accommodation

The type of accommodation naturally plays an important role in the budget. The rent will be higher if you choose, for example, a house by the sea, a house with a swimming pool, or a house with a garden.

If proximity to the sea is not a prerequisite, many homes are available for rent inland.

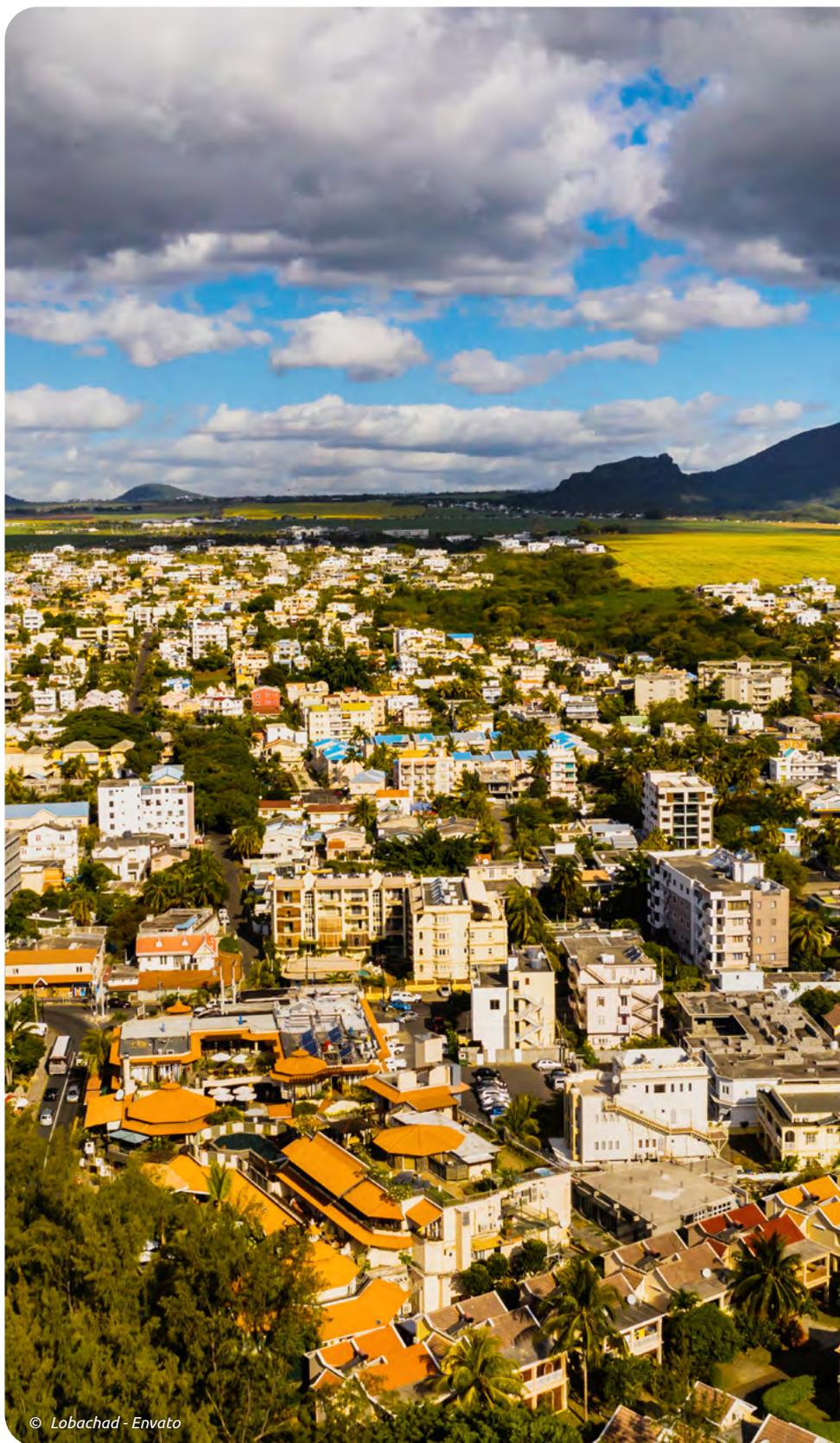
In addition, you can opt for the option of sharing the rent with roommates.

Where will you be living?

Expats generally live in and around:

- ▶ In the North: in Grand Baie - Pointe aux Canonniers - Mont Choisy - Trou aux biches - Pereybère;
- ▶ In the West: in Tamarin and Flic en Flac;
- ▶ In the Center: in Moka and Curepipe;
- ▶ In the East: in Poste Lafayette.

This increases the real estate



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prices in these regions.

Topping the list is Tamarin, which has the highest rental rates.

Apart from the popular areas for expats, many areas are central, close to amenities and not far from beaches and entertainment. Rose-Hill, Beau-Bassin

or Quatre Bornes and the surrounding areas are good options as they are served by many bus lines as well as the metro system. Several supermarkets and stores are located there, gyms can be found and they are not far from Port-Louis or Ébène.

The educational system for children

Of course, it is traditional for expats to enroll their children in international schools. However, these options come with a high price tag, which can reach a thousand euros per month.

The alternative for a balanced budget without cutting back on the quality of education and if you do not plan to return to your country soon is to enroll your children in one of the many subsidized private schools in Mauritius. They follow the Mauritian curriculum which ends with the Cambridge GCE A' Level exams, a qualification that is recognized worldwide.

Take the time to find out about the schools that are interesting to you and also read our chapter on [studying in Mauritius](#).

Leisure activities

It is possible to go out, to escape and to have fun at low cost in Mauritius.

Between the mountains, the beaches, the hiking trails which are all totally free, there is

a plethora of activities to enjoy.

There are also many free or very reasonably priced libraries and media libraries in the municipalities.

The media library of the French Institute of Mauritius which is financially accessible to most people, for example, also offers many activities during school vacations.

As for sports, the government has set up the Active Mauritius program, which is open to everyone, from the age of 7 to over 65!

Getting around

While a car can offer significant comfort, it is not essential, especially if your accommodation is on a bus line or not far from a metro station. If you're in or are coming to Mauritius to work, you can, for example, choose to travel by public transport during the week to get to your place of work and rent a car at the weekend if you want to enjoy outings. Better yet, you can share the cost of rental and gas with your friends, which will save you money.

It is very possible to live in Mauritius without a car. You will have to be organized because the buses are not always on time, but public transportation will allow you to better integrate into the country!



Leisure in Mauritius

Mauritius is a lot of things, but it is not boring! You'll always find something interesting to do, whether by the seaside or at sea, out on the mountains, at the gym, or trying new activities. Here are some popular options.



Hobbies

Moving to Mauritius is by no means the end of your interests and hobbies. During the week as well as on weekends, you will easily find a club, a group or a school offering whatever you had been practicing before your move; whether they be language or dance lessons, public speaking, sailing, scuba diving, etc. Social media or a search engine will help you with your search.

Facebook is the best place to find schools, groups and businesses that offer different activities. If, for example, you are looking for a ballet class, simply type "ballet classes Mauritius" in the search

bar. You can do the same thing on a regular search engine.

Don't forget the [Expat.com leisure directory](#) ("Services" / "See all services" section): click on "Categories" and type "Activities" in the search bar.

Activities

Mauritius is a nature lover's paradise. Whether you like the sea, the beach, mountains or forests, there is something for everyone.

Land activities

Quad biking, zip lining, hiking, parks, gardens, forests, museums, waterfalls, etc. -

The choice is wide when it comes to land activities. Here are some ideas to plan outings in the wild or in more traditional places.





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Hiking

Mauritius does not lack hiking trails: in the mountains, in the Black River Gorges, around the reservoirs, or in the nature reserves.

If you love hiking or if you want to try it, mountains like Le Morne Brabant, Le Pouce, Lion, Corps de Garde, Les Signaux or Piton de la Petite Rivière Noire are musts.

If you prefer flatter or easier trails, try the Black River Gorges, which are full of hiking trails suitable for all tastes. There are also trails around the reservoirs, including Mare Longue, La Nicolière and Mare aux Vacoas.



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La Vanille Nature Park: Located in Rivière des Anguilles, it is entirely dedicated to nature conservation and animal welfare. The setting of this zoological park allows you to dive into the heart of nature with or without a guide, interspersed with many activities: feeding the giant Aldabra tortoises, crocodile feeding, interactive farm, photo sessions with a baby crocodile, meeting Octar the iguana, pony rides, visiting the nursery, hatching of baby turtles, feeding baby crocodiles or lemurs and more.

Casela Nature Park: This is undoubtedly the most visited and popular amusement park in Mauritius. A very wide range of activities is available, enough to spend a memorable day in this park of more than 350 hectares. Casela has undergone numerous developments and improvements in recent years. Today, visitors can enjoy 5 zones, named Thrill Mountain,



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Predator Kingdom, African Safari, Pangia Birds and Rides and World of Events.

Each zone has its own atmosphere.

Odysséo - Oceanarium: The very first public oceanarium in Mauritius, located in Port-Louis, is dedicated to learning but also to wondering. Of course, also suitable for children, the place is home to 45 habitats that protect 200 marine species of the Indian Ocean. All of them live in a total of 2,000 m³ of water, including 1,500 m³ for the main aquarium.

Gros Cailloux: The leisure park is located in Petite Rivière. It covers an area of 1,000 acres and is composed of 5 zones dedicated to agriculture, fruits and vegetables, nursery, maintenance and landscaping, and recreation.

Curious Corner of Chamarel: Located, as its name suggests, in Chamarel, and more exactly,

in front of the Chamarel Seven Colored Earth Geopark, the Curious Corner is the first gallery entirely dedicated to interactive illusions and art in Mauritius.

Le Domaine Bel Ombre: Situated in a 2,500-hectare setting, the Bel Ombre Nature Reserve covers 1,300 hectares. With picnics, quad or buggy rides and even hiking, it's the perfect place to reconnect with nature.



Museums

Allow yourself to be immersed in the history of the island through its museums:

- ▶ The Frederik Hendrik Museum in Old Grand Port;
- ▶ The Chateau de Labourdonnais in Mapou;
- ▶ L'Aventure du Sucre in Pamplemousses;
- ▶ The Bois Chéri Tea Factory and Tea Museum in Bois Chéri;
- ▶ Blue Penny Museum in Port-Louis;
- ▶ World of Seashells Museum

in Bel Ombre.

The beaches

These are the most popular beaches in Mauritius, but that doesn't mean all of them are constantly crowded.

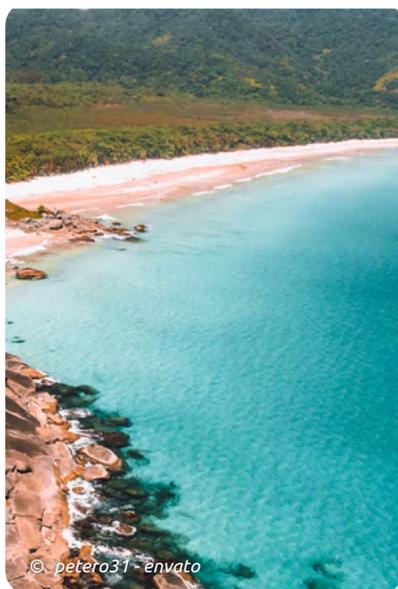
Grand Baie: Located in the North of Mauritius, at Rivière du Rempart, it is ideally close to the tourist area.

Mont Choisy: It is one of the longest beaches in Mauritius! It is located in the Northwest of the island and is perfect for a long walk or a jog.

Flic en Flac: Also one of the longest beaches on the island, it is located on the Western coast of Mauritius along a very busy beach village.

Tamarin: Close to Black River, Tamarin beach is known to be one of the best surfing spots on the island.

Trou aux Biches: A postcard beach located on the North



coast of Mauritius. It stretches over a kilometer long.

Poste Lafayette: A windy beach, a paradise for kitesurfers and water sports enthusiasts.

