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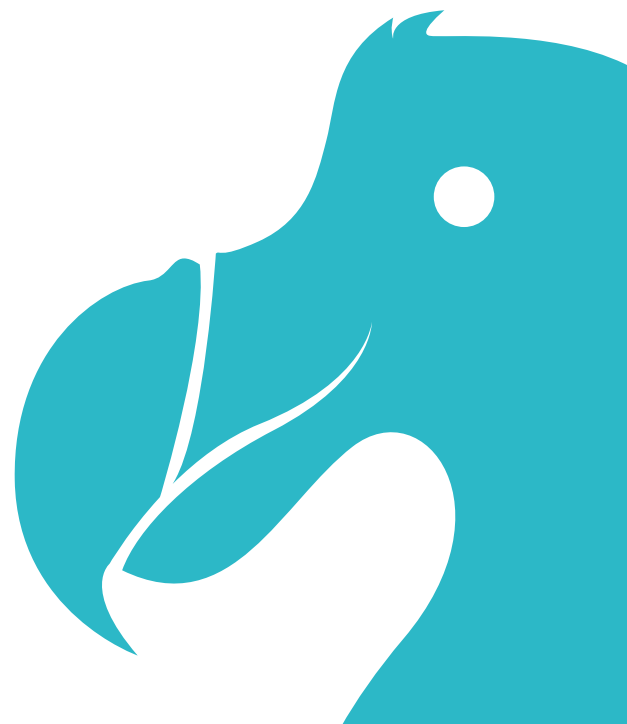
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Editorial

Are you looking for a change in setting? Does a place where job and business opportunities are infinite and you can still enjoy the white sandy beaches and clear turquoise waters at the weekend sound like a dream to you? Well, think again.

If you're ready to take the leap and move abroad, Mauritius will welcome you with its legendary warmth. Nicknamed the 'Pearl of the Indian Ocean', this little paradise island has a lot to offer; from its tropical climate and breathtaking landscapes to an amazing blend of different cultures living side by side in peace.

After facing its fair share of economic challenges these past two years, Mauritius has reopened to allow expats to enjoy a plethora of opportunities and not-to-be-missed tax benefits. The country that usually attracts a pool of professionals, investors and entrepreneurs on top of students and retirees from around the globe is back up and running.

The Expat.com downloadable expat guide provides you with all the information you need, as well as useful tips to help you settle down serenely, whether on your own or with your family.

Welcome to Mauritius!



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Preface

Want to live in Mauritius? Don't miss out on the new and attractive residency packages.

Valued Readers,

Over the last 15 years, Mauritius has welcomed expatriates willing to work and live in the country. As the Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Board, it gives me immense pleasure to be associated with this publication which provides you with a 360-degree view of the different residency schemes in Mauritius and the routes to achieving your dreams and to enjoy a relaxed work-life balance in an idyllic destination inspiring creativity and productivity.

Mauritius is not only blessed with the required attributes for investors to do business and professionals to work but has also become the nesting place for retirees looking for a peaceful retirement. Over the years, we have consolidated and readjusted our 'Work-Live-Play' packages to meet the aspirations of the business community and those on the lookout for a peaceful retirement.

Foreigners with a minimum investment of \$ 50,000 can benefit from a Ten-Year Occupation Permit, which is a combined work and residence permit, together with residence permits for dependents. Self-employed professionals can aspire to a similar Ten-Year Occupation Permit by investing only \$ 35,000. Non-citizen Professionals can now obtain an Occupation Permit valid for up to ten years. We offer schemes for young professionals studying in the country, as well as for innovators.

More than ever, Mauritius is gearing up to welcome, provide for and entertain retirees looking to enjoy this golden period of their lives. Development of luxurious retirement homes and villages is fast growing and attracting people from around the world to retire in a safe haven. You can aspire to retire in Mauritius with a monthly transfer of \$ 1,500 or by simply acquiring a residential property in one of the luxurious retirement developments under the Property Development Scheme. Developers also offer the opportunity to acquire life rights.

We also offer to Occupation Permit holders and those with residence permits as retirees, the exciting opportunity to transition to a Twenty-Year Permanent Residence Permit, upon satisfying certain conditions. The guide provides you with all the details on this scheme.

In addition, Mauritius offers residency opportunities to non-citizens through the acquisition of residential properties, worth \$ 375,000 in real estate developments under approved schemes.

This publication also takes you through one of our latest offers: the Premium Visa. This visa, introduced in November last year, is very famous among digital nomads. It is a One-Year renewable visa which targets professionals wishing to work remotely for their overseas businesses from Mauritius. Within less than a year, over 1,250 applications have been processed and more than 800 approved.

We are on the path of further improving our product offerings and we invite you to visit our dedicated website on residency (www.residency.mu) to register and receiving more frequent updates.

I invite you to delve into this guide for more detailed information and I wish to reiterate my appreciation for this wonderful collaboration with Expat.com.



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The Island of Mauritius



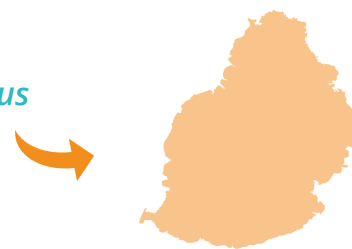
Geographic location

Mauritius is located in the southern hemisphere, in the south-eastern part of the Indian Ocean, north of the tropic of the Capricorn, 20° South Latitude and 57° Longitude East. Mauritius is part of southern Africa. The island represents about 91% of the total area of the Republic of Mauritius, covering 1,865 km². Its entire area is 2,040 km² which integrates several islands, islets and dependent coral reefs, including Rodrigues Island (10th district of Mauritius) and the archipelagos

of Saint-Brandon and Agalega.

Mauritius has about 330 km of coast, surrounded by a blue lagoon, which is itself protected by a barrier of coral reefs.

Google Maps – Mauritius



The Mascarene Archipelago

The island is part of the Mascarene archipelago which includes Mauritius, Reunion, and Rodrigues. This archipelago is the result of underwater volcanic eruptions. Only

Reunion Island still records volcanic activity through its volcano, known as the "Piton de la Fournaise". In Mauritius, there is an inactive crater at Trou aux Cerfs.

Capital, cities, and villages

The capital of Mauritius, Port-Louis, is home to the Government House as well as the main governmental and financial institutions. It is the business hub of Mauritius, and the city with the greatest number of inhabitants.

The island also has other towns such as Curepipe, Quatre-Bornes, Beau Bassin-Rose Hill, and Vacoas-Phoenix. These are the main towns, which branch off into smaller villages.





Approximate distances from Mauritius:

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

The island is divided into ten districts:

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

Nine are located on the main island (Mauritius). The tenth district is Rodrigues Island, a dependency of the Republic located 550 km northeast of Mauritius. Since 12th October 2002, Rodrigues is autonomous.

GOOD TO KNOW

Depending on the business line, some contractors and entrepreneurs will need to obtain business line authorisation from the District Council or Municipality prior to starting anything.



History

In the **5th century**, Arab sailors visited the island and named it Dina Arabi.

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

1598: The Dutch landed on the island, and named it Mauritius in honour of Prince Maurice of Nassau. A few years later, the island became a point of replenishment and supply for ships on the Indian Ocean Route. The Dutch exploited the forests — mainly the ebony trees — and introduced the sugar cane industry.

1721: The French arrived and renamed the island “Isle de France”. Enslaved people worked in estates managed by the French. Pirates and privateers looted the English ships which were sailing towards India.

1735: The rise of the island is marked by the arrival of Governor François Mahé of La Bourdonnais who ordered the construction of an arsenal in Port-Louis and the development of the port.

1810: After the Battle of Grand Port, the British took possession of the island.

1814: The island regained the name Mauritius.

1835: Abolition of slavery by the British.

1834 to 1910: After the abolition of slavery, settlers hired Indian workers. The «Coolie Trade» or indentured labourers were brought to the island to work in the sugar cane fields. The Indian immigrants worked as free men but in slave-like conditions. Later on, the first Chinese immigrants arrived.

1968: On the 12th of March, Mauritius became independent.

1992: Mauritius became a Republic.

The Republic of Mauritius

The President of the Republic is the Head of State and the Supreme Chief of the armed forces. However, the executive power is controlled by the Prime Minister who is the

head of the Government. General elections are held every five years to elect the Members of Parliament. There are 70 seats, of which 62 are representatives, and eight are no-

minated by the Best Loser System, which seeks to provide a fair representation of minority communities within the Parliament.



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National flag

The flag of the Republic of Mauritius is composed of four horizontal bands: **red, blue, yellow, and green**. The interpretation of the colours varies according to the historical meaning assigned to each colour:

- **Red** like flamboyant trees: *Symbol of blood shed during colonisation*
- **Blue** as the sky and the ocean: *Symbol of the Indian Ocean*
- **Yellow** like golden sand beaches: *Symbol of the sun and the light it brings*
- **Green** like the sugar canes fields: *Symbol of agriculture and fertile land*

National Anthem

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

Currency

The official currency is the Mauritian Rupee (Rs): The international code of the rupee is "MUR".

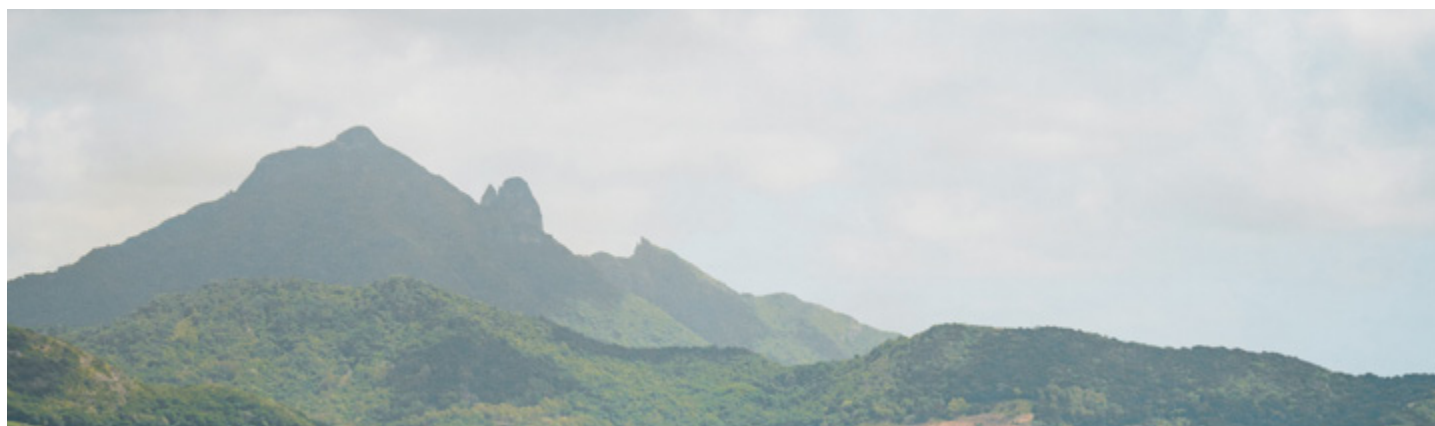
The first banknotes in Mauritian Rupees appeared in 1876, and coins in 1877. The Bank of Mauritius issues the notes in denominations of 25, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1,000 and 2,000 rupees, as well as coins of 1, 5, 10 and 20 rupees and 5, 20 and 50 cents.