La Cambuse: One of the best-preserved beaches in Mauritius, located in the South East of the island; it is close to the Shandrani Hotel.

Pereybère: Extremely popular, Pereybère is perfect for a beach day with the kids.

Île aux Cerfs: This island, accessible by boat, is home to some of the most beautiful beaches on the island.

La Cuvette: Located near Grand Bay, La Cuvette is a beautiful, quiet and fairly popular beach.



Rivière des Galets: This beach, located in the South of Mauritius, is, as its name suggests, lined with pebbles and sparkling rocks.

Anse la Raie: Located in the North, this quiet beach is lined with exclusive luxury hotels.

Blue Bay: Located a few kilometers from Mahébourg, in the South East of the island, Blue Bay is one of the best places to observe underwater life.

Le Morne: Located in the Southwest of the island, more precisely at the foot of the Morne Brabant, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is the perfect spot for kitesurfing, snorkeling and scuba diving.

Belle-Mare: Located on the East coast, Belle Mare is a popular beach in Mauritius.

Poudre d'Or: Located in the Rivière du Rempart district, this beach is lined with golden sand.

La Preneuse: This historic beach, located in Black River on the West coast, is famous for its Martello tower and the ancient cannons lining it.

Water sports activities

Stand-up paddle (SUP), windsurfing, undersea walking, laser sailing, wakeboarding, glass-bottom boat, sea kayaking, seabob, water skiing, swimming with turtles/dolphins, river trekking,

and kitesurfing, are all available if you're into water activities.

The most popular water activities in Mauritius

Swim with dolphins: Head to Tamarin Bay and Black River to discover one of the most popular activities in Mauritius, perfect for the whole family. Browse through the businesses that offer this activity by searching "swim with dolphins Mauritius" on your search engine, book an outing and get your snorkeling gear ready!



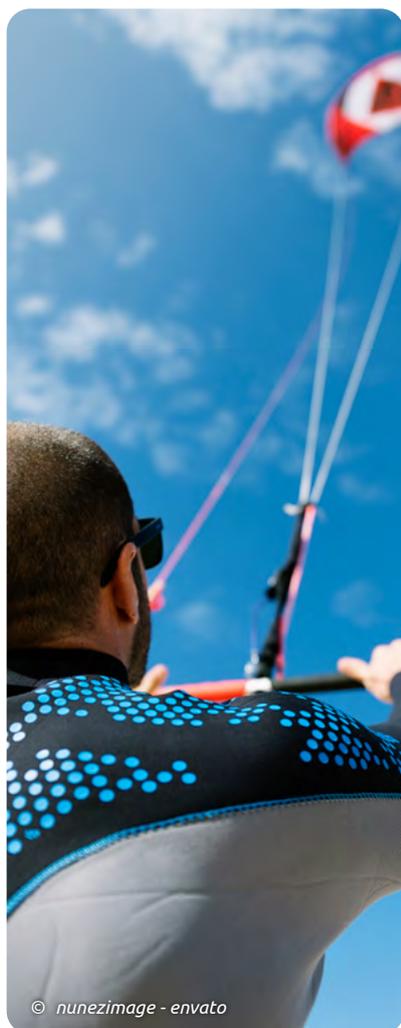
Bénitiers in the South West. Find the numerous possibilities by typing "Catamaran cruise Mauritius" on your search engine.

Another must-see is the Splash N Fun Leisure Park, located on the East coast of Mauritius, near the public beach of Belle Mare.

This unique water park in Mauritius covers 12 hectares of land and offers both water and land attractions, as well as several pools and a waterfall. There is also a restaurant area.



Catamaran cruises are also a must during your time in Mauritius, even with children. Take advantage of a day at sea to discover Gabriel Island in the North or sail around Île aux



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Air activities

Many specialized service providers now offer activities that allow you to discover Mauritius from a unique angle: from the air! You can enjoy helicopter or seaplane flights, parachute jumping, tandem skydiving or paragliding.

Sports

Sports of all kinds are becoming more and more popular amongst Mauritians, who can now count on many gyms, centers, halls, and courses to discover activities and stay in shape all year round. The most popular ones are:



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Yoga

There is no shortage of yoga studios on the island! A simple search on Google Maps will allow you to discover the addresses from the North to the South of Mauritius.

Combat sports

Very popular in Mauritius, combat sports are particularly well-represented throughout the island: mixed Martial arts, jiu-jitsu, judo, karate, Okinawa kobudo, krav maga, taekwondo, etc. You will find anything you're looking for or you can just try classes until you find a perfect fit!

Zumba

Just like yoga, Zumba is all the rage among the inhabitants of Mauritius. Classes are given by small local gyms, outdoors or by individual Zumba-certified instructors.

Horseback riding

There are several stud farms in Mauritius, including Domaine de L'Étoile, La Vieille Cheminée and Le Morne. As for courses, they are provided by Cavalia, Les Écuries de Mont Rocher, les étables de Forbach as well as by the Club d'équitation du Nord.

Archery

As surprising as it may seem, archery is a very popular sport in Mauritius. To get started, get in touch with the Rose Hill Archery Club, Azuri Archery Club, Archery CSSC Clubhouse (Curepipe Starlight Sporting Club), OPAC (Vacoas-Phoenix).

Golf

This sport has been practiced on the island since 1902. Mauritius now has more than 10 golf courses:

- ▶ Gymkhana Golf Club - 18 holes (the very first club in Mauritius, created by officers of the British Royal Navy);
- ▶ Anahita Golf Club - 18 holes;
- ▶ Avalon Golf Estate - 18 holes;
- ▶ Heritage Golf Club - 18 holes;
- ▶ Île aux Cerfs Golf Club - 18 holes;
- ▶ Legend Golf Course - 18 holes;
- ▶ Links Golf Course - 18 holes;
- ▶ Mont Choisy Le Golf - 18 holes;
- ▶ Paradis Golf Club - 18 holes;
- ▶ Tamarina Golf Club - 18 holes;
- ▶ Dodo Club - 9 holes;
- ▶ Maritim Golf Club - 9 holes;
- ▶ Shandrani Golf Club - 9 holes.

Rugby

The best place to enquire about rugby in Mauritius is the Rugby Union Mauritius.

Water sports

Mauritius has several dozen well-equipped diving centers registered with the Mauritius Scuba Diving Association. Some of them are also PADI and CMAS certified. Most of these diving centers are associated with hotels or resorts, although you can find independent diving centers.

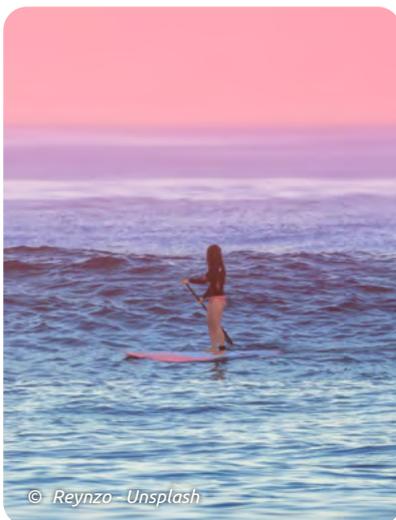
Kitesurfers can go to the "One Eye" spot at Le Morne, or to La Gaulette, La Prairie, Île aux Bénitiers and Bel Ombre. If you want to go through a specialized company, look for a provider certified by the IKO (International Kiteboarding Organization).

Surfing is practiced in Tamarin, on the West coast, where there is a surf school.

For **windsurfing**, head to the East coast of Mauritius, where the trade winds blow from the South East. You can approach the luxury hotels in the area, which offer equipment rental and lessons.

Stand-up paddling is gaining momentum in Mauritius, where it is now possible to take lessons and rent boards, especially in Tamarin.

For **kayaking** enthusiasts, many hotels offer this activity at sea.



If you are a complete beginner or simply prefer to be accompanied by a specialized company, try sea kayaking by Yemaya Adventures on Amber Island or river kayaking by Otentic and Nativ Lodge & Spa.

Fitness

More and more fitness clubs are opening across the island! To find them, just do some research on Facebook and on the Internet in general by typing the keywords "fitness Mauritius". The most popular are:

- ▶ Synergy Sports & Wellness



Institute - Moka;

- ▶ MYFIT 360 - Caudan - Trianon - Riche Terre;
- ▶ Enoia Sports & Fitness Club - Ébène - Grand Bay;
- ▶ Grand Bay Gym Hydro Spa - Grand Bay;
- ▶ Shape Sport Club - Grand Bay.

Of course, smaller gyms can be found in most of the towns as well as in the villages.

As for the fees, it all depends on the club you choose. Admission fees usually start at Rs 1,000, and monthly fees vary depending on the club chosen.

Music

Sega is the pillar of the local music scene. The sega features a ravanne (a traditional goat skin drum), a rattle box and a triangle. Sega is the result of Malagasy ritual music mixed with African music, while the lyrics are mainly sung in Mauritian Creole. Over time, sega has also fused with reggae to give the seggae.

Mauritians do listen to everything, however, from R&B, hip hop, soul to dubstep, club, techno, afrobeats and rap music.



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Finally, Indian music, through the Bollywood culture very anchored in the country, also occupies a special place in the local musical culture, as well as the songs in Bhojpuri - a local language adapted from Hindi.

Concerts, live music and music festivals

The country regularly hosts many international artists (Groundation, Calogero, Kendji Girac, etc.), including renowned DJs.

Live music lovers have several

meeting points on the island:

- ▶ N'Joy in Mont Choisy;
- ▶ Le Bar & Vous in Grand Bay;
- ▶ Backstage Lounge Bar, Hennessy Park Hotel, in Ébène;
- ▶ Shotz Night Club in Flic-en-Flac;
- ▶ Lakaz Cascavelle at the Cascavelle Shopping Mall;
- ▶ The Irish in Trianon;
- ▶ No Stress by Julie's Club, in Pereybère;
- ▶ RBeach Club, in Mont Choisy;
- ▶ The Piano Club, at the Address Boutique Hotel in Port Chambly;
- ▶ The Beach House Restaurant & Beach Bar, in Grand Bay;
- ▶ Jam Inn, in Petite Rivière.

Finally, music festivals are also becoming very popular and offer a wide variety of styles. To keep up with upcoming events, check out [Otayo's](#) online ticketing service.

Learn a foreign language

Mauritius is located at strategic geographical crossroads but also at the crossroads of languages.

Young Mauritian school children learn English and French and can also learn Creole, Hindi, Bhojpuri, Urdu, Tamil, Telugu, Mandarin and Marathi.

Nevertheless, the market for language courses is gradually developing, with private individual or group courses

provided by specialized companies or institutions. For example, Polytechnics Mauritius offers courses in German, Mandarin, Italian and Spanish.

There's also:

- ▶ GoAcademy! Mauritius in Beau Bassin-Rose Hill - German courses;
- ▶ Arabic Language Solutions, Mauritius, registered with the MQA in Vacoas-Phoenix;
- ▶ StudyWays Ltd in Ébène - German courses;
- ▶ IELTS Foundation, Castel - English courses;
- ▶ British Council in Rose Hill - English courses.

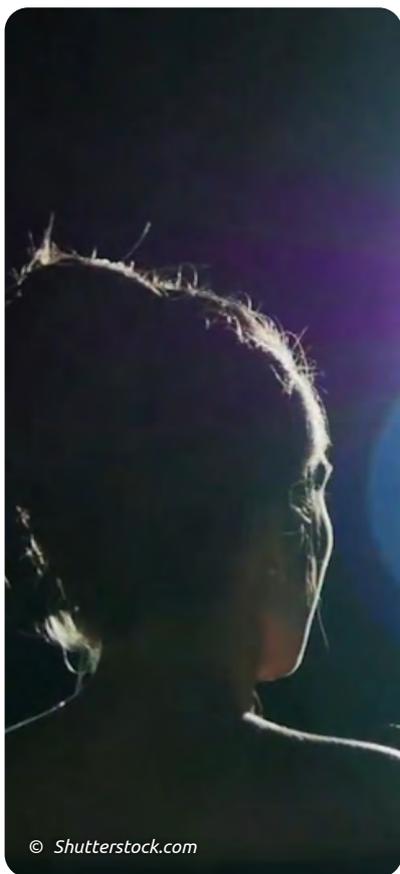
Arts

If you are looking for courses in singing, painting, acting, writing, etc., here are some suggestions, which you can supplement with Internet research:

Lyrical arts

There are several singing schools in Mauritius. Some of the most popular ones are:

- ▶ **Frédéric Chopin** - Conservatoire de Musique - Quatre Bornes - 427 6456;
- ▶ **Artvia** - School of Music - Calebasses - 5252 6224;
- ▶ **VOXMUSIC LAB** - Vocal Instructor - Holy Cross - 5895 1400;
- ▶ **Ebanez Music** - Music School - Quatre Bornes - 5947 1365;
- ▶ **Elevate Music School** - Music



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- School - Curepipe - 5775 6435; (10 weeks);
 - ▶ **Music Coaching Centre** - Triolet - 261 0000;
 - ▶ **Vivaldi Talents** - Beau Bassin - 5898 8602.
- Find out more [here](#).

Plastic arts

[ARTSPACE MAURITIUS](#) is located in Calodyne, in the North of the island. It offers courses in:

- ▶ Watercolor level 1 (10 weeks);
- ▶ Oil painting level 1 (10 weeks);
- ▶ Watercolor level 2 (5 weeks alternating);
- ▶ Oil painting level 2 (5 weeks alternating);
- ▶ Beginner/intermediate level (10 weeks);
- ▶ Charcoal level 1 (10 weeks);
- ▶ Pastel level 1 (10 weeks);
- ▶ Charcoal level 2 (5 weeks alternating);
- ▶ Pastel level 2 (5 weeks alternating);
- ▶ Drawing/painting of daily life (10 weeks);
- ▶ Portrait (10 weeks);
- ▶ Sculpture courses.

[Tamarin Arts Center](#) is located in Tamarin. It offers:

- ▶ Yoga classes;
- ▶ Painting on ceramics;
- ▶ Contemporary dance;
- ▶ Pottery / handmade clay;
- ▶ Painting classes.

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Theater

If you are interested in taking classes in theater or acting in general, you may contact:

- ▶ **Helen O'Grady Drama** - Several locations;
- ▶ **La Comédie Mauricienne** - School of Theatre, Film and Communications - Curepipe - 5252 2442;
- ▶ **[International Film School Mauritius](#)** - Media Plaza, Royal Road Mont Mascal, Petit Raffray, 30704, Mauritius;
- ▶ **Caudan Arts Centre** - Caudan Waterfront - Port-Louis - 260 0592;
- ▶ **Komiko Comedy Art Club** - Beau Bassin-Rose Hill - 5449 1616.

Go further [here](#).

Reading

Book lovers will find their happiness in many stores, among which the [Bookcourt](#) chain, or the [Éditions Le Printemps](#) and [Le Cygne](#).

Go further [here](#).

Games

Board game lovers are more and more numerous in Mauritius, where game nights are regularly organized.

To buy board games, let's mention the online service Meeple Mauritius, the [Mozouzou](#) chain, Lotus d'Or Trianon and Lotus d'Or Port-Louis, [101 Multimedia](#) (offers a delivery service) or [King Jouet](#).

Go further [here](#).

Regarding clubs and other gatherings around board games, [Board Gamers Mauritius](#) remains, for the time being, the most consistent organizer of game nights.

Shopping

Mauritius is a shopper's paradise, as the island is known for producing quality textiles, jewelry, diamonds and handicrafts such as model ships and wooden artworks, to name a few.

International brands

The major international brands have certainly not missed an opportunity to delight serial shoppers, who can count on Woolworths, Adopt, Alain Afflelou, Café Coton, Calvin Klein, Celio, Decathlon, Esprit, Etam, Fila, Gap, Kiabi, MAC, Mango, Lacoste, Adidas, Hugo Boss, Ralph Lauren, etc.

Ascencia shopping malls

The Ascencia Group has a list of strategically placed shopping malls throughout the island:

- ▶ **Bagatelle Mall** - Moka;
- ▶ **Phoenix Mall** - Phoenix ;
- ▶ **Riche Terre Mall** - Riche Terre;
- ▶ **Bo'Valon Mall** - Mahébourg;
- ▶ **So'flo** - Floréal;
- ▶ **Kendra** - Saint Pierre;
- ▶ **Les Allées** - Moka.

All of them are, in fact, real entertainment centers with a long list of stores, greengrocers, food courts, a super- or hypermarket, etc., and some of them are even home to movie theaters, video games, futsal, bowling, etc.

Coeur de Ville shopping malls

Grand-Baie Cœur De Ville, Flacq Cœur De Ville and Tamarin Cœur de Ville each offer not only a French hypermarket, but also dozens of fashion, home decoration, art and craft stores, a food court and several restaurants.



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Other shopping malls

The following shopping malls are not part of the groups mentioned above:

La City Trianon: stores, bookstore, supermarket, restaurants, cafes, and children's playground;

Cascavelle Shopping Village: local and international retail stores, clothing, jewelry, fashion accessories, bookstore, supermarket, delicatessen, cafes and restaurants as well as other services;

Plaisance Shopping Village: in Rose Belle, it has dozens of clothing stores, a supermarket, a food court, etc.;

Le Caudan Waterfront: in Port-Louis, is popular for its duty-free, souvenir and craft stores. There is also a movie theater and a food court and restaurants facing the sea.

Popular areas for shopping

Some cities are more famous than others among shopaholics.

In the center:

- ▶ **Curepipe** – Take time to explore the large arcades as well as the town's market;
- ▶ **Floréal** – A craft lover's paradise;
- ▶ **Phoenix** – The city is famous for its glass gallery, the Mauritius Glass Gallery;
- ▶ **Quatre-Bornes** – Visit its downtown, St. Jean Street and the market, open on Wednesdays and Saturdays (Sundays for clothing and other products);
- ▶ **Rose-Hill** – Visit the bazaar and the various stores in town to buy your household items, clothing, crafts and food.

North:

- ▶ **Grand-Baie** – Outside the

major shopping centers, there are many high-end textile stores, jewelry, handicrafts and imports, and a traditional bazaar;

- ▶ **Goodlands** – Located North-east of Grand Bay, Goodlands is a small village ideal for everyday shopping;
- ▶ **Arsenal** – Located between Triolet and Terre Rouge, Arsenal is home to designer boutiques, cashmere stores and handicrafts;
- ▶ **Port-Louis** – The island's capital is full of stores selling clothes, furniture, tools, Asian products, home decor, china, etc. and the Grand Bazaar, closer to the harbor.

West:

- ▶ **Flic-en-Flac** – For clothes, the main road is home to many shops;
- ▶ **Black River** – Located along the West coast in South-west Mauritius, Black River is home to many local and international stores.

East:

- ▶ **Flacq** - Flacq has countless food and non-food stores and boutiques, not to mention its market.

Eating in Mauritius

Eating is part of the Mauritian culture, at home, but especially outside. Between the "snacks" (editor's note: small restaurants), the restaurants of different ranges and the street food, there is plenty to do and eat.



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On the street, the must-haves are rotis and dal puris! One is made of flour and clarified butter and the other is made of split peas and flour. Both are usually filled with vegetables cooked in a sauce and condiments, but you can sometimes be offered other options (be careful, it can sometimes be spicy, so make sure to ask the seller).

The must-try on the island is AKA house for rotis, an institution among Mauritians, located in Résidence Vallijee. For dhol puri, head to Chez Bye in Rose-Hill. Otherwise, there are fried snacks, generally made from or filled with vegetables ("gato pima", samosas, "patés", "gato arouille", etc.), but also dumplings (made of chicken, fish, beef or lamb and/or vegetables), accompanied with broth and chili, not to mention curries and biryani.

If you have a sweet tooth, don't miss the "confits", pickled fruits with an acidic, sweet and salty mixture. Topped with sweet and sour tamarind sauce, spicy salt and an additional spicy sauce, they are a favorite of Mauritians in winter and summer alike. You can ask for fresh fruits too, of course.

Let's add to the list, the artisanal ice creams, of which Vona Corona is a worthy representative, often almond, rose water or vanilla-flavored and topped with jams and grated coconut.

For a more classic setting, the establishments range from the very basic "snacks" and their fried rice and noodles, boiled noodles, etc., to higher-end restaurants offering gourmets. The most posh restaurants are:

- ▶ The Deer Hunter at the Constance Belle Mare Hotel (local cuisine and barbecues - East of the island);

- ▶ L'Escale Créole, Bois Chéri Road in Moka (local cuisine - Center);
- ▶ Beach Rouge, Coastal Road, Grand Gaube (seafood - North of the island);
- ▶ Beach Rouge, Lux Belle Mare (Italian - East of the island);
- ▶ Amari By Vineet, Lux Resorts and Hotels Belle Mare (Indian and Asian cuisines - East of the island);
- ▶ La Spiaggia, B59, Constance Belle Mare Plage Hotel, Poste de Flacq, Pointe de Flacq (local, Italian, Mediterranean, European cuisines - East of the island);
- ▶ Inti, Coastal Road, Lux Grand Gaube Hotel (Peruvian, Argentinean, Latin cuisines - North of the island);
- ▶ Duck Laundry, Coastal Road, Quatre Cocos, Belle Mare (Chinese, Asian cuisines - East of the island);
- ▶ Hasu, Coastal Road, Long Beach Mauritius, Belle Mare (sushi - East of the island).



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Good to know:

There are now mobile apps such as *Maribon* entirely dedicated to Mauritian cuisine.

What to do with friends?

It is not uncommon to meet up with friends in one of the many shopping malls on the island.

In addition, there are pubs or restaurants in all the localities where you can meet.

If you want to share an activity with your friends, why not go bowling or karaoke in Bagatelle, Cascavelle or Flacq, or on a quad bike ride or a hike.



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Good to know

The discount websites *Marideal.mu*, *Deals.mu* or *Defideals.mu* offer discounted deals on hotels, villas, a plethora of activities or massages and spas.

Nightlife in Mauritius

Mauritius may be a small island, but it does have a bit of nightlife! In addition to the street vendors who set the mood on Saturday nights in the big cities, if you are more into bars, clubs and casinos, here are a few to keep in mind:

Bars and nightclubs in the North

- ▶ Avant Garde Cocktail Bar, Grand Bay;
- ▶ Banana Beach Club, Grand Bay;
- ▶ Beach House, Grand Bay;
- ▶ Buddha Bar, Grand Bay;
- ▶ Insomnia, Grand Bay;
- ▶ Barrel and Bay, Caudan, Port-Louis;
- ▶ Les Enfants Terribles, Pointe aux Cannoniers;
- ▶ OMG Nightclub, Grand Bay;
- ▶ On The Rocks Lounge Bar, Caudan, Port-Louis.

Bars and nightclubs in the Center

- ▶ Backstage Lounge Bar, Ébène;
- ▶ Flying Dodo, Bagatelle, Moka;



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- ▶ The Irish, Trianon.

Bars and nightclubs in the West

- ▶ Big Willy's, Tamarin;
- ▶ Kenzi Bar, Flic en Flac;
- ▶ Shotz Night Club, Flic en Flac;
- ▶ Shout, Flic en Flac.

For amateurs of Casinos

- ▶ Le Grand Casino de Domaine Les Pailles, Pailles;
- ▶ Flic en Flac Casino, Flic en Flac;
- ▶ Casino de Maurice, Curepipe;
- ▶ Le Caudan Waterfront Casino, Caudan Waterfront, Port-Louis.

Integrating as an expat in Mauritius

Expatriation is not only about changing countries but also about integrating into a new culture and sharing the life of its inhabitants. Here is how to make the most of your new life in this beautiful country.



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What language is spoken in Mauritius?