Foreign Exchange offices can be found at the airport, and the opening hours are dependent on the arrival of international flights. It is also possible to exchange currency at all banking institutions and foreign exchange offices.

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

« *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* »





Economy

For a long time, Mauritius was dependent solely on sugar export. Later on, the textile industry was established in Mauritius and helped the steady growth of the economy. Technology, tourism, financial services and real estate are, however, becoming more and more profitable. “L’Aventure du Sucre” in Mauritius gives a good overview of the island’s economic evolution.

The decline in sugar exports could have been detrimental to the country’s economy. However, the restructuring of the policies and the reorganisation of the sugar cane sector have enabled Mauritius to keep this valuable source of income. For example, Mauritius now exports refined sugar, special sugar and derivatives of sugar, and also uses the bagasse to generate electricity. These have helped to adapt to demands while remaining productive and profitable.

For the past few years, Mauritius has been attracting renowned companies in the technology industry thanks to the skilled workforce present on the island, the facilities and infrastructure, and the affordable labour costs. The country showcases its desire to become a benchmark in the market services (e.g. data processing) in this region of the world.

For this, Mauritius focuses on creating cybercities, with the country’s most significant representative being the Ébène cybercity. The tourist industry has achieved a level of excellence as well; it has acquired an international reputation, vastly contributed to the local economy, and created many jobs.

The tourist industry in Mauritius is continuously developing thanks to an increase in property development and the launch of new air routes and travel destinations. The construction of luxury villas and apartments is leading to a new economic development, which is characterised by foreign investment and job opportunities. For the future, fintech, the ocean economy and the balance between sustainability and socio-economic equality are the main focus points for Mauritius.



Population

The Mauritian population

reflects more than 400 years of history. The population is composed of descendants of the British and French colonials, African enslaved people, Malagasy and Indian workers, and Chinese traders. Mauritius' uniqueness stands in its history, and cultural and ethnic diversity. According to the Central Bureau of Statistics, in 2020 Mauritius had 1.266 million inhabitants. Mainly around the big cities and towns.

«*Enn sel lepep, enn sel nasyon*» (as one people, as one nation) is a motto taken from the national anthem and widely celebrated on the Independence Day, emphasising the national unification of the Mauritian population whereby people of all ethnic and religious backgrounds live together in peace.

The different ethnic origins include:

Indo-Mauritians*: 68% Hindu, Muslim, or Christian *Not to be confused with Indian (native to India) and Hindu (Hinduism)



« Mutual tolerance and respect are key aspects of the Mauritian culture. »



Afro-mauritians (Creoles): 27%, predominantly Christian

Sino-Mauritians: 3%, Christian or Buddhist Mauritian

Franco-mauritians: 2%, predominantly Christian.

In general, Mauritians of all backgrounds interact peacefully and live together harmoniously, although interracial relationships are not the norm. Mutual tolerance and respect are key aspects of the Mauritian culture.

The Mauritian population respects the traditions and customs of each community. Each ethnic group has its place of worship, open to all.

The cosmopolitan character of Mauritius is seen in the richness of the everyday life, highlighted by the art, cuisine, and clothing — suits, sari, churidar, and western clothes are all acceptable and common.





Seasons

In summer, temperatures reach 30° C, but the conditions are generally pleasant thanks to the light sea breeze in the west and a stronger wind on the east coast. During the summer, the coldest area on the island is the central plateau with much lower temperatures compared to the coast.

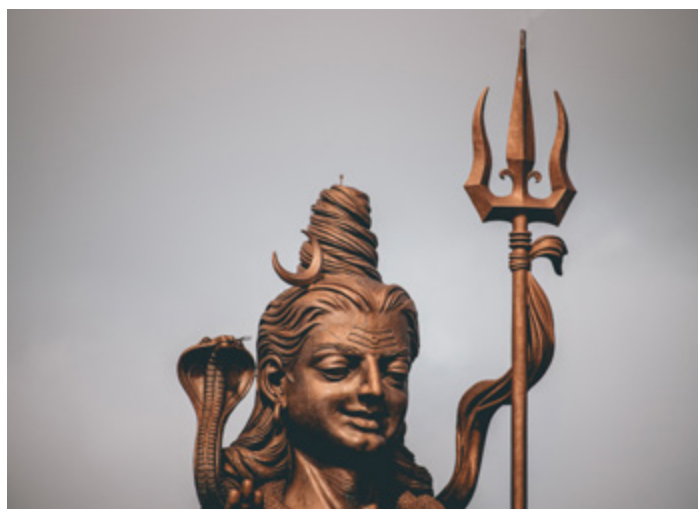
The length of the daytime period in the summer is 13 hours. The sunrise is between 5am and 5:30am, and the sunset is between 7pm and 7:30pm. The Austral winter is characterised by the big difference in the temperatures during the day and night. During daytime, temperatures stay between 22 and 27 ° C. But as soon as the sun sets, the temperature can drop to 19 ° C near the coast and 16 ° C on the central plateau. The length of the daytime period is also shorter during the winter season. The sun rises at around 6:30am and sets at about 6pm. Also, during the winter, the coastal regions experience low rainfall, whereas the central plateau is always wetter.

Climate

Mauritius enjoys a sub-tropical climate.

Temperatures vary between 25° C and 35° C with Southeast trade winds. Temperatures are

higher during the wet season from November to April and cooler during the dry season from May to October.



Language(s)

English is the official language of the Republic of Mauritius. The administration and the official texts are in English. However, French and 'kreol morisyen' (Mauritian Creole) are the most commonly used languages by the population. The Mauritian Creole is the island's mother-tongue, spoken by all Mauritians. French is the second most popular language on the island, being closely linked to the Mauritian Creole and

taught in schools, along with English, as from the pre-primary level. Apart from these three main languages, which allow communication among all, each ethnic group preserves its cultural origins. For example, Hindi, Bhojpuri, Urdu, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi, Hakka, Arabic, Mandarin and Cantonese are taught in schools, in agreement with Speaking Unions and cultural centres.



Cyclones

Between January and March, a combination of high temperatures, high humidity, and lower air pressure can result in the formation of cyclones. For a cyclone to occur, the temperature of the ocean must be warmer than 26 ° C (about 28/29 ° C on the surface).

Due to the high temperature, evaporation occurs, and the moisture rises from the ocean to the atmosphere. The state of the air mass and the wind circulation are other factors that determine how intense the cyclone will be — if it occurs at all.

Cyclone Warning

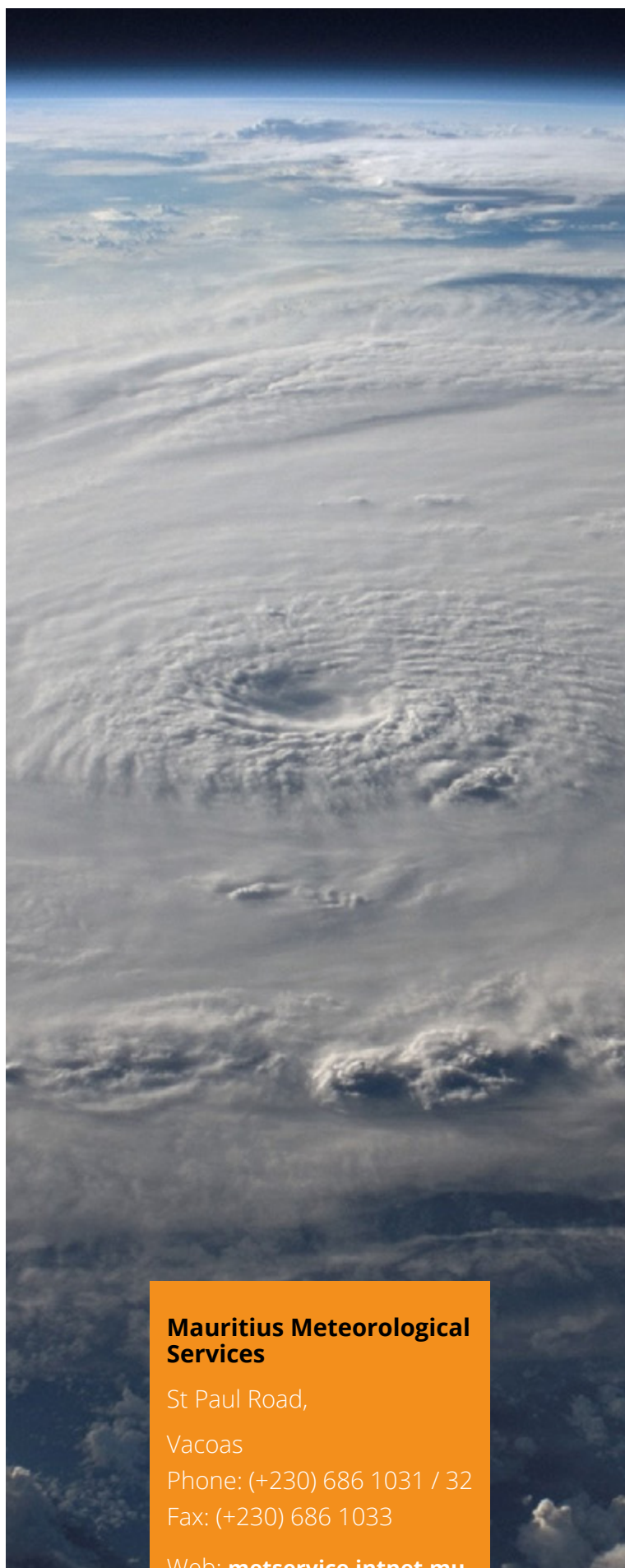
In the Indian Ocean, cyclones range from tropical storms to intense tropical cyclones. If there is a threat to safety, the government broadcasts specific levels of alert via the media.

Class 1: 36 to 48 hours before Mauritius or Rodrigues are affected by gusts up to 120 km / h. Life goes on normally, but the population must stay tuned for further information via radio, television or the internet.

Class 2: To allow (where possible) for 12 hours of daylight before the appearance of gusts of 120 km / h. The population can circulate, but schools close and boats are removed from the water and firmly secured. Larger boats be taken to the harbour of Port-Louis. The usual precautions must be taken (ensuring that batteries, candles, insulation, water bottles, etc are readily available).

Class 3: To allow (where possible), 6 hours of daylight before the appearance of gusts of 120 km/h. The population must stay indoors, offices and places of work close and employees are allowed to go home and insurance no longer covers vehicles on the roads.

Class 4: When gusts reach 120 km / h and there is no improvement in the situation. People must shelter at home and remain there.



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Health

COVID-19 in Mauritius: The first two COVID-19 cases were recorded in March 2020. Borders were immediately closed and the whole of Mauritius went into a strict lockdown. Seven months later, Mauritius had gotten rid of the virus. 400 people had been contaminated and 10 killed by the COVID-19 virus.

In October 2020, the country reopened its borders and in March 2021, new cases were recorded. The country went into lockdown once again and implemented a massive vaccination campaign. Borders reopened in October 2021 when 67% of the population had been fully vaccinated, the second highest vaccination rate in all of Africa. At the time, vaccines were only available to those above 18 years old. Vaccines available were Sinopharm, Janssen and Sputnik V. Pfizer doses were received soon after.

As at the 10th of December 2021, 22,393 people had been contaminated during the second wave in Mauritius and 660 died in just over 8 months.

Malaria: There is no malaria on the island. Only a few isolated cases have been identified in recent years, which were introduced following visits to countries at risk.

Chikungunya: The Chikungunya 2005/2006 outbreak was kept under control. Two species of mosquitoes, *aedes aegypti* and *aedes albopictus*, can transmit and spread the virus to humans. To prevent contamination, stagnant water must be avoided.

Pollution: Pollution is mainly due to exhaust gases. Waste management is not yet efficient enough to cope with the increasingly growing population related to tourism and the development of new residential areas in Mauritius.

Rabies: There is no animal rabies in Mauritius. Note, however, that many stray dogs and cats have not been vaccinated; thus a doctor must be consulted in the event of immediate contact with stray animals.

AIDS: It was estimated that there were 14,000 cases in Mauritius in 2021. However, the screening test is not mandatory (except in the case of blood donation),



so this is not a definite number. The needle exchange programme has been implemented in Mauritius by PILS (Prevention Information Fight Against AIDS) to reduce the risk of contamination by injection. No serologic test for HIV infection is required on arrival in the country. However, to obtain the Occupation Permit, a certificate of seronegativity needs to be produced, and the test must be done in Mauritius.

Drug addiction: The latest statistical report on addictions in Mauritius are alarming. The statistics show more and more addicts (hard drugs derived from opium, cocaine, drugs such as Subutex, soft drugs such as cannabis). Opioid medicines such as Subutex represent a significant danger to the public, as the police have reported trafficking and misuse of this drug.

All drugs are scrupulously prohibited in Mauritius, including soft drugs, which are not legalised. Moreover, in recent years, synthetic drugs are becoming more and more common among youngsters, and the Mauritian authorities are focusing on extinguishing this threat.



Public Holidays

Public Holidays in Mauritius are determined based on the multicultural and multi-religious composition of the island. In the spirit of fairness, the government has introduced public holidays according to the different origins and religions.

The Mauritian calendar displays 13 public holidays in the year, six of which are on fixed dates:

New Year: 1st and 2nd of January

Commemoration of the Abolition of Slavery: (en gras) 1st of February

Independence Day: 12th of March

Labour Day: 1st of May

Commemoration of the Arrival of Indentured Labourers: 2nd of November

Christmas: 25th of December



The seven other public holidays are linked to religious ceremonies, and their dates change each year according to the lunar calendar:

Thaipooosam Cavadee: The Tamil festival is celebrated around mid-January or beginning of February.

Maha Shivaratree: A Hindu festival celebrated around February or March.

Spring Festival: The Chinese New Year is usually celebrated in January or February.

Ougadi: The Telegu New Year is celebrated in March.

Eid-UI-Fitr: A Muslim celebration, indicating the end of the fasting month of Ramadan. It is usually celebrated in May or June.

Ganesh Chaturthi: A Hindu celebration between August and September.

Diwali or Deepavali: The Festival of Light is a Hindu festival, celebrated around October or November, which symbolises the triumph of good over evil.

All Saints Day: Catholic celebration on 1st of November (every two years, depending on whether Assumption Day on the 15th of August is a Public Holiday)

In addition, there are quite a few other significant religious holidays in Mauritius. For example, you will discover the celebrations of the Blessed Jacques- Désiré Laval (known as Père Laval) held on the 9th of September, Holi (the Festival of Colours) celebrated in March every year, the Festival of the Ganges, in November.



Mauritius as a member state at the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)

The Indian Ocean Commission was created in 1984 as an inter-governmental organisation of the islands of the south-east Indian Ocean and is composed of five state members, namely: Comoros, France (Reunion Island), Madagascar, Mauritius, and the Seychelles. Its primary goal is to defend the economic, social, geographic, and biological interests of its members.

IOC Interventions

- Political and diplomatic cooperation through an emphasis on regional stability, good governance, and strategy among the state members.
- Economic and commercial cooperation for the inclusions of insular economies to the regional and international economy.
- Sustainable regional development for the preservation of marine and terrestrial species.
- Protection of people and the improvement of the quality of life.
- Enhancing regional identity and proximity between the member states through cultural exchange and networking of professionals and associations.

The Commonwealth

Mauritius is part of the 52 member countries of The Commonwealth. The member countries are linked by their shared political, economic, and social interests while remaining autonomous.

Website: [The Commonwealth](#)

African Union (AU)

The African Union promotes the development of human rights and democracy throughout Africa.

Website: [AU](#)

Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)

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Website: [Indian Ocean Commission](#)

The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)

Mauritius is home to the Secretary-General of IORA, which brings together 20 countries from Africa, Asia, and Oceania. IORA's main objective is "to develop commercial, industrial, and economic cooperation as the means of promoting sustainable growth and development for its state and regional members. IORA promotes avenues for trade liberalisation and lowers tariff barriers to enhance flow of goods, services, investment, and technology within the Indian Ocean" to quote the Prefecture of the Reunion Region. Website: [IORA](#)

Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)

COMESA is an international organisation founded in 1997, merging 19 East African countries to create a customs union that reinforces free trade.

Website: [COMESA](#)

Southern African Development Community

This organisation's main aim is to promote the economic development of southern Africa.

Website: [SADC](#)



Travelling to Mauritius



Useful links

Visa requirements

https://passport.govmu.org/passport/?page_id=620

General conditions to come to Mauritius:

https://passport.govmu.org/passport/?page_id=587

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 will stamp their passports authorizing their entry into the country.

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 (\$ 100 per day);

Canadian nationals: for students and work permit holders, a visa is required. Anyone coming to Mauritius on business must present a letter of authorization from the host company.

Health Requirements

As of October 1, 2021, travellers must comply with the following to enter Mauritius:

- PCR test performed within 72 hours prior to departure (test must be negative);
- Be fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- If you are not vaccinated, book a quarantine stay in an official quarantine hotel. Meals and airport trans-

fers are included.

- PCR test on the day of arrival

An international certificate of vaccination against yellow fever is also required if you have visited an infected country before entering Mauritius. Following the outbreak of diseases such as Ebola a few years ago, health controls upon entry into the Mauritian territory have been reinforced.

Request for extension of stay

With the gradual lifting of restrictions for foreign travellers, non-citizens with visas, residence permits or occupation permits must once again comply with the conditions for extension of stay. As for visitors (tourists), they remain subject to the maximum legal duration of stay in Mauritius of 3 months, with the

possibility of extension of stay with the Passport and Immigration Office. The extension can in no case exceed 3 months. The maximum duration of stay (first 3 months + 3 months extension) is granted during a calendar year.



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Foreign Nationals

Foreign nationals from other countries (i.e. not from Europe or Canada) should contact the Mauritian Diplomatic Representation closest to their place of residence for information and the list of documents required for entry in Mauritius. Air Mauritius, the national airline company of Mauritius, is also able to provide useful information.

Steps to be taken once settled Consular Registration

Once the residence permit is granted, it is highly recommended to register with your country's embassy or consulate in Mauritius. Please note that British and South African nationals are not obliged to proceed with such registration as the British High Commission and South High Commission work in direct collaboration with the Economic Development Board (EDB). Thus, British and South African nationals have to communicate any changes to their status to the EDB, who will then notify the respective Commission.



Useful links & addresses

Passport and Immigration Office

Passport & Immigration Office
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Register to vote

The consulates of some countries allow foreign nationals to register as voters. Foreign nationals are, as such, able to exercise their fundamental right to vote. The voting exercise is carried out at the embassy of the country of origin.

The registration process varies depending on the policies of each country of origin, and expats are therefore advised to contact the embassy of their country of origin for guidance.

Security of Foreign Nationals

To ensure the safety of foreign nationals, the embassies of various states in Mauritius have implemented security policies regarding their evacuation in times of crisis.

For instance, the British High Commission requires British Nationals to register themselves in case of a crisis. The Commission has also implemented an automatic notification system, which notifies British nationals in case of a crisis, via an email and text message. Registration can be done at the following link: gov.uk/world



Visas and Residence Permits in Mauritius



Visas and Residence Permits in Mauritius

Short stays

The stay of 6 months within a period of 12 months. The following are exempted from the visa requirement:

- Mauritian citizens
- persons residing in Mauritius under the Immigration Act
- spouse of a Mauritian citizen
- child legally adopted by Mauritian citizens and spouse of a Mauritian citizen
- 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 countries belonging to the European Union
- **crew** of a ship travelling on duty or in transit to another ship
- **holders** of passes issued by the United Nations passports issued by the African Reinsurance Corporation and the African Development Bank Group in respect of their directors, officers or employees travelling to Mauritius on official business
- persons intending to remain in Mauritius only during the stay of a ship by which they arrive and depart.

The visa

Existing visas in Mauritius:

Tourist Visa - maximum period of 6 months can be granted in a calendar year on a case by case basis, subject to immigration requirements.