The official language of Mauritius is English. However, French and Mauritian Creole are the most widely spoken languages on the island, Creole being naturally more widespread.

Mauritian Creole, Kreol Morisien, is based on French, but given the configuration of the Mauritian nation, there are English, Bhojpuri, Chinese, and African dialects... A real melting pot!

Does speaking Creole play a role in integration?

Mauritians are, for the most part, trilingual and being a warm and welcoming nation, they will try to talk to you in the language that comes most easily to you. However, in a social context where there are many Mauritians, the conversation will quickly switch to Creole, despite the Mauritians' good intentions. In order not to miss anything and to understand the nuances and subtleties,

it is advisable to learn at least a few Creole words or expressions. It is nothing less than an effort to integrate, especially since Mauritians are always proud and happy to hear expats speak Creole or at least try to.

Mauritian Creole (Kreol Morisien) is easy to master and has its own grammar and spelling, and the people around you will be happy to teach you! The Internet is full of websites that will give you the basic phrases. Nevertheless, you should go further than the purely touristy idioms.

For that, if you are english-speaking, we suggest you either learn French first or enlist the help of a Creole tutor.. The Creole language follows the principle of phonetics -the written letters are all pronounced.

The most effective way to learn a language is to get started and surround yourself with as many Creole speakers as possible.

Mauritians are friendly and are likely to welcome you, especially if you show interest in them and their culture.

Learning Creole is more difficult than understanding it, but it is part of your integration into the country. Mauritians might laugh a little at your accent but it is all in good faith and they will appreciate your efforts more than anything. The Creole language is also evolving; the legendary "Bonzour" used by most tourist guides is hardly used anymore.

Here are some words and expressions that you will hear frequently:

Ayo

The most popular word, the simplest and most effective because, depending on the tone, it can take on all possible meanings.

Mari

Very frequently used as a superlative, it emphasizes the word it precedes.

Bonzur, ki pozision? / Ki manier?

Hello, how are you?

Mo byin / Korek

I'm doing well

Kot to sorti?

Where are you from?

Kot to pe ale?

Where are you going?

Kifer?

Why?

Ki to pe fer zordi? Ki rol zordi?

What are you doing today?

Kouma to apele? / Kouma ou apele?

What is your name?

Ou marye? Ou ena zanfan?

Are you married? Do you have children?

Kan to vinn lakaz? Taler mo vini

When will you come home? I will come later

Kot to reste?

Where do you live?

Zordi pena lapli, mo al lamer

It's not raining today, I'm going to the beach

Ou kontan Moris?

Do you like Mauritius?

Ki ler la?

What time is it?

Mari zoli sa!

It's so beautiful!

Mo kontan twa!

I love you!

To byin zoli

You are very pretty / You are very beautiful



**MARÍA CÁNOVAS,
A SPANISH PROFESSIONAL:**

"I won't sugarcoat it – the initial weeks in Mauritius were quite challenging. Everything felt so different from my life in Spain that I needed time to adapt. The first hurdle was the language barrier. While I'm proficient in English, I struggled with French and Creole, making communication with hotel staff a bit challenging. Another test was navigating Mauritian roads! Eager to explore the entire island, I opted to rent a car, forcing myself to get used to left-hand driving and the unique Mauritian driving style (not the easiest feat). However, it's important to note that these challenges were confined to the initial weeks. Once I adjusted to the new lifestyle, communication norms, and driving patterns, living in Mauritius evolved into an incredible experience where I had the opportunity to grow both personally and professionally."



The Mauritian cultural code

Congeniality and peaceful living

Mauritian culture is based on congeniality and living peacefully together. Although things have not always been smooth, Mauritians like to live in a community. They like to gather around a table for dinner, lunch, or for a big party at a wedding or a birthday. In residential areas, especially in working-class neighborhoods, the neighbors get along well and help each other out.

As Mauritius is the meeting place of many cultures - including Indian, African, Chinese, Arab, and European cultures - there is a lot of sharing between the different segments of the Mauritian population. It is customary, for example, that for religious and cultural holidays or celebrations, some share sweets, food and presents with others, even if they do not share the same beliefs or culture.

Family values

Family is sacred to Mauritians. In fact, it is customary for young Mauritians to live with their parents until they are ready to get married and start their own family. It is not at all uncommon for the whole family to be involved in a family member's decision-making, whether it be about marriage, choice of housing, or anything else - a habit that might be difficult to understand for expats coming from Western countries.

Respect for elders is also very important for Mauritians. It is relatively rare for Mauritians to send their elderly parents or grandparents to retirement homes.

Greetings

Depending on the relationship with the interlocutor, the greeting can be a simple "hello", a handshake, or even a kiss, 2 kisses on the cheeks in fact.

Proximity and friendship

It is relatively easy to make close friends in Mauritius. Mauritians are very open, will invite you to have a drink or dinner at their place, and will introduce you to their families and friends quite quickly if you manage to forge a friendship with them.

Punctuality

It is "island life" all the way here.

Mauritians have a very laid-back way of doing things, and their lives will not be dictated by a clock! Do not take it personally if a Mauritian is late to a party, it is perfectly normal and does not constitute a lack of respect.

Besides, parties always start at least an hour after the stated time, so avoid getting there on time. However, they are usually quite punctual when it comes to appointments and professional interviews.

Where to meet the locals?

As an expat, it can be comforting to only surround yourself with your fellows or other expats; however, over time, this can lead to a feeling of remoteness and disconnection with your host country's environment. At work, or among your neighbors, don't hesitate to reach out to Mauritians. You will gradually be included in the extra-professional activities. In other words, Mauritius is not just about expatriate neighborhoods and regions or luxury hotels where you can spend the weekends.

Meeting locals is easy. Try chatting with locals at the public beach, where families, couples, and groups of friends do not hesitate to share their picnic and will not hesitate to engage in small talk with foreigners. Sometimes, all it takes is a smile and a hello to surround yourself

with a family ready to integrate you into their group.

You can also join clubs, gyms, or activity groups.

The workplace is also a great place to meet new people! If you've just arrived and you've already been invited to a colleague's wedding: you should attend it. Not only will your presence flatter your host, but more importantly, they will introduce you to many other people during the event.



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Discover the everyday Mauritius

The North is full of activities, dynamism, shops, bars and restaurants, but Mauritius is also very much alive beyond the tourist areas!

If you don't have a car, take the bus or rent a car and make your way across the country. Go to the market (the fair - bazaar)



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on weekdays if possible or on weekends, buy your bread from a smaller bakery from time to time, and have lunch in a small unpretentious "snack".

Have a picnic on the beach! This family activity is an integral part of Mauritian culture. In the evenings, go for a walk at Marie Reine de la Paix in Port-Louis or around the Champ de Mars; it's the perfect opportunity to let the kids run around and play.

Eat like a local

Yes, Mauritius is a multicultural country, used to welcoming expats from all over the world. In this sense, for example, supermarkets and stores are not short of imported items, so much so that today we find Korean, Spanish, American products, and so on. Nevertheless, your goal is to integrate, so let yourself go, and try out local ways of doing things.

Mauritian cuisine is an im-

portant part of the country's culture. Mauritians like to eat at home and outside. Mauritian food is spicy, but chili is always optional. If you are a fan of chili, however, make the most of it; Mauritius is chili lovers' paradise!

On your way to work in the morning, you will probably notice workers buying a pair of rotis from one of the many motorcycle vendors. Some also take a break at 10:00 a.m. to get a snack from a snack bar.

Rotis and dal puris are the most popular on-the-go meals! These are patties filled with cooked and salted condiments (vegetables accompanied by a sauce, chili, chicken, fish, etc.).

There are also fried snacks, usually with a vegetable base or filling ("gato pima", samosas, "patés", "gato arouille", etc.), dumplings (steamed chicken, fish, beef, lamb, sometimes pork, and/or vegetables balls) with broth and chili, curries and biryani.

To fill up on fruit, we have the "confits". These are fruits pickled in an acidic, sweet and salty mixture served topped with "tamarind paste", powdered chili and salt and an additional chili sauce.

As for fresh fruits, they are a delight throughout the year, reaching their peak in early December with watermelons, mangoes, lychees and longans.

Say yes to invites!

Just as an example, in Mauritius, when someone gets married, the whole neighborhood participates! In Indian and Muslim communities, the festivities can last up to a week. So don't be surprised if you are invited by a colleague, one of your neighbors, or a shopkeeper you see regularly. Religious celebrations are no exception. Divali, for example, is the Hindu festival of lights, but above all, a moment of extraordinary communion between all the communities of the country.

For certain celebrations, the respective communities meet at the beach with their families, eat, drink, sing and dance the sega, and for others, it will be a shared meal at a host's house.

By the way, here is the 2024 calendar of celebrations:

- ▶ **New Year:** Monday, January 1;
- ▶ **New Year:** Tuesday, January 2;
- ▶ **Thaipoozam Cavadee:** Thursday, January 25;
- ▶ **Commemoration of the Abolition of Slavery:** Thursday, February 1;
- ▶ **Chinese Spring Festival:** Saturday, February 10;
- ▶ **Maha Shivaratree:** Friday, March 08;
- ▶ **National Day:** Tuesday, March 12;
- ▶ **Ugadi:** Tuesday, April 09;
- ▶ **Eid-Ul-Fitr:** Wednesday, April 10 (subject to confirmation, usually the evening before);
- ▶ **Labor Day:** Wednesday, May 1;
- ▶ **Ganesh Chaturthi:** Sunday, September 08;
- ▶ **Divali:** Thursday, October 31;
- ▶ **Commemoration of the Arrival of Indentured Labourers:** Saturday, November 2;
- ▶ **Christmas:** Wednesday, December 25.



PAUL AND PENNY HOWS, BRITISH RETIREES:

"Mauritius has achieved a level of cultural diversity that many countries would envy if they took a look. It has avoided the divisions usually found in most European countries, which can be explained by the religious diversity of the population. Combined with the naturally welcoming nature of the inhabitants, this makes it an ideal place to retire.

What we particularly like are the people and the island life. Mauritians are proud of their country and its history, perhaps because it was built by people who worked and suffered under different colonial rules, but who persevered to prosper and build a country they can be proud of."

Culture in Mauritius

Mauritian culture is rich in the diversity of its people. Theater, music, painting, etc. – there is something for everyone.

A crucial aspect of Mauritian culture is the Sega, a music and dance form rooted in the history of enslaved people and their descendants. It serves as a unifying element among all Mauritians, resonating at weddings, parties, supermarkets, and on the streets.

The other endemic genres in Mauritius are Geet Gawai, with Hindu and Indian influences and seggae, a mix of sega and reggae.

Concerts are held in pubs, clubs, restaurants and other cultural venues, such as the French Institute of Mauritius or the Caudan Arts Centre, every weekend.

Mauritian theater is becoming increasingly popular. You can check out Trup Sapsiway if you understand French or Creole or the Caudan Arts Center for a wider choice.

Exhibitions are also often held, notably in Port-Louis at the Edith Galleries or at the Caudan Arts Centre.



Tips from our expats...



ÉTIENNE HOY, A FRENCH PROFESSIONAL:

Since April 2018, my wife, our daughter, and I have been settled here, and we have no intention of returning. The key to a successful expatriation lies in thorough preparation. This involves choosing a banking institution that won't pose issues once you're abroad; I recommend considering options like N26 or Revolut. Additionally, reflect on your professional goals, location choice, and familiarity with the local automotive market and healthcare system. In my experience, partnering in a business venture significantly saves time and reduces stress during such a life-changing transition.



BÉATRICE DE MICHELENA, A FRENCH LAWYER:

Embarking on expatriation to Mauritius, especially without a local base, demands both financial resources and substantial time and energy. Adaptability is crucial, and one must be open to questioning preconceptions. Familiarize yourself with Mauritian life by reading local press websites, spend several weeks in the hottest period, and research the administrative and financial feasibility of your project, especially if you have children. Anticipate costs related to schooling, including extras like transportation and extracurricular activities. For those not fluent in English, start learning or seek assistance, as English proficiency is essential on the administrative front.