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

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

Multiple Entry Visa - granted only to foreign businessmen with business interests in Mauritius who require a visa before 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.

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



Long stays in Mauritius: visa or residence permit?

For stays longer than six months, you will need to apply for a visa or residence permit, depending on the type of stay.

Student visas

Once a foreign student has returned all the required documents and payments to their host university in Mauritius, the institution will submit all necessary documentation to the Passport and Immigration Office (PIO) located in Port-Louis. The PIO will process and issue the student visa via email.

Trainee visa

If it is a practical placement within the framework of higher study, the student can go in person to the passport office mentioned above to submit their application.

Residence permit

In cases where the stay does not have an end date, the traveller is obliged to apply for a residence permit:

- If they wish to live indefinitely or for a set period of time annually in Mauritius
- If they wish to create a company and work in the country.



Types of Residence Permits

The Retiree Residence Permit

Initially issued for three years, this permit is renewable for three additional years and for 10 years if it is an application for permanent residence.

It allows the expatriate to live in Mauritius if they meet the following conditions:

- They are not of Mauritian nationality.
- They are over 50 years old.
- They do not work.
- They are not a majority shareholder or director of a Mauritian company.
- They make a first transfer of at least US \$ 1,500 or its foreign equivalent freely convertible into a local bank account in Mauritius, then transfer at least US \$ 1,500 per month for a total of at least

US \$ 54,000 or its equivalent in foreign currency freely convertible during the 3 years' validity of the residence permit.

- Submit at the end of each year evidence of the transfer of funds to a local bank account at the Economic Development Board (EDB), and provide the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) with information on any other residences in other jurisdictions, including tax residences.



Employment permits

These allow expatriates to live and work in Mauritius, and are issued for the first time for 3 years, being renewable for 3 additional years and for 10 years if it is a request of permanent residence. There are 3 types:

- Investor (ie. if the holder is an investor)
- Professional, if the holder is an employee of a Mauritian company or branch of an international company based in Mauritius
- Self-employed, if the holder is an independent contractor.

Permits for permanent residence in Mauritius

After 3 years of residence in Mauritius under a retired residence permit or an employment permit, expatriates can apply for permanent residence. This takes the form of a valid license for 3 and then 10 years, provided that the applicant meets the relevant legal requirements.

For applicants under retired status:

- To have made a first transfer of at least \$1,500 to his local bank account in Mauritius, then at least \$1,500 per month for a total of at least \$54,000 during the 3 years of validity of the residence permit.
- They must have submitted proof of the transfer of funds to their local bank account at the end of each year to the Economic Development Board (EDB), and provided the Mauritian tax authorities with information on other residences they may have in other jurisdictions, including tax residences.



For applicants under salaried status:

- To have received a basic monthly salary of at least Rs 150,000 for three consecutive years immediately preceding the request.

For independent professionals:

- In line with the Business Registration Act 2002, foreign self-employed persons have their own professional activity in the service sector and are registered with the

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Spouses and children under 24 years, including children of another marriage or those who have been legally adopted, can also apply for a residence permit for a duration not exceeding that of the holder of an Occupation or Resident Permit.

For applicants with commercial investor status:

- A foreign national who has invested at least \$ 500,000 in a qualifying activity is also eligible for a 10-year residence permit. The sectors concerned are: the food industry, audiovisual, cinema and communications, banking, construction, education, eco-friendly and ecological energy products, financial services, fishing and marine resources, free port, in-

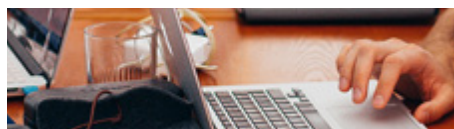


Corporate and Business Registration Department.

- Require an annual income of at least Rs 3 million for 3 consecutive years preceding the application for permanent residence.

For applicants with professional investor status:

- Total turnover must exceed Rs 45 million for the three-year period preceding the application.



Useful Links Economic Development Board (EDB)

EDB - application form for permanent residence permit www.edbmauritius.org/sites/default/files/2020-09/application_prp.pdf
Mauritius Revenue Authority www.mra.mu

formation technology, infrastructure, insurance, recreation, manufacturing, marina development, tourism and warehousing, initial public offerings.

For applicants under real estate investor status:

- A foreign national who has invested at least \$500 000 in real estate in Mauritius under the old programs «RES or IRS» or the new program «PDS», can apply for permanent residence and enjoy this as long as they remain the owner of the property in question.





The Premium Visa

The Premium Visa is intended for foreigners who wish to stay in Mauritius for at least one year, alone or with their family. It is ideal for foreign professionals, investors as well as retirees. While it allows you to live in Mauritius, you are not allowed to enter the local labour market. So you have to be a remote worker and earn income from foreign sources.

The Premium Visa is valid for one year and is renewable. To obtain this visa, you must prove that you intend to stay for more than 180 days in a year.

How do you qualify for the Premium Visa?

Depending on your nationality, you can find out whether you are eligible for the Premium Visa. There's a **complete list on the Economic Development Board (EDB) website**.

Also, as stated above, you must prove that you don't intend to work in Mauritius and that you earn income from foreign sources. In other words, your employer, or your professional activity if you are self-employed, must be based outside the country. You must also prove that you intend to stay long term, that you have health insurance and that you have booked accommodation. Keep in mind that you will have to comply with local immigration regulations at all times.

How to apply for a Premium Visa?

The procedure is simple and can be done on the EDB website for free. Premium Visa applications will be accepted from November 16, 2020.

To apply, you have to produce the following:

- a valid passport
- a copy of your return plane tickets
- a passport-sized ID photo
- travel and health insurance covering your entire stay
- proof of sufficient funds to support yourself and your family during your stay, such as a bank statement
- a valid email address
- quarantine and post-quarantine accommodation booking.



Investing or looking to relocate?



When investing across borders, you need more than just solid structuring advice. You need a trusted partner that can accompany you throughout the lifetime of your venture.

At Nexus, we've been helping our clients navigate the complexity of cross-border business for several years.

Come to us if you want to use the Mauritius platform to do business in Africa or if you just want to relocate in the country.

Investing in Mauritius



Due to Mauritius' consistent financial growth over the past few years, the country attracts investors, entrepreneurs, foreign professionals with specific skill sets, as well as retired foreign nationals.

Aims

- Establishing a competitive and attractive business climate
- Opening the Mauritian market to investors and foreign expertise
- Granting quality investments
- Offering a straightforward and attractive tax platform
- Diversifying investment opportunities

Economic sectors to consider

Data on the main sectors of activity on the island are available on the as well as on the Economic Development Board (EDB) website.

Emerging sectors:

- Agro-food industry
- Creative industry
- Maritime economy
- Education
- Renewable energy
- Financial Services
- Logistics
- Health
- ICT
- Real Estate & Hospitality
- Life Sciences
- Manufacturing - Traditional Industries

- Sports sector.

Leading sectors:

- Tourism and real estate
- New technologies
- Business parks, tourism and health, ecotourism
- Medical and paramedical
- Biotechnologies, medical equipment and consumables, parapharmacy
- International business services (telecommunications, information, computer technology)
- Human resources, logistics
- Marina
- Agribusiness.

Freezone

Established in 1992, the Mauritius Freeport is a duty-free logistics, distribution, and marketing hub for the region. The Mauritius Freeport offers an exemption on custom duties, as well as key advantages regarding storage, processing, and packaging, to international firms that import goods into the Freeport Zone for export purposes.

Useful link

The Mauritius Freeport
www.efreeport.com



Economic Development Board

The Economic Development Board (EDB) is the national investment promotion agency of the Government of Mauritius with a mandate to promote and facilitate investment within the country. In line with supporting the development of Mauritius as an International Business Centre, the EDB has in-depth knowledge of the different economic sectors in Mauritius and ensures a personalised service to foreign

investors to better guide and assist them in the finalisation of their investment projects:

- Advise on the various opportunities for investment
- Provide information on the driving sectors of the economy
- Set up meetings, upon client request
- Identify local partners for potential investors.

Useful Contacts

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How to become an investor?

Investment abroad is an adventure in itself. If you plan to move to Mauritius to invest, note that the government has implemented various procedures to help. We will walk you through everything you need to know about investing in Mauritius.

Definition of “Investor” in Mauritius

Under the Immigration Act of Mauritius, an investor is a person who does not hold Mauritian nationality, an association or group of persons, whether incorporated or not, the control or management of which has been entrusted to persons who do not hold Mauritian nationality and who are registered as such with the Economic Development Board.



Types of Investors

The 'Normal' investor: He/she makes an initial transfer of \$ 50,000 or 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 \$ 50,000 or equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency, in the case of existing and inherited businesses, and a cumulative turnover of at least Rs 12 million in the 3 years preceding the application.

High Tech Machinery and Equipment Investor: Makes an initial investment of \$ 50,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency, including: a minimum transfer of at least \$ 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 tech machinery and equipment, subject to the criteria determined by the CEO.

Innovative start-up investor: Has two options: make no minimum investment and submit an innovative project to the Economic Development Board or register with an incubator accredited with the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council.

The Self-employed: They must operate a professional activity alone and work exclusively on their own account. They must make an initial transfer of \$ 35 000 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency to a bank account in Mauritius, at the time of the issuance of his Occupation Permit. For the renewal of their permit, his commercial activity must generate an income of Rs 800,000 per year from the third year of operation. Business activities must generate a cumulative income of at least Rs 2,400,000 in the 3 years preceding the application for a license of occupancy and with a business income of at least Rs 600,000 per year.

The Professional: They must be employed in Mauritius under an employment contract and registered as such with the EDB, earn a basic monthly salary of at least Rs 60,000, and at least Rs 30,000 if they work in the sector of information and communication technology (ICT), business process outsourcing (BPO), pharmaceutical manufacturing and food processing, fund accounting and compliance services. They may invest in any business provided they are not employed by the business, are not the manager of the business, and does not receive any salary or benefit. If they hold an Occupation Permit, they can hold shares in the company that employs them provided that they are not a majority shareholder.

Real estate investor: Expats can invest in real estate in Mauritius through several forms of programs, the VEFA - Sale in the future state of completion -, the Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS), the Real Estate Scheme (RES), the Property Development Scheme (PDS), the Ground+2 (G+2) and the Smart City Scheme (SCS). Depending on the program chosen, any investment of \$ 375,000 minimum entitles the investor to either a 10-year renewable residence permit or a permanent residence permit in Mauritius. The Smart City Scheme makes foreign investors holding a Mauritian residence permit for at least two years become eligible for Mauritian citizenship if they invest a minimum of \$ 5 million.