ANNE CATHERINE, A BELGIAN PROFESSIONAL:

After ten days in Mauritius, here are my insights:

- Ensure you have a return ticket upon arrival and passing through immigration, unless your residence permit is already active.
- Exercise caution when booking cabs online, as your cab may not wait in the event of flight delays or extended waits.
- Thoroughly prepare original documents for banking, Mauritian phone numbers, medical examinations, etc.
- Cultivate patience and politeness, as abrupt behavior can hinder assistance from Mauritians.
- Be wary of additional costs in rentals, such as wifi, pool maintenance, disinfection, and pest control.
- Begin with an economical rental car, given the chaotic roads.
- Some properties have British-standard electrical sockets.
- Purchase citronella with a diffuser or use chemical wafer/liquid diffusers.
- Shop at Foir Fouille, Gifi, Conforama for all your home needs.

In conclusion, savor the fine weather, warm rain, and magical sunsets in Mauritius.



MARÍA CÁNOVAS, A SPANISH PROFESSIONAL:

My main advice is to adopt an open attitude and recognize that Mauritius is not your home country; everything is different here. Don't expect to replicate your previous life. If you are open-minded, invest in meeting new people, and immerse yourself in their way of life; your experience in Mauritius will be extraordinary.



KRIS LUTCHMAYAH, A BRITISH PROFESSIONAL:

Embrace the local culture and immerse yourself in the community. Mauritius is a diverse and dynamic country with a rich cultural heritage. Take the time to learn the customs, traditions, and languages of the Mauritian people. Engage in conversation, participate in local events, and be open to new experiences.



SANDRA LEBLÉ, A FRENCH ENTREPRENEUR:

Don't hesitate; the Indian Ocean and Africa offer real opportunities. Surround yourself with experts and join one or more peer networks. In Mauritius, CCI France-Maurice is an excellent entry point for companies with ties to France. French Tech Mauritius is another valuable resource, especially for those involved in innovation and tech.



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Telephone: several branches

Web: <https://www.avis.fr/services-avis/location-voiture/afrique/ile-maurice#>

SIXT MAURITIUS

Web: <https://www.sixt.com/car-rental/mauriti.us/mauriti.us/>

EUROPCAR MAURITIUS

Telephone: +230 2860140

Web: <https://www.europcar.com/fr-mu>

HERTZ MAURITIUS

84 Gustave Colin Street, 7514, Forest Side

Phone: (+ 230) 604 3000 (8:30am to 5:00pm - Mon to Fri)

Mobile: + 230 5499 537

Web: <https://www.hertz.mu/>

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

France-Mauritius Chamber of Commerce (CCIFM)

Blue Tower

Rue de l'Institut

First floor

72201 Ébène, Mauritius

Web: <https://www.ccifm.mu/>

MAURITIUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (MCCI)

2nd Floor, Anglo-Mauritius House,

6, Adolphe de Plevitz Street, Port-Louis

Telephone: (+ 230) 203 48 30

Fax: (+ 230) 208 00 76

Web: <https://www.mcci.org/en/>

APPENDIX 2

Schools

PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

UNICITI EDUCATION HUB

Uniciti International Education Hub, 72448, Pierrefonds, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 401 2400

Opening hours: 8.15am - 5.00pm

Contacts :

info@uniciti-ieh.com

Contact student life residences for accommodation services:

Mail: information@studentliferesidences.mu

By telephone: (+230) 5 723 6568

Student Life Residences, P99V+RF9, Coastal Road Uniciti, Flic en Flac

Web: <https://www.unicitieducationhub.com/>

VATEL

Medine Knowledge Village, Pierrefonds, Quatre Bornes, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 427 4363

Web: <https://www.vatel.mu/>

ÉCOLE NATIONALE SUPÉRIEURE D'ARCHITECTURE (ENSA)

Uniciti Education Hub, MU, Royal Road, Pierrefonds 72448

Telephone: (+230) 428 82 15

Web: <https://www.nantes-archi.mu/>

PANTHÉON-ASSAS

Uniciti Education Hub, MU, Royal Road, Pierrefonds 72448

Telephone: (+230) 4524040

Web: <https://www.u-paris2.fr/fr/international/campus-internationaux/maurice-mauritius>

ÉCOLE CENTRALE DE NANTES

Uniciti Education Hub, MU, Royal Road, Pierrefonds 72448

Telephone: (+230) 5509 5909

Web: <https://www.nantes-archi.mu/>

MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY MAURITIUS

Coastal Road, 90203, Uniciti, Mauritius.

Phone: (+230) 403 6400

Fax: (+230) 689 0570

E-mail: use the contact form to ask your questions or contact one of the institution's regional offices.

Web: <https://middlesex.mu/>

AMITY INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION (AIHE)

UNICITI Education Hub Pierrefonds - 72448, Quatre Bornes, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 5281 2139

Web: <https://www.amity.edu/mauritius/Default.aspx>

MCB IF (INSTITUTE OF FINANCE)

UNICITI Education Hub Pierrefonds - 72448, Quatre Bornes, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 401 2406

E-mail: info@mcb-if.com

Web: <https://mcb-if.com/>

CURTIN MAURITIUS

Telfair, Moka, Republic of Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 401 6511

Web: <https://curtinmauritius.ac.mu/>

MCCI Business School

BM-MCCI Building, 58-60, Cybercity, Ébène.

Telephone: (+230) 454 89 50

E-mail: admin@mccibs.ac.mu

Web: <https://www.mccibusinessschool.org/>

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS - UOM

Réduit, 80837, Mauritius

E-mail: vc@uom.ac.mu

Telephone: (+230) 4037400 (*calls between 8:00 pm and 8:00 am)

Fax: (+230) 466 7900

Web: <https://www.uom.ac.mu/>

UNIVERSITÉ DES MASCAREIGNES (UDM)

Avenue de la Concorde, Rose Hill, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 460 9500

E-mail: communicationudm@udm.ac.mu

Web: <https://udm.ac.mu/fr/>

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY OF MAURITIUS (UTM)

Ave de La Concorde, La Tour Koenig, Pointe-aux-Sables

Telephone: (+230) 207 5250

Fax: (+230) 234 67 27

E-mail: registryor@utm.ac.mu

Web: <https://www.utm.ac.mu/>

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday: 09:00 - 16:00

Saturday: Closed

Sundays and public holidays: Closed

ACCENTURE ACADEMY

Email: helpdesk@accentureacademy.atlassian.net

LYCÉE POLYTECHNIQUE SIR GUY FORGET

Rue François Mitterrand,

Central Flacq 40606

Phone: (+230) 413 2959, 413 1568, 413 9262

Fax: (+230) 413 2938

E-mail: lpsgregistry@mitd.mu

Web: <https://www.mitd.mu/centres.php?tc=lpsgf>

SIR GAËTAN DUVAL HOTEL SCHOOL

Ébène, Réduit

Telephone: (+230) 404 7200

Fax: (+230) 465 8835/ 465 8564

E-mail: ehsgdregistry@mitd.mu

Web: <https://www.mitd.mu/centres.php?tc=ehsgd>

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS IN MAURITIUS

IN THE NORTH

GREENCOAST INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Elodie Kirkby - Office Administrator

Address: Bois Rouge, Beau Plan, Pamplemousses, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 260 0630/1

Email: admin@greencoast-schools.com

Web: <https://www.greencoast-schools.com/index.html>

INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY SCHOOL (IPS)

Address: Route Royale, Mapou B43, Mapou

Telephone: (+230) 266 1973

Web: <https://www.ips-mu.com/>

LIGHTHOUSE PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL

Albert Lane, Calebasses, 20201, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 243 7100

E-mail: info@lighthouse.edu.mu

Web: <https://www.lighthouse.edu.mu/>

NORTHFIELDS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (NIS)

Address: Main road, Labourdonnais Village Mapou 31803 Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 266 9448/9

E-mail: office@northfields.school

Web: <https://northfieldsinternational.school/>

SAINT EXUPÉRY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MAURITIUS

Address: Château La Mare Ronde, Avenue Du Château, Chemin Vingt Pieds - 30513 Grand Baie, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 268 0108

Web: <https://en.seis.mu/>

MORNING STAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Address: 40, Palladium Lane, Trianon, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 4600702

E-mail: admin@morningstar.mu

Web: <https://www.facebook.com/mssmauriti->
[tius/](https://www.facebook.com/mssmauriti-)

CLAVIS INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL (CIPS)

Address: Montagne Ory, Moka, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 433 4439 / 433 7708

Fax: (+230) 4334274

Web: <https://clavis.mu/>

ALEXANDRA HOUSE SCHOOL

Address: Avenue King George V, Floréal, 74108, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 6964108

E-mail: admin@alexandrahouseschool.com / adminahs@intnet.mu

Web: <https://alexandrahouseschool.com/>

BOCAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (LBIS)

Address: Mount Ory, Moka, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 433 9900

Fax: (+230) 433 4914

E-mail: lbis@lebocage.net

Web: <http://new.lebocage.net/index.php>

IN THE WEST :

TELFAIR INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL (TIPS)

Address: Avenue de Dauphins Morcellement Saltpans Tamarin, Black River

Telephone: (+230) 483 5108

E-mail: admin@telfairprimary.com

Web: <https://telfairprimary.com/>

WESTCOAST INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (WISS)

Address: Coastal Road, Cascavelle, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 489 2034

Web: <https://westcoast-schools.com/>

French schools in Mauritius

LYCÉE DE LA BOURDONNAIS

Address: Ramdenee Building, Rue Rochecouste Forest Side, Curepipe 74438

Telephone: (+230) 670 6097

Web: <https://secondary.llbinternationalschool.mu/fr/contact.html>

LYCÉE DES MASCAREIGNES

Address: Helvetia, Saint-Pierre, 81405, Moka

Telephone: (+230) 433 8992

Web: <https://www.lyceedesmascareignes.org/>

APPENDIX 3

Day care centers

DING DONG BELL CHILD DAY CARE CENTER

Address: Back to Dan Motors, A1 Royal Road, Terre Rouge

Telephone: (+230) 529 21912

OAKTREE PRESCHOOL

Address: 6, André Moutia Street, Beau Bas-sin-Rose Hill

Telephone: (+230) 584 73443

SPARKLE TOTS NURSERY AND PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

Address: 26, Avenue Des Palmiers, Quatre Bornes, Mauritius 72238

Telephone: (+230) 574 93671

BUMBLE BEE PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

Address: 26, Raoul Follereau St, Beau Bas-sin-Rose Hill

Telephone: (+230) 578 58675

KIDDYLAND KIDS PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL & DAY CARE CENTRE

Address: Royal Rd, Pamplémousses

Telephone: (+230) 248 3734

LA COCCINELLE NURSERY SCHOOL

Address: Ruelle Dalais - Forest Side, Curepipe 74416

Telephone: (+230) 582 50890

THE POPPLES GARDERIE

Address: D'Epinay Ave, Quatre Bornes

Telephone: (+230) 598 75048

CUDDLES CRECHE AND KINDERGARTEN

Address: Av. Eugene Gregoire, Vacoas-Phoenix

Telephone: (+230) 696 1830

CUDDLE KIDIDIES

Address: Royal Road Grand Bay, Port-Louis 30510

Telephone: (+230) 548 90466

ÉBÈNE ANGEL KIDS

Address: NeXTeracom, B 1, Ébène,

Telephone: (+230) 454 7027

MO BABYSITTER ONLINE BABYSITTING PLATFORM

Website: [MoBabysitter](http://MoBabysitter.com)