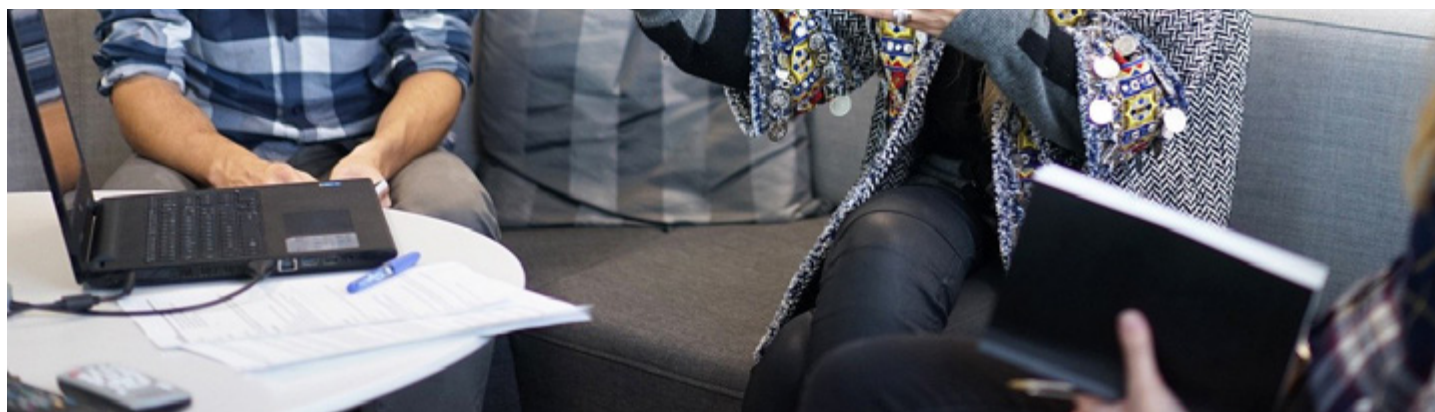
Starting a business in Mauritius: types of companies

Your first step will be to choose the type of company you want to create in Mauritius. According to the Companies Act 2001, a business may be:

- **Unlimited company:** Not limited to the liability of its shareholders.
- **Limited Life company:** The normal life of this type of business is 50 years.
- **Small Private Company:** annual turnover is less than fifty million rupees.
- **Foreign Company:** Must fully meet the requirements of the Companies Act 2001. It may require the appointment of a local authorised agent in Mauritius and a registered office.
- **Protected Cell Company (PCC):** Allows you to conduct only such activities as fundraising, insurance generation, structured finance and asset holding. This type of company has no capital requirement.
- **Trust:** Developed under the Companies Act 2001, this specialises in charities, discretionary purposes, asset protection trusts, and more. It does not require any formal registration and enjoys total confidentiality. In addition, the flexibility offered by the Trusts Act determines the applicable governance law.
- **Limited Partnership Company:** Associate liability is unlimited and the partnership is common to professional services firms.



- **Sole Proprietorship Company:** More flexible and widely used in Mauritius, this is governed by the Commercial Code and requires application for a company registration number (BRN). If the individual entrepreneur wishes to give his company a specific name, he must register it with the Registrar of Companies.
- **Authorised Companies:** Replacing Global Business Licenses (GBC2), its commercial activities and executive positions are located outside of Mauritius. This implies that the majority of the company's shares (other than banks), its voting rights or its legal or beneficial interests are shared or controlled by a non-citizen.





The second step is to register and incorporate the business:

Once you have chosen the name of your business (optional, but paid), prepare the documents required to **register** and **incorporate** the business. This last step can be done online, on the website of the **CBRD (Corporate and Business Registration Department)**.

The third step is to make **payments**, in person, online or by bank transfer.

The fourth step is to open a bank account with a local bank once the business is registered. It is important to know which documents to collect together by contacting your chosen bank.

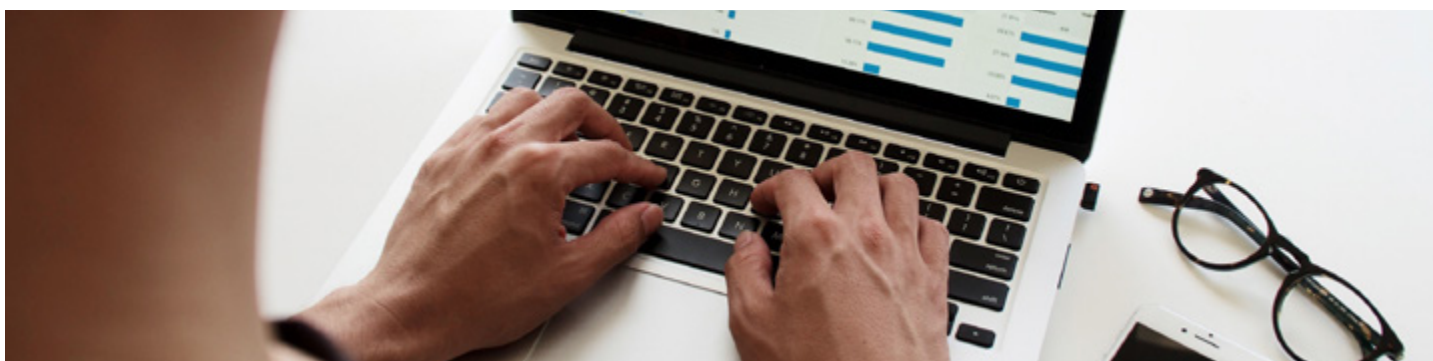
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Companies are automatically registered as employers with the Mauritius Revenue Authority when setting up the company.

The law imposes no stamp on transactions with third parties, except for global trading companies, as required by other countries.

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

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



The Occupation Permit

Government policy aims to privilege quality investments and ensure the viability of investment projects of foreign nationals.

There are three categories under which one can obtain an Occupation Permit: investors, paid professionals, and self-employed individuals.

Foreign investors who are candidates for the Occupation Permit must:

- Be 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 two consecutive years
- Justify an initial investment of \$ 100,000 (or the equivalent in

any other currency). Foreign investors who have been operating in Mauritius for at least three years before applying for the Occupation Permit, must have a cumulative figure of at least Rs 12 million for the past three years. This condition also applies to foreign investors who inherit a company, in the event of the death, or incapacity of the previous investor where that company has a turnover of at least Rs 12 million during the past three years.

In addition to the classic Investor's Permit, two other categories are available:

• **Innovator Occupation Permit:** If you invest in R&D or a sector recognised as innovative, it is necessary to invest a mini-

mum of 20% of its budget in R&D each year. The initial demand is \$ 40,000.

• **Investor – Machinery & Equipment Permit:** If there is an import of machinery or equipment considered as high tech, 75% of the initial \$ 100,000 investment may be allocated to it. The contribution, in cash, would consequently be equivalent to \$ 25,000. The application of a permit can be made online without having to register the company or transfer funds beforehand. Per the conditions applied, an Agreement in Principle will be issued. Candidates will then be able to come to Mauritius to finalise the procedures required to obtain the Occupation Permit.



Useful link

EDB
Property Development Scheme
www.edbmauritius.org/schemes

EDB - Occupation permit
www.edbmauritius.org/info-centre/occupation-permit-0



International professionals who are applying for the Occupation Permit must:

- Earn a basic monthly salary of more than Rs 60,000. It is useful to take note that this minimum monthly basic salary for a professional in the ICT sector is of Rs 30,000.
- Be accompanied by their Director of Human Resources or by a representative on the day of filling of the application.

Self-employed foreigners who are applying for the Occupation Permit must:

- Justify an annual revenue exceeding Rs 600,000 from their business activity in the first two years, and Rs 1,200,000 from the third year
- Justify an initial investment of \$ 35,000 (or equivalent in any other currency)
- Submit the application pack in person.





Real Estate investors

Mauritius is now a leading destination for real estate investment, in response to foreign investors, the government created a series of programs: VEFA, IRS, RES, PDS, SCS, Ground +2.

Residence Permit

It should be noted that to obtain the residence permit through the acquisition of a real estate residence, a minimum of more than \$ 375,000 must be paid. The purchaser and their 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.

VEFA - Vente en l'état futur d'achèvement

The VEFA (Vente en l'état futur d'achèvement meaning 'Sale in the future state of completion') or off-plan purchase is described by article 1601-3 of the Civil Code as «the contract by which the seller immediately transfers to the purchaser his rights on the land as well as the ownership of the existing constructions. The future works become the property of the purchaser as they are executed; the purchaser is required to pay the price as the work progresses. The seller retains the powers of the master of the work until the work is accepted. The payment schedule is as follows: 25% of the purchase price upon signing the sales contract, 10% upon completion of the foundation work, 35% upon completion of the roof, 25% upon completion of the work, 5% upon delivery.

The Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS)

Introduced in 2001 by the Mauritian government and regulated by the Economic Board of Development Mauritius (EDB) (formerly the Board of Investment, BOI), the IRS allows non-resident buyers to invest in luxury properties located in gated communities with amenities. The minimum sale price of an IRS property is \$ 375,000. The purchaser and their family members (spouse and children under 24 years of age) become eligible for a Mauritian residency permit, which is valid for the duration of the property.

The Real Estate Scheme (RES)

Introduced in 2007, this scheme, which also allows non-resident buyers to invest in luxury properties, has no minimum selling price. With a minimum investment of \$375,000, the buyer is granted residency.

The Property Development Scheme (PDS)

Launched in 2015, this program is oriented around flexibility, localized social and economic contribution, and respect for the environment. There is no minimum sale price and by investing at least \$ 375,000, the buyer benefits from the residence permit.



The Smart City Scheme (SCS)

The Smart City Scheme promotes Mauritius as a hub for international business and a sustainable destination. By investing a minimum of \$ 375,000 for a residential property, purchasers are eligible for the residence permit while foreign investors holding a Mauritian residence permit for at least two years can apply for Mauritian citizenship, provided they invest \$ 5 million.

Ground+2 (G+2)

This regulation allows non-residents to purchase an apartment in a complex comprising a minimum of 6 apartments in a building or several buildings of more than two floors (ground floor plus two floors at least) and built on a freehold plot of land and located outside the above-mentioned residential schemes. The minimum selling price is Rs 6 million (€ 125,000 or \$ 140,000). By investing a minimum of \$ 375,000 for a residential property, buyers are eligible for a residence permit.

The new Invest-Hotel Scheme (IHS)

The EDB defines the new IHS program as follows:

The Invest-Hotel Scheme (IHS) allows hotel developers to finance the development of a hotel project through which they will sell villas, suites or units that are part of the hotel to individual buyers.

The Invest-Hotel Scheme provides that:

- The units, villas or suites to be sold must be located within a hotel developed on freehold or leasehold land of more than one hectare;
- The purchaser of a unit enters into a lease agreement whereby the property is leased to the seller;
- That the unit leased to the seller may be used and occupied by the owner of the unit or any person on the owner's behalf for a total of no more than 45 days in a 12-month period.

The following persons are eligible to purchase a property from an IHS company:

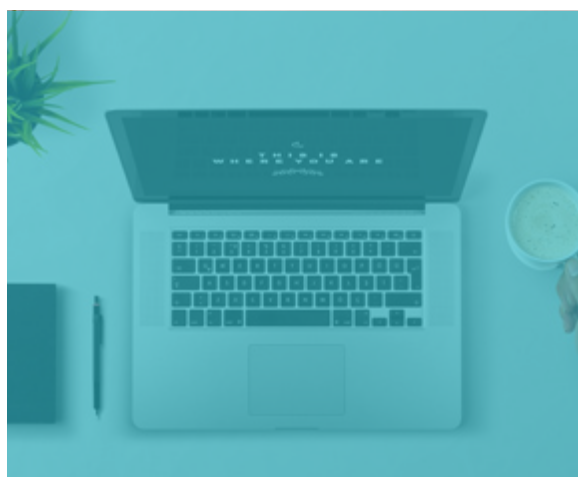
- Non-Mauritian citizens,
- Mauritian citizens,
- Companies incorporated under the Companies Act 2001;
- Companies, whose Memorandum of Association has been filed with the Registrar of Companies
- Trusts, where the trusteeship services are provided by a qualified trustee approved by the Financial Services Commission

Please note: a GBL company as defined in the Financial Services Act 2007 with a business license is not allowed to acquire real estate under the IHS program.

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Owners of a property in IRS/RES/PDS can rent out their property, become tax residents in Mauritius and be subject to no restrictions on the repatriation of funds or income from the sale or rental of the property.

Non-citizens holding a residence permit under the IRS/RES/PDS will be exempt from the Occupation Permit or Work Permit to invest and work in Mauritius.



The PDS

When purchasing a villa under the PDS scheme, you will be eligible for a resident permit if you have invested \$ 375,000 or more or the equivalent in another freely convertible currency. These are the IRS and RES real estate programs that are being replaced by the Property Development Scheme, 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 a setting where the environment is respected and where the ecological aspect is paramount.

To date, foreigners can invest in Mauritius in:

- A real estate project developed under the IRS, RES and PDS programs
- A real estate project developed in a Smart City
- An apartment located in a building with at least two floors (R+2)

The following are eligible to purchase a residential property in the above mentioned programs:

- An individual, 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 Registrar of Companies,
- 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
- Expatriate holder of the Occupation permit or Resident Permit in Mauritius.

The specificities of the Property Development Scheme PDS

The PDS has a social dimension for the benefit of the Mauritian community by allowing foreign nationals, as well as Mauritian citizens and members of the Mauritian diaspora to acquire different types of residential properties.

The Property Development Scheme includes:

- the development of luxury residential units on a land area of at least 1 acre
- development of at least 6 high quality residential properties
- quality public spaces to promote social interaction and a sense of community
- quality recreational and commercial facilities to enhance the environment surrounding these residential units
- management services for residents, including maintenance, caretaking, gardening, waste disposal
- social contribution in terms of amenities, and through community development and other facilities. A project meets the PDS standards when it has a minimum of 6 high-end residential properties. The size of a plot of land for the construction of a villa is 5,275 m².

A project meets the standards of the PDS law when it has a minimum of 6 high-standard residential properties on a minimum lot size of 1 Arpent (4,221 m²). As for the size of a lot for the construction of a villa, it is a maximum of 5,275 m².





Type of property in a PDS program:

- Luxury villa with services and amenities,
- Luxury apartment with services and amenities,
- Penthouse with services and amenities,
- Other similar properties used or suitable for use as serviced residences or amenities

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 \$ 375,000 or the equivalent in another freely convertible currency. This residence 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 valid for your immediate family members (spouse and children up to the age of 24).

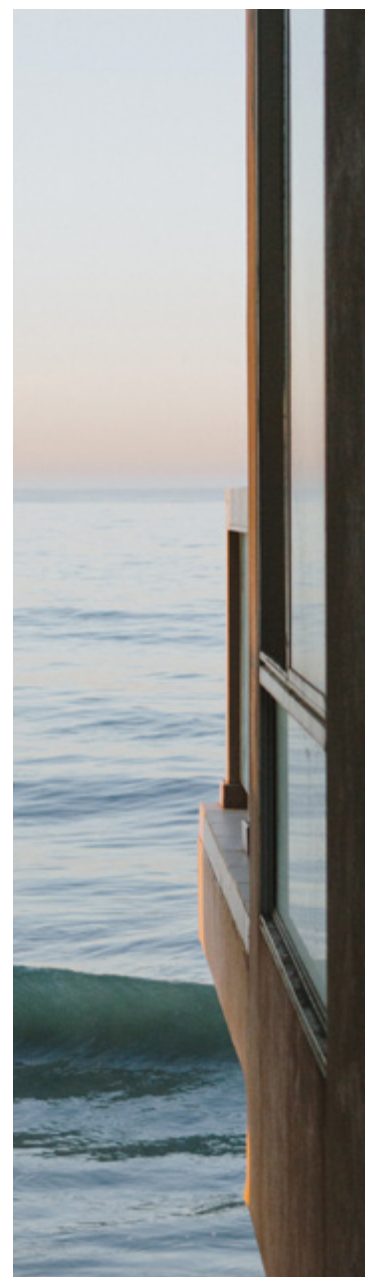
Registration fees under the PDS are harmonized at a single rate of 5%. The conversion tax is not applicable on 9-hole golf courses. You have the option of renting your property through a reputable real estate agency, which will find tenants and manage your property in your absence for the whole year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

Whether you are an individual or a company, with the PDS you benefit from the flat and advantageous 15% tax rate for companies 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.

In the case of a company wishing to acquire 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 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 managing director) to occupy the residential property and stay in the country as a resident





Formalities involved in buying a property under the PDS —

The application to purchase a property under the PDS must be submitted to the EDB by a company specialized 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.

You are required to produce:

- 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 residence, you will

also need to provide the following documents:

- a completed application form for a resident permit
- an extract from your criminal record that is less than 6 months old
- a certified/notarized copy of your birth certificate
- a medical certificate stating that you do not suffer from any contagious disease and that is less than 6 months old
- 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.

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- The property must be used only for the purposes stated in the application.
- Payment schedule for a real estate purchase within the framework of 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 'vente en l'état futur d'achèvement' (VEFA)

or a 'vente à terme' (forward sale), as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of articles 1601-1 to 1601-45 of the Mauritian Civil Code.

Thereafter, payments shall be made as follows:

- 25% at the signing of the deed of sale;
- 10% upon completion of the foundation works;
- 35% upon completion of the roof;
- 25% at the end of the work;
- 5% remaining at the handing over of the keys.



Commercial real estate investments

Foreign nationals who are not registered with the EDB can purchase an apartment or commercial space in a building to develop projects such as a shopping centre, office building or warehouse, or under the PDS or Smart City Scheme.

The documents required for the purchase of commercial property are as follows:

- An application form duly completed and signed by the company's director
- The certificate of incorporation of the company and the shareholders' register
- A business plan containing details of the shareholders, the project, the execution time, and the financing of the project
- The site plan issued by a sworn land surveyor indicating the precise location and surface area of the property

- An evaluation report of the building issued by a surveyor or appraiser
- A Sale Agreement created in the presence of a public notary in Mauritius between the seller and the buyer
- Evidence that funds emanate 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 work is planned
- A power of attorney in the case of an application by a third party
- A letter of intent issued by the Tourism Authority for tourism activities such as the development of a hotel or restaurant, the operation of recreational boats, or tour operators, amongst others.

Setting Up A Business



The Companies Act 2001 refers to four different types of companies:

- **Private Company:** a private company cannot be offered to the public. The number of shareholders should not exceed 25.
- **One person Company:** this is a mandatory private company with a sole shareholder, who is an individual, and is also the sole director of that company.
- **Public Company:** a public company is one which is listed on the stock exchange markets. The number of shareholders is usually unlimited.

- **Global Business Company:** companies involved in the offshore sector.

Useful link

EDB – [Property Development Scheme Guide
residency.mu/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/
guidelines-for-irs-res-pds-jul-20.pdf](https://residency.mu/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/guidelines-for-irs-res-pds-jul-20.pdf)



Different legal status

While setting up a company, foreign investors can opt for the following types of companies:

- **Limited by shares:** A company limited by shares is formed on the principle of having the liability of its shareholders limited to any unpaid amount on the shares respectively held by the shareholder

- **Limited by guarantee:** A company limited by guarantee is a company formed on the principle of having the liability of its shareholders limited by its constitution to such amount as the shareholders may respectively undertake to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of winding up

- **Limited liability for actions and guarantees**



Procedures

For the registration of the company, you have to visit the Registrar of Companies (ROC), either in person or online, and determine whether your proposed company name is unique or not. The cost is approximately Rs 3,200 plus Rs 100 for the reservation of the company name.

For registration purposes, you are required to fill out a form with all the details of the proposed company. A Business Registration Card with the company's number and the Certificate of Incorporation shall be delivered upon processing and approval of the application form and relevant documents. At this time, the ROC will inform the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), the local authorities (the Municipal or District Council), and the Ministry of Social Security of the incorporation of the company. The company is then registered with the MRA and the Ministry of Social Security.

Once the registration of the company is completed, the ROC also informs other competent authorities (the police, fire services department, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Environment) of the company's incorporation, as well as of the start date of the business' activities.

You are required to go the nearest Municipal Council with the Certificate of Incorporation of the company and a letter requesting the production of a company seal. Also, you are required to pay your licence fees to the local authorities. The fees, which are published by the local authority (Municipal Council), must be paid within the first 15 days following the start of the business' activities and must be paid in two equal instalments during each financial year. The first deposit should be paid before the 31st of January and the second by the 31st of July. The local authority reserves the right to import a penalty of 50% of the whole amount which has not been paid within the prescribed period.