MOM'SDAY CARE CENTRE GARDERIE

Address: Shrimati Indira Gandhi Rd, Triolet

Telephone: (+230) 575 62788

PRETTY LITTLE ANGELS DAY CARE ACTIVITIES AND KINDERGARTEN

Address: Le Bouchon, Road, Trois Boutiques 52003

Telephone: (+230) 578 44507

KIDSCOOL PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

Address: 164, A Sir Virgil Naz, Quatre Bornes

Telephone: (+230) 591 71221

BEAUTY KIDS

Address: Rue Shivananda, Mahebourg
Telephone: (+230) 631 3729

LES PATAPLUCHES

Address: Beau Bassin-Rose Hill
Telephone: (+230) 454 8697

HUMPTY DUMPTY PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Address: Centre de Flacq
Telephone: (+230) 413 0714

NURSERY SCHOOLS

Dora kindergarten
Telephone: (+230) 575 21309
Address: St James, Port-Louis

LES MARMOTTES PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Address: Morc Peerun 3 Ln, Vacoas-Phoenix
Telephone: (+230) 697 9361

YOUNG MINDS

Address: Pointe aux Canoniers, Grand Baie
Telephone: (+230) 573 28006
Web: <http://www.youngmindsmauritius.com/>

LES PETITS ANGES PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL AND DAY CARE CENTER

Address: La Tour Rd, Roche Terre
Telephone: (+230) 576 94506

KIDDYLAND KIDS PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL & DAY CARE CENTRE

Royal Rd, Pamplémousses
Telephone: (+230) 248 3734

LES P'TITS MOUNES

Address: 5B, Allée des Palmiers, La Preneuse, Rivière Noire 5B
Telephone: (+230) 574 05487
Web: <https://lesptitsmounes.com/>

ARC EN CIEL PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Pierre
Telephone: (+230) 578 46957

UN PETIT NAVIRE

Address: 108, Avenue Les Cocotiers, Flic-en-Flac 90508
Telephone: (+230) 580 78572
Web: https://www.facebook.com/unpetitnavire/?locale=fr_FR

CHUNG HWA KINDERGARTEN

Port-Louis
Telephone: (+230) 212 3523

SAFE AND SOUND ACADEMY

Address: 7, D'Epinay Ave, Quatre Bornes
Telephone: (+230) 466 3326
Web: <https://www.safeandsoundacademy.com/>

APPENDIX 4

Insurers

EXPATRIATION SPECIALISTS

CAISSE DES FRANÇAIS DE L'ÉTRANGER - CFE

160 rue des Meuniers CS 70238 RUBELLES
77052 MELUN CEDEX

Telephone: +33 (0)1 64 14 62 62

- For all customers, service available from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Paris time).
- For all commercial inquiries, service available from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (Paris time).

Online contact: <https://www.cfe.fr/contactez-nous-en-ligne?>

APRIL INTERNATIONAL

14, Rue Gerty Archimède, 75012 Paris, France

Telephone: (+33) 1 73 03 41 29

E-mail: info.expat@aprilinternational.com

Web: <https://www.april-international.com/en>

CIGNA GLOBAL

Telephone: (+33) 1573 29285 (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. GMT)

E-mail: <https://fr.cignaglobal.com/individuels-families/members/help/email-us>

Web: <https://www.cignaglobal.com/>

INSURANCE IN MAURITIUS

MAURITIUS UNION

4, Léoville L'Homme Street - Port-Louis

Tel: (230) 207 5500

Web: www.mua.mu

JUBILEE INSURANCE

Mezzanine Level, One Cathedral Square, Pope Henessy & George Guilbert Streets, Port-Louis

Phone: (+230) 202 2200

Web: jubileeportal.com

SWAN INSURANCE COMPANY LTD

Swan Group Centre 10, Intendance Street Port-Louis

Telephone: (+230) 207 3500

Fax: (230) 208 6898

E-mail: info@swan.mu

Web: <https://www.swanforlife.com/en>

APPENDIX 5

Banks

BCP BANK (MAURITIUS)

Business Center: Corner Bank Street & Silicon Avenue, Quatre Bornes

Customer Relations Center available from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday - excluding public holidays

Telephone: (+230) 207 10 00

Web: <https://www.bcpbank.mu/fr>

Contact: <https://www.bcpbank.mu/fr/particuliers/nous-contacter?id=135>

THE MAURITIUS COMMERCIAL BANK LIMITED

Head-office: Sir William Newton Street, Port-Louis

Telephone: (+230) 202 5000

Fax: (230) 208 7054

E-mail: mcb@mcb.co.mu

Web: www.mcb.mu

Bank opening hours

Monday to Thursday: 9am to 3:15pm

Friday: 9am to 5pm

SBM BANK (MAURITIUS) LIMITED

Head-office 1, Avenue Queen Elizabeth II, Port-Louis

Telephone: (+230) 202 11 11

Fax: (230) 202 12 34

Email: sbm@sbmgroup.mu

Web: <https://www.sbmgroup.mu/>

ABSA BANK (MAURITIUS) LIMITED

Head-office: Wall St, Ébène

Telephone: (+230) 402 10 00

Abby on WhatsApp : +230 5919 00 01

Email : customer.contact@absa.africa

Web: www.absabank.mu/en/personal/

AFRASIA BANK LIMITED

Head-office: Bowen Square 10, Dr Ferriere Street, Port-Louis

Telephone: (+230) 208 55 00

Fax: (230) 213 88 50

Email: afrasia@afasiabank.com

Web: www.afasiabank.com

ABC BANKING CORPORATION LTD

Head office: WEAL HOUSE, Duke of Edinburgh Avenue, Place d'Armes, 11328, Port-Louis

Telephone: (+230) 206 80 00 / (+230) 208 00 88

Email: info@abcbanking.mu

Web: www.abcbanking.mu

Swift Code: ABCKMUMU

BANK ONE LIMITED

Head-office : BANK ONE 16, Sir William Newton Street,

Port-Louis, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 202 92 00

Fax: 230 212 88 83

Cards Hotline: 230 467 19 00

Web: bankone.mu/en

HSBC BANK (MAURITIUS) LIMITED

Head-office: 6th floor, HSBC Centre 18, Cyber-city, Ébène

Telephone: (+230) 403 83 33

Fax: (230) 403 09 99

Email: hsbcmauritius@hsbc.co.mu

Web: www.hsbc.co.mu

STANDARD BANK (MAURITIUS) LIMITED

Head-office: *Level 9, Tower A 1 Cyber City
Ébène, 72201, Mauritius*

Telephone: *(+230) 402 52 00*

Email: *clientservices@standardbank.mu*

Web: *www.standardbank.mu*

**STANDARD CHARTERED BANK
(MAURITIUS)**

Head-office: *Standard Chartered Mauritius, 6th
Floor, Standard Chartered Tower, Bank Street,
Ébène, Mauritius*

Email: *mba@mba.mu*

Telephone: *(+230) 213 23 90, (+230) 213 23 91*

Fax: *(230) 213 09 68*

Web: *www.sc.com/mu*

ANNEXE 6

Doctors – Hospitals and clinics

Public hospitals	Telephone
<i>Dr A Gafoor Jeetoo Hospital</i>	(230) 203 1001
<i>Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam National Hospital</i>	(230) 209 3400
<i>Flacq Hospital</i>	(230) 402 2400
<i>Jawaharall Nehru Hospital</i>	(230) 603 7000
<i>Victoria Hospital</i>	(230) 425 7693

Private clinics		
	Telephone	E-mail
<i>Aegle Medical and Surgical Ltd</i>	4605500	<i>info@aegleclinic.mu</i>
<i>Aegle Cancer Hospital</i>	6606000	<i>info@aeglecancerhospital.com</i>
<i>C-Care (Mauritius) Ltd - Medical & Surgical Centre Ltd</i>	6012300	<i>clinique@cliniquedarne.com</i>
<i>Centre Médical du Nord</i>	2631010	<i>info@cliniquedunord.mu</i>
<i>Centre de Chirurgie Esthétique de l'Océan Indien</i>	2655050	<i>info@cceoi.com</i>
<i>Chisty Shifa Clinic</i>	2115157	<i>info@chistyshifaclinic.com</i>
<i>City Clinic</i>	2061600	<i>info@cityclinic.mu</i>
<i>Clinique Bon Pasteur</i>	4019500	<i>info@cliniquebonpasteur.com</i>
<i>Clinic Candos</i>	4257711	<i>clinnccandos@intnet.mu</i>
<i>Clinique du Nord</i>	2472532	<i>info@cliniquedunord.mu</i>
<i>Clinique de L'Occident</i>	4535858	<i>info@cliniquedeloccident.mu</i>
<i>Clinique Muller</i>	6702911	<i>info@clinicmuller.com</i>
<i>Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospital</i>	468 6239/44	<i>reception.dragarwal@gmail.com</i>
<i>Grand Bay Medical & Diagnostic Centre</i>	2631212	<i>gbclinic2016@gmail.com</i>
<i>La Clinique Mauricienne</i>	4543061	<i>admin@cliniquemauricienne.com</i>
<i>La Nouvelle Clinique Ferrière</i>	6763332	<i>info@cliniqueferriere.com</i>

<i>Les Mariannes Wellness Clinic</i>	2438387	<i>info@lesmariannes.com</i>
<i>Medisave Clinic</i>	4277000	<i>bonjour@medisave.mu</i>
<i>Stella Maris Clinic Mauritius</i>	2610792	<i>info@stellamarisclinic.mu</i>
<i>St Jean Clinic</i>	4661544	<i>info@stjeanclinic.mu</i>
<i>St Patrick Clinic</i>	4539800	<i>stpatrickclinic@intnet.mu</i>
<i>St Esprit Clinic</i>	4245471	<i>st.esprit.clinic@intnet.mu</i>
<i>Wellkin Hospital</i>	6051000	<i>info@wellkinhospital.com</i>
Laboratories		
	Telephone	E-mail
<i>Wellkin Hospital</i>	6051000	<i>info@welkinhospital.com</i>
<i>Biomed Laboratory</i>	2613903	<i>biomedlaboratory@yahoo.com</i>
<i>Biosystems Medical Laboratory & Diagnostics Centre Ltd</i>	2634653	<i>biosystemsgb@gmail.com</i>
<i>City Clinic Laboratory</i>	2061600	<i>info@cityclinic.mu; medical.cityclinic@intnet.mu</i>
<i>Green Cross Medical Laboratory & Diagnostic Centre</i>	4678999	<i>consult@greencross.mu</i>
<i>Clinique Muller Laboratory</i>	6702911	<i>administrator@clinicmuller.com; info@hansbiomedical-lab.com</i>
<i>Hans Biomedical Laboratory</i>	2691067	<i>info@hansbiomedical-lab.com</i>
<i>Healthcheck Medical Laboratory Ltd</i>	6961982	<i>infohealthcheck@gmail.com</i>
<i>La Clinique Mauricienne Laboratory</i>	4543061	<i>lab@cliniquemauricienne.com; admin@cliniquemauricienne.com</i>
<i>Medical Laboratory of Curepipe</i>	6969592	<i>labmcpe@hotmail.co.uk</i>
<i>Medical Laboratory of Flacq (Biosanté)</i>	4135114	<i>accounts.lmf@biosantelab.com</i>
<i>Medical Laboratory of Goodlands</i>	2835114	<i>lmg@biosantelab.com</i>
<i>Medical Laboratory of Terre Rouge</i>	2482114	<i>ckreekchem@gmail.com</i>
<i>Laboratory of Quatre Bornes</i>	4243238	<i>adabylab@gmail.com</i>
<i>Medical Laboratory of Villes Soeurs</i>	4549999	<i>sanjay.motaye@biosantelab.com</i>
<i>Medical Laboratory of St Pierre</i>	4332114	<i>sanjay.motaye@biosantelab.com</i>
<i>Medical Laboratory of Ville Lumière</i>	6765114	<i>sanjay.motaye@biosantelab.com</i>
<i>Medical Diagnostic Laboratory</i>	2105226	<i>med.diaglab@yahoo.com</i>

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Rozar Medical Laboratory Centre	4019500	info@cliniquebonpasteur.com
Medicolab	2425987	medicolab@hotmail.com
Omnimed Laboratory Services	4274053	farojdeohemraj@gmail.com
Pro-Medica Diagnostic Laboratory Services	2135712	info@promedica.mu
Medical & Surgical Centre Laboratory (Fortis Clinique Darne)	6012300	clinique@cliniquedarne.com; clinic@c-care.mu
Medisave Medical Centre Laboratory	4277000	laboratory@medisave.mu
La Nouvelle Clinique Ferrière Laboratory	6763332	lab@nouvellecliniqueferriere.com; info@cliniqueferriere.com
St Jean Clinic Laboratory	4661544	info@stjeanclinic.mu
Aegle Medical and Surgical Ltd (Laboratory)	4605500	info@aegleclinic.mu
Sky Labs Ltd	4274899	skylabsltd@yahoo.com
Inkerman Medical Laboratory	4644839	contact@inkerman-lab.com
Twinmed Laboratory	6970643	twinmedlab@gmail.com
Biolysse Laboratoire D'Analyses Medicales	4681444	biolysse@intnet.mu
Alpha Medica BioMedical Laboratory	6730000	yashdaby@alpha-medica.com
Khan Medcare	2401111	khanmedcare11@gmail.com
Quality Health Care Laboratories	6967001	qualityhealthcarelab@gmail.com
Medical Laboratory of Mahbourg - Biosante Ltd	6317114	lmm@biosantelab.com
Ur Medic-RASP Consulting Ltd	4138005	Tweesha4@gmail.com
Prolabs Medical Ltd	4646868	info@prolabs.mu
Bio Health Ltd - Medical Laboratory of Riviere Noire	4837114	lmrn@biosantelab.com; sanjay.motaye@biosantelab.com
Optima Health Solutions (Mauritius) Ltd	6980111	kktmauritus@gmail.com
Bio Health Ltd - Medical Laboratory of Vacoas	6062114	sanjay.motaye@biosantelab.com
Fortis Clinique Darne Grand Bay Laboratory	6012500	clinic@c-care.mu
Ébène Medical Centre - F K Medical Co. Ltd	4898080	Ébènemedicalcenter@gmail.com
ADB Dental Laboratory	6987997	adbdentallaboratory@gmail.com
Center of Radiology and Echography	2425114	

<i>Proxilab Medical Laboratory</i>	<i>54332277</i>	<i>enquiries@proxi-lab.com</i>
<i>Diagnos Clinique Ltee</i>	<i>4671515</i>	<i>diagnosclinique@gmail.com</i>
<i>Novalab Medical Laboratory - NovaLAB</i>	<i>6601900</i>	<i>lims@novalab.mu</i>
<i>Abiolabs Ltd</i>	<i>4687322</i>	<i>info@abiolabs.com</i>
<i>Sihha Medical Centre</i>	<i>57082604</i>	<i>sihhamedical@outlook.com</i>
<i>ProCare Medical Laboratory Ltd</i>	<i>6606060</i>	<i>procare@procare.mu</i>
<i>Clinique Ferriere du Bon Secours</i>	<i>6763332</i>	<i>info@cliniqueferrieredebonsecours.com</i>

Medical practitioners recommended by the French Embassy

General practitioners			
Region	Name of doctor	Address	Telephone
<i>North</i>	<i>Dr Mita Ballysing</i>	<i>Labourdonnais, Mapou</i>	<i>Tel: 266 9630, Mobile : 52514503</i>
<i>North</i>	<i>Dr Kovila Parsuramen</i>	<i>Azur Beach Complex, Pereybère</i>	<i>Mobile : 5250 8562 / 5254 0809</i>
<i>East</i>	<i>Dr Irshaad Vial</i>	<i>Flacq (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays)</i>	<i>Mobile : 5801 9192</i>
<i>East</i>	<i>Dr Shireen Hansrod</i>	<i>Palmar (Week-ends)</i>	<i>Mobile : 5825 2410</i>
<i>East</i>	<i>Dr Pierre Louis Madeleine</i>	<i>Sivanda road, Mahébourg</i>	<i>Tel: (230) 631.22.69</i>
<i>West</i>	<i>Dr Damien Steciuk</i>	<i>Synergy Moka, C-Care Tamarin</i>	<i>Tel: 57076366</i>
<i>West</i>	<i>Dr Bernard Piat</i>	<i>C-Care Clinic Cap Tamarin</i>	<i>Tel: 4838900</i>
<i>Centre</i>	<i>Dr Prema Bholah</i>	<i>Nouvelle Clinique du Bon Pasteur</i>	<i>Tel: 4019500</i>
<i>Centre</i>	<i>Dr Marie Christine Piat</i>	<i>Royal road, Moka</i>	<i>Tel: 4333266</i>

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<i>Obstetrician</i>	<i>Dr Davin Mohadeb</i>	<i>Rue Georges Guibert, Curepipe</i>	<i>6971221</i>
<i>Oncologist</i>	<i>Dr Sohawon Sahibullah</i>	<i>Clinique Darne</i>	<i>601 23 00</i>
		<i>Wellkin Hospital</i>	<i>605 10 00</i>
		<i>C-Care Tamarin</i>	<i>484 06 00</i>
<i>Dentists</i>	<i>Dr Nadeem Khadun</i>	<i>Avenue St Paul, Phoenix</i>	<i>697 60 48</i>
	<i>Dr Benny Dyall</i>	<i>Forest Lane, Floreal</i>	<i>(230) 698 79 98</i>
		<i>Route Royale, La Tourelle View, La Mivoie, Black River</i>	<i>(230) 483 83 96</i>
		<i>La City Trianon</i>	<i>(230) 467 29 26</i>
		<i>Rue La Chaussée Medine Mews building, 1st floor, Port-Louis</i>	<i>(230) 210 61 54</i>
<i>Ophthalmologist</i>	<i>Dr Remy Julienne</i>	<i>Cabinet d'Ophtalmologie - Floréal Square, John Kennedy Avenue</i>	<i>(230) 660 01 68, (230) 5421 78 12</i>
<i>Pediatricians</i>	<i>Dr Francois Leung</i>	<i>Clinique Ferrière (College Lane, Curepipe)</i>	<i>676 33 32, 676 19 73</i>
		<i>Labourdonnais Court, Rue St Georges Port-Louis</i>	<i>211 14 01</i>
	<i>Dr Oomesh Toofany</i>	<i>Trou aux Biches</i>	<i>5250 98 81</i>
<i>Psychiatrist</i>	<i>Dr Paramavisen Motay</i>	<i>C-Care Darné</i>	<i>601 23 00</i>
		<i>C-Care Grand Baie</i>	<i>601 25 00</i>
		<i>Clinique du Bon pasteur</i>	<i>401 95 00</i>
		<i>CMPC à côté de Muller</i>	<i>675 26 13</i>
		<i>Rivière Noire</i>	<i>483 73 62</i>
<i>Psychologist</i>	<i>Sophie Gidrol</i>	<i>Clinique Ferrière, Curepipe</i>	<i>5985 14 16, +33 6 51 15 63 32</i>

APPENDIX 7

Veterinarians

VETOCARE CLINIC

Specialty: *Veterinary*
City: *Curepipe*
Phone number: *(+230) 5947 2244*
Opening hours: *closes at 19:00*
Web : <https://www.facebook.com/VetocareClinic/>

Opening hours: *closes at 19:00*
Location: *Grand Baie*
Telephone: *(+230) 263 1810*
Opening hours: *closes at 18:00*
Web: <https://www.animalia.mu/>

VETCROSS - FLOREAL

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Floreal*
Phone number: *(+230) 5800 0908*
Web: <https://www.facebook.com/Vetcross.mauritius/>

LE VETO VETERINARY SERVICES

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Beau Bassin-Rose Hill*
Phone number: *(+230) 5455 0000*
Opening hours : *closes at 18:00*

VETERINARY MAURITIUS 24/7

Specialty: *Vet clinic*
Location: *Albion*
Phone number: *(+230) 5701 3873*
Web : https://www.facebook.com/vetmauritius/?locale=fr_FR

DE CARLOS VETERINARY CLINIC

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Tamarin*
Phone number: *(+230) 483 6858*
Opening hours: *closes at 19:00*

ISLAND VET CLINIC

Specialty: *Veterinary care*
Location: *Quatre Bornes*
Phone number: *(+230) 5924 9457*

PETS CONCERN MAURITIUS

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Vacoas-Phœnix*
Telephone: *(+230) 606 2431*
Opening hours: *closes at 19:00*
Web: <https://www.petsconcern.mu/>

DR DHURN NATALIYA-VETERINARY

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Camp de Masque*
Phone: *(+230) 5792 7118*

DR B. D. MUNGUR VETERINARY SERVICES

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Montagne Longue*
Phone: *(+230) 5252 5125*

ANIMALIA

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Quatre Bornes*
Telephone: *(+230) 427 5860*

DR JOWAD TIMOL

Specialty: *Veterinary clinic*
Location: *Albion*
Telephone: *(+230) 5701 3873*
Opening hours: *open 24 hours a day*

MYVET

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Central Flacq*
Phone number: *(+230) 5258 2294*
Opening hours: *closes at 20:00*
Web : <https://www.facebook.com/jvcclinic/>

PETS AND VETS ANIMAL CARE CENTRE

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Port-Louis*
Phone number: *(+230) 5257 7474*
Opening hours: *closes at 18:30*

DR. SAHIR ABDOLROHAMAN

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Morcellement St Andre*
Phone number: *(+230) 5422 2333*

CLINIQUE VETERINAIRE DU NORD

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Petit Raffray*
Phone number: *(+230) 282 3900*
Opening hours : *closes at 17:00*

DR. J. J. ERIC DE MAUDAVE BESTEL

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Town: *Tamarin*
Phone number: *(+230) 483 6858*

DR. NILAMBER VET

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Phone number: *(+230) 5751 1254*

OPEN HEART VETERINARY PRACTICE

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Telephone: *(+230) 5711 1532*
Opening hours: *closes at 18:00*
Web : <https://www.facebook.com/p/Open-Heart-Veterinary-Practice-100057573184403/>

VETMANIA VETERINARY CLINIC 24/7

Specialty: *Vet clinic*
Location: *Grand Baie*
Phone number: *(+230) 5941 6901*
Opening hours: *open 24 hours a day*
Web : <https://www.facebook.com/zoomania2/>

DR. Y. EMRITLOLL - VETERINARY

Specialty: *Veterinary clinic*
Location: *Amitié*
Phone number: *(+230) 5790 7225*

NAIKA DEWULF HOME VETERINARIAN IN THE NORTH OF MAURITIUS

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Plaine des Papayes*
Phone number: *(+230) 5250 5540*
Opening hours : *closes at 17:00*

WOOF 'N WHISKERS VETERINARY CLINIC

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Mahébourg*
Phone: *(+230) 5440 2287*
Opening hours: *closes at 19:00*
Web: <https://www.facebook.com/Woofnwhiskers/>

DR. JABBAR ABDOOLA

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Port-Louis*
Phone number: *(+230) 5985 7490*
Opening hours: *closes at 18:30*

PETS CONCERN POINTE AUX BICHES

Specialty: *Veterinary*
Location: *Pointe aux Piments*
Phone: *(+230) 5919 2402*
Hours: *closes at 18:00*
Web : <https://www.facebook.com/p/Pets-Concern-Pointe-aux-Biches-100063595178050/>

APPENDIX 8

Municipalities and district councils on Mauritius island

MUNICIPALITY OF BEAU-BASSIN/ROSE-HILL

Town Hall,
Royal Road
Rose-Hill

Telephone: (+230) 454 95 00

Fax: (+230) 454 95 09

E-mail: mubbrh@intnet.mu

Web: [Beau Bassin / Rose hill](http://www.beaubassin-rosehill.mu)

MUNICIPALITY OF CUREPIPE

Queen Elizabeth II avenue, Curepipe,
Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 6609776