The following documents shall accompany the first instalment for the license fee (as from Rs 2,500):

- Two copies of the Trade Licence
- The identity card of the applicant
- The Certificate of Incorporation
- The site plan for which the Building and Land Use Permit was granted
- Proof of ownership of the premises, consent of the lessor, or any contract about the premises
- The premises' owner identity card

You will then have to register the company with the Ministry of Social Security and fill in the relevant documents upon submission of the following:

- Registration Number of the employer
- Business Registration Card
- List of the directors of the company

The information must be downloaded from the Central Business Registration Database situated at the Registrar of Companies.

Useful links

Registrar of Companies – Corporate and Business Registration Department **companies.govmu.org/Pages/default.aspx**

Declaration of Trades **www.mccpl.mu**

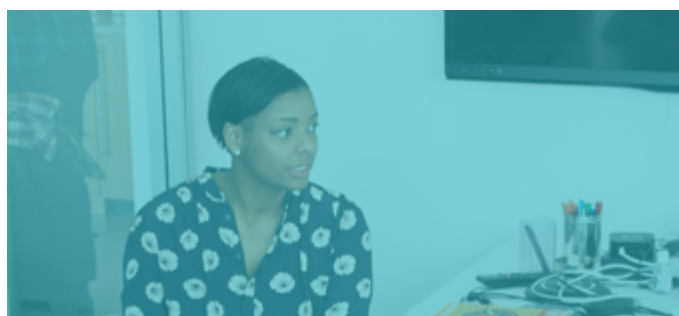
Economic Development Board
www.edbmauritius.org

Global Business company (GBL1 & GBL2)
www.ocra-mauritius.com



Investing in Real Estate in Mauritius: Smart Cities

The Smart City programme has goals of economic development and providing a positive work environment and a stimulating life for investors, to which it offers a wide range of opportunities - not least a set of fiscal and non-tax incentives



When a company invests in the development or components of a Smart City, it is exempt from:

- Income tax for a period of 8 years
- VAT on capital goods
- Customs duties on the importation or purchase of dutiable goods
- Land transfer registration fees
- Tax and Land conversion tax on the affected area for the development of non-residential components
- Tax subdivision

When investing in a property located in a Smart City worth more than \$ 375,000:

- An expatriate becomes eligible for a residence permit for them and their immediate family (spouse and children)
- They are exempt from restrictions on rentals or resales

Need help investing in Mauritius ?

The EDB (Economic Development Board) is the first organisation to contact for an investment project in Mauritius. As the supreme body operating under the auspices of the Prime Minister's Office, its main objective is to ensure greater coherence and effectiveness in the implementation of policies, and to define the direction of economic development in order to achieve the status of a high-income economy, through sustainable and inclusive growth, while ensuring economic in-

dependence. For this, a trade facilitation programme has been established.

For personalised assistance, here are the companies listed in the Expat.com professionals directory:

- **Services for professionals**
- **Financial**
- **Legal services**



Vincent Pollet, founder of ICT.IO



Why have you chosen Mauritius?

To be honest, I chose Mauritius by fluke. I initially came to the island for an internship. I was a salesperson and I climbed the ladder within the company. However, I quickly realised that I did not want to be employed anymore, I wanted to own my own company. I had a good network of entrepreneurs and they were willing to help me set up my company.

Do you think the Mauritian business environment is conducive to entrepreneurship?

There are so many things one can do. However, the market is fairly small and expats need to learn to adapt their ideas to the market size. Copy-pasting from what has worked in bigger market sizes or other countries might not work in Mauritius.

Any advice for entrepreneurs who have their eye on Mauritius?

Go for it! There is so much to do here, and the quality of life is above anything you could find in Europe or elsewhere. Of course, one has to properly think through an expatriation.

Working in Mauritius



In line with its ongoing development and the will of the government to move towards emerging economic sectors, Mauritius is opening its doors to foreign talents. It is, however, advised to begin seeking a job well in advance.

What are the most dynamic sectors?

Once driven by sugar cane, today Mauritius' economy is based on manufacturing, real estate and construction, logistics, financial services, ICT and tourism. The dynamic environment has encouraged local and foreign investors.

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

What are the most dynamic sectors?

- ICT
- Agro-food industry
- Creative industry
- Education
- Financial services
- Free port and logistics
- Health
- Life Sciences
- Manufacturing Industry
- Marine Economy
- Real Estate & Hospitality
- Renewable Energy
- Sports economy

Other sectors to explore:

- Education
- Medical biology
- Sustainable energy
- Agri-food industry
- Sea products
- Ocean industry

As for the most sought-after professions:

- Cybersecurity
- Software development
- Writing / content creation
- Web design
- Communication
- Marketing / Sales Closing
- Digital Marketing.



Major Companies in Mauritius

Without taking into account the public sector, inaccessible to non-Mauritians, companies such as Ireland Blyth Limited (conglomerate), the Ciel Group (conglomerate), the Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd, the State Insurance Company of Mauritius (SICOM) and Shell Mauritius Ltd, but also Mauritian Eagle Insurance Co. Ltd, Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd, Mauritius Union Assurance Co. Ltd, PricewaterhouseCoopers Mauritius, Shell Mauritius Limited, Stock Exchange of Mauritius, Swan / Anglo Insurance Mauritius, Mauritius Telecom, Emtel, Quality Beverages, Essar Energy, Phoenix Beverages, the Harel Mallac Group have a presence in Mauritius.

Finding a job in Mauritius

Personal references work well in Mauritius, and it is easier to find a job while already in Mauritius rather than from abroad. However, to ensure the acquisition of a work permit, it is better to sign a contract before you arrive in Mauritius.

Job searches can be done on a variety of websites, most of which allow users to upload their CV, giving them the opportunity to explore the Mauritian job market.



The job market

The leading sector in Mauritius in terms of employment in recent years is the new technologies, information and communication. It is advisable, as an employee, to avoid the restoration and retail sectors. Also, sectors such as the car rental services and water sports are not accessible to non-Mauritian citizens.

Remember that, in Mauritius, the English language is used as much as the French language within companies. Although several English companies have established themselves on the island, many still require candidates to have a certain level of French. Keep in mind that you must meet certain remuneration criteria to be eligible to work in Mauritius. Additionally, according to the Mauritian law, the employer must be able to justify the recruitment of a non-Mauritian citizen employee, especially if the competence of the latter is readily available locally. Your work experiences and background should therefore be skills that are highly-valued and hard to find in Mauritius.



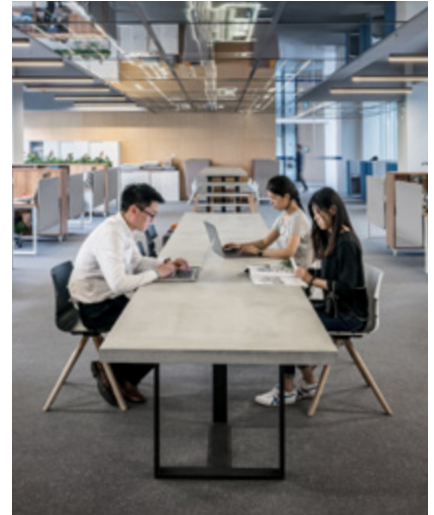
Wages in Mauritius

According to the World Bank, per capita income in Mauritius went from \$ 12,740 in 2019 to \$ 10 230 in 2020, a 20.6% drop.

The average wage in Mauritius increased from Rs 33,544 per month in 2020 to Rs 33,776 per month in 2021.

However, to get an Occupation Permit, an expatriate employee must earn a monthly base salary of at least Rs 60,000. For those working in the ICT sector, business process outsourcing (BPO), pharmaceutical manufacturing, food processing and fund accounting and compliance services, the monthly basic salary must be at least Rs 30,000.

It is difficult to indicate an average salary for expatriates, as everything depends on negotiations between the candidate and the potential employer. Nevertheless, factors such as rent, travel, tuition, commuting, food, etc. should be considered before proposing or accepting a salary.



Working hours and holidays

In Mauritius, the working day is usually 8 hours, excluding a 1 hour break. With regards to the overtime policy, this must be clearly detailed by the employer in your contract.

Holidays are paid double, but it is advisable to inquire as to the specific calendar followed by the employer. After 12 months working for the same employer, you will be eligible for 20 days of annual leave and 15 days of sick leave. Have a look at the Ministry of Labor website for more information.



Sick leave

The different types of leave

Annual Leaves: in case of disagreement between the employee and the employer, the 50/50 formula allows the employer to impose the dates of use of half of the employee's Annual Leaves.

Sick Leaves: Under the Workers' Rights Act of 2019, employees now receive the same amount of annual sick leave and annual leaves (formerly local leaves) across all industries: 20 annual Leaves and 2 Special Leaves, and 15 Sick Leaves. When an employee has

unused sick days at the end of the year, these remaining days are cumulative to a maximum of 90 days and are non-refundable. They can be used in the event of a long convalescence or hospitalization.

Vacation Leaves: These are 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 their vacation days for a stay abroad. The counter resets to zero as soon as they are used for 5 new years.

Internships in Mauritius

Finding an internship or doing in Mauritius can require patience and perseverance. Nevertheless, today there are many specialised companies that can help place students with local businesses. This has enjoyed some success, as positions in the country are increasingly in demand.

If you decide to try your luck, start your research on

the internet and continue by sending spontaneous applications, including to those companies located on the island. Consider having a look at the website of **the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI)**.

Ideally, visit Mauritius on a tourist visa to make in-person applications and to be available for interviews.

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Regarding a visa, for an internship of fewer than three months you will need to apply for a tourist visa. After

those three months, any employer would have to apply for a work permit on your behalf.

Young Professional Permit

Foreign students who have obtained at least an undergraduate degree from a Mauritian institution of higher learning are eligible to apply for a Young Professional Permit (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 as a professional on behalf of the employee.

Eligibility Criteria

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

- The student must have earned at least an undergraduate degree from an institution of higher learning recognized by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).
- The application must be submitted no later than 6 months after the date of publication of the results.
- If a person holds a YPOP and intends to change jobs before it expires, the condition under (b) does not apply.

d. The application for a YPOP must be only in the fields listed in part II of the schedule to the immigration law, namely:

- artificial intelligence
- Biotechnology
- Fintech
- Robotics
- Financial services
- Information technology

Employment contract

The remuneration and other work conditions of foreign employees cannot be less than those in the same position, according to labour laws. Foreign workers should be exclusively remunerated in Mauritius in Mauritian Rupees. No deductions should be made on the salary/remuneration of the foreign worker, except those dictated by the labour law, such as solidarity levies, pensions, and taxes.