Hotline Number 8990

Fax: (+230) 6765054

E-mail: curpip@intnet.mu

Web: <https://www.municipal-curepipe.org/>

MUNICIPALITY OF PORT-LOUIS

1, Jules Koenig Street
City Hall, Port-Louis

Telephone: (+230) 405 6600

Fax: (+230) 212 4258

E-mail: portlouiscity@municipalcouncil.org

Web: <http://www.mccpl.mu>

MUNICIPALITY OF QUATRE-BORNES

St Jean Road
Quatre Bornes

Telephone: (+230) 454 8054

Fax: (+230) 454-0066

Email: mcqb@intnet.mu / <https://qb.mu/>

Web: <https://qb.mu/>

MUNICIPALITY OF VACOAS/PHOENIX

St Paul Avenue
Vacoas

Telephone: (+230)

Mayor: 686 5395

Library: 606 3518

Local rates: 697 3205

Town council: 696 2975 / 696 2976 / 696 2977

Fax (clerk's office): 696 4668

Customer Care Service: 696 2975 / 696 2976 / 696 2977

E-mail: mcvp@mail.la.govmu.org

Web: <http://www.vacoasphoenix.org/>

FLACQ DISTRICT COUNCIL

Flacq Center

Telephone: (+230) 413 2600

Hotline: (+230) 413 7008

Building and Planning Department hotline:
(+230) 4137867

Fax number: (+230) 413 3055

E-mail:

- Administration Department - ceofdc@la.govmu.org
- Public Infrastructure Department - worksfdc@la.govmu.org
- Department of Construction and Spatial Planning - plafdc@la.govmu.org
- Department of Public Health - healthfdc@la.govmu.org
- Finance Department - financefdc@la.govmu.org
- Social Assistance Department - welfarefdc@la.govmu.org
- Customer Care Section - complaintsfdc@la.govmu.org

Web: <https://flacqdc.mu/>

PAMPLEMOUSSES DISTRICT COUNCIL

Morrisson Road

Near CAB

Pamplemousses

Fax: (+230) 243 8300 (*Hot line*)

Fax: (+230) 243 1452

E-mail: chiefexecutive.dcp@gmail.com

Web: <https://dcp.mu/>

MOKA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Quartier Militaire Road

Fax: (+230) 435 55 31 / 435 74 32

Fax: (+230) 435 56 85

E-mail: ccomfdc@intnet.mu

Web: <https://www.mokadc.mu/>

RIVIÈRE DU REMPART DISTRICT COUNCIL

Royal Road

Mapou

Fax: (+230) 266 2095

RECEPTION Hotline: 266 2095

Fax: (+230) 266 1405

E-mail: ceo.rdr@mail.la.gov.mu

Web: <https://dcrempart.mu/>

BLACK RIVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Geoffroy Road

Bambous

Fax: (+230) 401 31 00

Hotline Number: (+230) 452-1502

Fax: (+230) 452 03 03

E-mail: brdc@la.govmu.org

Web: <http://brdc.mu/>

GRAND PORT/SAVANNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Royal Road, Rose Belle

Fax: (+230) 603-7930

Fax: (+230) 625-5750

E-mail: dcsavanne@la.govmu.org

Web: <https://dcsavanne.mu/>

APPENDIX 9

Foreign diplomatic missions in Mauritius

BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION PORT LOUIS

Sir Hesketh Bell Street PO Box 2, Floreal, Plaines Wilhems, Port Louis, Mauritius

Contact form: <https://www.contact-embassy.service.gov.uk/?country=Mauritius&post=British%20High%20Commission%20Port%20Louis#Enquiries>

Telephone: +230 660 4900/+44 20 7008 5000

Fax: +230 660 4908

Opening hours :

Chancellery

Monday to Friday

9am - 12pm

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Visa Department

Monday to Friday

9:00 - 12:00

Consular Service

By appointment only.

Contact: +230 686 5015

SENEGALESE CONSULATE IN PORT-LOUIS,

Mauritius 1, Rue de la Corderie, Port-Louis, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 212 5668

Fax: (+230) 211 4122

E-mail: fdgrivel@intnet.mu

Consul: M. Francois de Grivel

Consulate Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

BELGIAN HONORARY CONSULATE

c/o Ireland Blyth Limited

10, Dr. Ferrière Street

Port-Louis

Fax: (+230) 208 28 79 or (+230) 208 72 89

Fax: (+230) 211 95 61

E-mail: rpayen@iblgroup.com / tmarks@iblgroup.com / fdesmarais@ibl.intnet.mu

SEYCHELLES CONSULATE

616, St James Court

St Denis Street, Port-Louis

Telephone: (+230) 211 16 88

Fax: (+230) 211 16 88

E-mail: gfok@intnet.mu

GERMAN HONORARY CONSULATE

Consular services available 3 days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday), from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Appointments are essential for all services.

The office can only be reached by telephone during office hours. In case of emergency, please send an e-mail (link: <https://southafrica.diplo.de/sa-en/home-kontakt-channel?preSelecte-did=736462>).

Telephone: (+230) 5253 0300 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 to 12:00)

EMBASSY OF MADAGASCAR

Theveneau Avenue Floréal MU, 74101

Vacoas-Phoenix

Telephone: (+230) 686 5015

E-mail: consulat@ambamadmaurice.org

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064616356918>

HONORARY CONSULATE OF SPAIN

Groundfloor, IBL House

Le Caudan Waterfront

Port-Louis - Mauritius

Phone: (+230) 208 2879 / 208 7289 // (+230) 5252 2150

Fax: (+230) 211 9561

E-mail: consulhonorario.esp@intnet.mu / ch.portlouis@maec.es / consulates@iblgroup.com

Opening hours :

Monday to Friday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

HONORARY CONSULATE OF ITALY

Royal Road, Pointe Aux Cannonniers, Property-Mauritius Building, Pointe aux Cannonniers, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 263 0358

E-mail: consolatoitalia@myt.mu

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/p/Consolato-dl-italia-a-Mauritius-100064638013772/>

CANADIAN CONSULATE

18 Jules Koenig Street, Port-Louis

3 Rue Royale, Cour Sir Jean Moilin, Port-Louis, Mauritius

Fax: (+230) 5500 2808

Fax: (+230) 208 33 91

E-mail: port-louis@international.gc.ca

CONSULATE GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND

24, avenue des Hirondelles

Quatre Bornes

Fax: (+230) 427 55 07

E-mail: mauritius@honrep.ch

APPENDIX 10

Leisure activities

LA VANILLE NATURE PARK

SENNEVILLE, Riviere des Anguilles, Riviere des Anguilles 60602

Telephone: (+230) 626 2503

Web: <https://www.lavanille-naturepark.com/index.php/en/home-1>

CASELA NATURE PARK

Royal Road, Cascavelle

Telephone: (+230) 401 6500

Web: <https://caselaparks.com/>

ODYSSEO - OCEANARIUM

Harbour Waterfront, Port-Louis

Telephone: (+230) 659 8000

Web: <https://www.odysseomauritius.com/?lang=fr>

GROS CAILLOUX

Petite Rivière, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 238 5071

Web: https://www.facebook.com/groscailloux-mauritius/?locale=fr_FR

LE DOMAINE BEL OMBRE

Telephone: (+230) 260 5102

Web: <https://belombre.com>

GRAVITY MAX

Tribeca Mall, Quatre Bornes

Telephone: (+230) 461 4888

Web: https://www.facebook.com/p/Gravity-Max-Tribeca-100092702259635/?paipv=0&eav=AfY2w9Hg3Y4yBh5Uf-GO26T73sD6QJDcLPK0Tmm2YPPH0e-bJ3T2ehtJ0gOcsZ0qhCkhw&_rdr

SPLASH AND FUN LEISURE PARK

Coastal Road, Belle Mare, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 460 4600

E-mail: info@splash.mu

Web: <https://www.splash.mu/>

FREDERICK HENDRICK MUSEUM

Old Grand Port Luxury Villas, Royal Rd, Vieux Grand Port

Telephone: (+230) 634 4319

WORLD OF SEA SHELLS

Coastal Road, Place du Moulin, Bel Ombre, 61002

Telephone: (+230) 623 7984

Web: <https://www.worldofseashells.mu/>

CHÂTEAU DE LABOURDONNAIS

Domaine de Labourdonnais, Mapou, 31803

Telephone: (+230) 266 3007

Web: <https://domainedelabourdonnais.com/fr/>

L'AVENTURE DU SUCRE

Beau Plan, 21001 Pamplemousses,

Phone: (+230) 243 7900

Web: <https://aventuredu sucre.com/fr/>

BOIS CHÉRI TEA FACTORY AND TEA MUSEUM

Bois Chéri Road, Bois Chéri

Telephone: (+230) 6179109

THE CURIOUS CORNER OF CHAMAREL

Baie du cap road, Chamarel, Black River, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 483 4200

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E-mail: info@curiouschamarel.com

Web: <https://www.curiouschamarel.com/?lang=fr>

BLUE PENNY MUSEUM

Le Caudan Waterfront, Port-Louis, Mauritius

Telephone: (+230) 210 9204

E-mail: info@bluepennymuseum.mu

Web: <https://bluepenny.museum/>

APPENDIX II

Restaurants

THE DEER HUNTER AT THE HOTEL CONSTANCE BELLE MARE (LOCAL CUISINE AND BARBECUES)

Belle Mare, Poste de Flacq

Telephone: (+230) 402 26 00

Fax: (+230) 402 26 26

L'ESCALE CRÉOLE, BOIS CHÉRI ROAD IN MOKA (LOCAL CUISINE - LUNCH ONLY)

B46 Bois Chéri Rd, Moka

Phone: (+230) 5422 2332

Web: <https://escalecreole.net/>

BEACH ROUGE, COASTAL ROAD, GRAND GAUBE (SEAFOOD)

Lux Grand Gaube*

Phone: (+230) 204 9191

Fax: (+230) 288 2828

E-mail: luxgrandgaube@luxresorts.com

Web: <https://www.luxresorts.com/fr/maurice/hotel/luxgrandgaube/restaurants-bars/beach-rouge>

BEACH ROUGE, LUX BELLE MARE (ITALIAN)

Phone: (+230) 402 2000

Fax: (+230) 415 2020

E-mail: luxbellemare@luxresorts.com

Web: <https://www.luxresorts.com/fr/maurice/hotel/luxbellemare>

AMARI BY VINEET, LUX RESORTS AND HOTELS BELLE MARE (INDIAN AND ASIAN CUISINE)

Phone: (+230) 402 2000

Fax: (+230) 415 2020

E-mail: luxbellemare@luxresorts.com

Web: <https://www.luxresorts.com/fr/maurice/hotel/luxbellemare>

LA SPIAGGIA, B59, CONSTANCE BELLE MARE PLAGE HOTEL, POSTE DE FLACQ, POINTE DE FLACQ (LOCAL, ITALIAN, MEDITERRANEAN, EUROPEAN CUISINE)

Belle Mare, Poste de Flacq

Telephone: (+230) 402 26 00

Fax: (+230) 402 26 26

INTI, COASTAL ROAD, LUX GRAND GAUBE HOTEL (PERUVIAN, ARGENTINEAN, LATIN CUISINE)

Lux Grand Gaube*

Phone: (+230) 204 9191

Fax: (+230) 288 2828

E-mail: luxgrandgaube@luxresorts.com

Web: <https://www.luxresorts.com/fr/maurice/hotel/luxgrandgaube/restaurants-bars/beach-rouge>

DUCK LAUNDRY, COASTAL ROAD, QUATRE COCOS, BELLE MARE (CHINESE AND ASIAN CUISINE)

Phone: (+230) 402 2000

Fax: (+230) 415 2020

E-mail: luxbellemare@luxresorts.com

Web: <https://www.luxresorts.com/fr/maurice/hotel/luxbellemare>

HASU, (SUSHI)

Coastal Road, Long Beach Mauritius, Belle Mare

Phone: (+230) 401 1919 / 402 0150

E-mail: reservations.longbeach@yoursunlife.com

Web: <https://www.longbeachmauritius.com/dining/>



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