All the conditions of employment and ancillary remuneration should be stated in the employment contract, which must be duly signed by the foreign employee and the employer:

- The expatriate's current situation
- The working conditions (days and hours, breaks, etc.)
- Remuneration and overtime
- Compensation for work performed on Sundays and public holidays

- End of Year Bonus
- Annual leave, sick leave, maternity leave
- Package (accommodation, air tickets, car or travelling allowance).





The working culture in Mauritius

Punctuality, respect for rules and hierarchy are the order of the day.

Regarding salutations, a handshake is welcome, but over time, at least with close colleagues, it will give way to a kiss to the cheek. However, in these times of pandemic, it is important to remember sanitary measures.

With regards to dress code, it is advisable to play it safe with a chic and sober wardrobe, including in summer. You'll be relieved to know that the vast majority of companies are equipped with air conditioning!

Don't be surprised if you are asked about your religious denomination. Here, this question is part of local habit and does not constitute an excuse to discriminate.

Useful links

EDB - Work and live in Mauritius:
www.edbmauritius.org/work-and-live-in-mauritius

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

Expatriate.com **www.expatriate.com/en/jobs**

Vatel **www.vatel.mu**

The Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry **www.mcci.org**



Étienne, expat working in Mauritius

What brought you to Mauritius?

I've always wanted to live abroad. The only thing I was not sure about was where and after several visits on the island as tourists, my wife and I knew. The economy, the political stability, the smooth cultural integration, the language, the medical and educational infrastructure made this country the perfect place. We left our jobs, family and friends behind to start a new life here because we felt we needed a fresh start.

How were the visa procedures to move here?

Although there were delays in response, several trips to the passport office and embassy, miscommunication... the visa procedures were not overly complicated. My wife got a job and an occupation permit fairly easily and my daughter and myself became her dependents. And once I found a job I got my own occupation permit. Although it is a lot of admin, once you have the hang of it, it is fairly easy.

How would you describe the work culture in Mauritius?

I would say it is very different to the work culture in France. In my opinion, in a good way too. When managing teams in France, the main



way to get people to achieve is money. In Europe, it is pretty easy to assign more work to an employee by promising more money.

Here, things are a little different. Without generalising, of course, just promising an increase in salary is not enough to make people work harder. A proper hierarchy and a closer relationship with one's team will guarantee a lot more result.

Studying in Mauritius



Despite being a small island, Mauritius is far from being limited in its higher educational aspect. Many institutions are offering diverse study programs, many of which are affiliated with international universities. International students are welcome to Mauritius' tertiary educational institutions, and it is highly recommended that those who are interested in pursuing a degree in the country familiarise themselves with the entry requirements and life in Mauritius (see chapter: Visas and Permanent Residency).

UNICITI Education Hub

The Medine Group, who owns 10,000 hectares of land, has developed UNICITI, a city on the west coast of Mauritius with a focus on educational opportunities serving specifically the African continent. Those include kindergartens, pre-primary, primary, secondary schools, and higher educational institutions and training for executives. There are six renowned international institutions and over 1000 students who benefit from a unique, modern setting, ideal for intellectual stimulation and growth. To date, the institutions include:

VATEL

In competition with Hotelschool The Hague and Oxford, the Vatel Group won the «Best Hospitality Management School» award, thanks to the vote of the 1000 professionals who attended the ceremony.

Founded 35 years ago, Vatel has since been closely linked to the most significant international hotel groups in the world, offering the best teachers, exam boards, and academic advice to its students. The Vatel School of Mauritius is located in a beautiful park of several hectares, which includes a restaurant for its students, usually open at lunchtime. Close to Quatre-Bornes on one side and Flic-en-Flac on the other, the ideal location allows students to have a multitude of choices regarding housing. The school has even set up a shuttle system to facilitate their commute.

Regarding the admission procedures, it is open to international students wishing to enrol in the program. It all starts with a request for a registration form, then a series of tests (aptitude, writing, personality) required for the acceptance of the student to the school. The courses offered are Bachelor Vatel - International Hotel Management (State Diploma Level II) - Vatel MBA - International Hotel Management (Level I Diploma) - Vatel MBA - International Hotel Management (Specialization). Regarding the rates, they vary according to the curriculum but can be found in more detail on Vatel's website.



Nantes National School of Architecture (ENSA)

The Nantes National School of Architecture (ENSA) is part of the network of 20 national schools of architecture in France and is the first school of this scale to move to Mauritius, offering students quality education and a Bachelors degree in Architecture and Urbanism. The three-year program of 1500 hours per academic year, offers modules delivered by highly qualified and international professors covering mainly architecture and urban planning.

The school's mission is to train Mauritian and international students to become professionals in the field, providing them with all the tools and knowledge to face today's many urban and architectural challenges. The selection of applicants is relatively strict; the criteria include good grades in the relevant pre-requisites, an open and curious personality, along with creativity and excellent communication skills. The courses are either taught in English or French from the first year of the program. Students must have

the minimum knowledge of both French and English from the first year on (Level B2). Nevertheless, those requiring an upgrade in one of the two languages can benefit from the courses offered at ICSIA (International Campus for Sustainable and Innovative Africa) during the six months preceding the start of the academic year in Mauritius. Regarding the university fees for the Bachelor of Architecture and Urbanism, they amount to about € 6500 per year.



Useful link

Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology

Scholarships Section

Level 1, MITD House - Phoenix, Mauritius

Tel: +230 601 5200

ministry-education.govmu.org

University Paris II Panthéon-Assas

Founded in 1970, the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas is a product of the former Faculty of Law and Economics of Paris dating back to the thirteenth century. Recognised at the national and international level, the institution is considered one of the best in the law and social sciences field.

In 2009, during the launch of an "internationalisation" program, the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas created several campuses named «Sorbonne-Assas International Law School», including one in Mauritius.

Students studying at this university can today receive excellent academic training in international and European business law. The courses are divided into ten classes of 10 hours each. Each course is paired with a 10-hour seminar: The Bachelor's degree, LL.B (Hons), a general and fundamental program on main concepts and international legal issues, with case studies of key legal topics. Thanks to the LL.B. program, students will eventually have all the skills required to apply to law schools or join the legal depart-

ment of international companies.

The Master in Laws (LL.M): This program focuses on international business law and takes place over 200 hours of classes, and can accommodate about 30 trainees throughout one year. Graduate students enrolled in this program are guaranteed access to many European or African vocational training schools, including law schools. Subsequently, these same graduates may consider joining the legal department of international companies.



Ecole Centrale de Nantes

The “Grandes Ecoles” of engineering (in other words, prestigious schools offering engineering programs) are world-renowned for their excellent academic and vocational training and have for a long time been training multi-talented engineers at a highly scientific and technical level. The Ecole Centrale de Nantes is also open to the international market, taking into account that 30% of the students on the French campus belong to 70 different nationalities!

In Mauritius, the Ecole Centrale de Nantes offers a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Engineering, which is a Science degree with a specialisation in engineering. Students are provided with in-depth knowledge of mathematics and physics, selected engineering specialisation, and learn the ba-

sics of project and business management. The fourth year focuses on either civil, marine or industrial engineering.

This course, which is taught in English, runs for a total of eight semesters, or four academic years, and is ideal for students with sound scientific knowledge, holding a bachelors degree, good grades in mathematics and physics, and real motivation. It also involves ten months of professional experience as well as practical training for preparation for a professional career.

The annual university fees for this diploma have been set at € 7,000. However, this amount only includes tuition fees. Payment must be made directly to Ecole Centrale de Nantes by bank transfer.





Middlesex University Mauritius

In partnership with the University of Middlesex in Great Britain, this institution offers several programs:

Undergraduate programs include BA Hons - International Accounting and Finance (BA Hons) - Advertising, Public Relations and Media (BA Hons) - International Business (BA Hons), Information Technology (BA Hons) - IT and BIS (BSc Hons) - Psychology with Counseling Skills - Bachelor of Laws - LLB Law with International Relations - Business Management / Finance / HRM / Marketing BA Hons - BSc Ho-

nors Computer Science (Systems Engineering) - Top Up BSc (Hons) Professional Nursing or Midwifery Studies.

Postgraduates programs include International Business LAW, LLM - Education and Information Systems Management, Computer Networks and Network Design - MSc Applied Psychology -MSc Management - PGCertHE - MSc Advanced Professional Nursing or Midwifery Studies.

International students are welcome as long as they respect the application and registration process,

but can also opt to pay the full university fees to receive the letter of sponsorship of Middlesex in Mauritius, which is crucial as it will help in procuring the student visa. Students late in paying fees are subject to a penalty of Rs 2,000, applied to each payment failure. International students are advised to inform the admissions office of their flight details, to arrange the airport transfer. Regarding student housing, the new campus can accommodate 2,000 students at the moment, and more in the future once the extension of the campus is completed.



Go further

Higher Education Commission
List of institutions in Mauritius www.hec.mu/hei
Ministry of Education and Human Resources,
Tertiary Education and Scientific Research
education.govmu.org/SitePages/Index.aspx
Istudy.mu – Higher education information
portal www.istudy.mu





Public institutions of higher education

University of Mauritius - UOM

Located in Réduit, the University of Mauritius (UOM) operates on the English system and offers several courses of study: Undergraduate - Postgraduate - Postgraduate by Research.

Depending on the program, university studies can be part-time or full-time and last between 2 and 4 years, depending on the degree chosen. As for the faculties, the UOM houses a Faculty of Agriculture - of Engineering - of Information, Communication and Digital Technologies - of Law and Management, of Science - of Social Sciences and Humanities.

In addition, there is the Centre for Innovative and Lifelong Learning (CILL), as well as courses focusing on Eastern culture and languages, in collaboration with the Mahatma Gandhi Institute.

International students wishing to get a taste of the country's universities can take advantage of two Undergraduate Programmes and Taught Postgraduate Degrees. As for the programs open to them, they are similar in every respect to those of their Mauritian counterparts. Registration closes in June every year and any registration after the deadline is subject to a late registration fee of Rs 2,500, excluding bank charges. The university fees depend on whether the student is enrolled in Undergraduate Programmes, Postgraduate Programmes or Postgraduate Programmes by Research. Please also note that DAAD scholarships are available for students from sub-Saharan African countries for the MSc Software Project Management program.

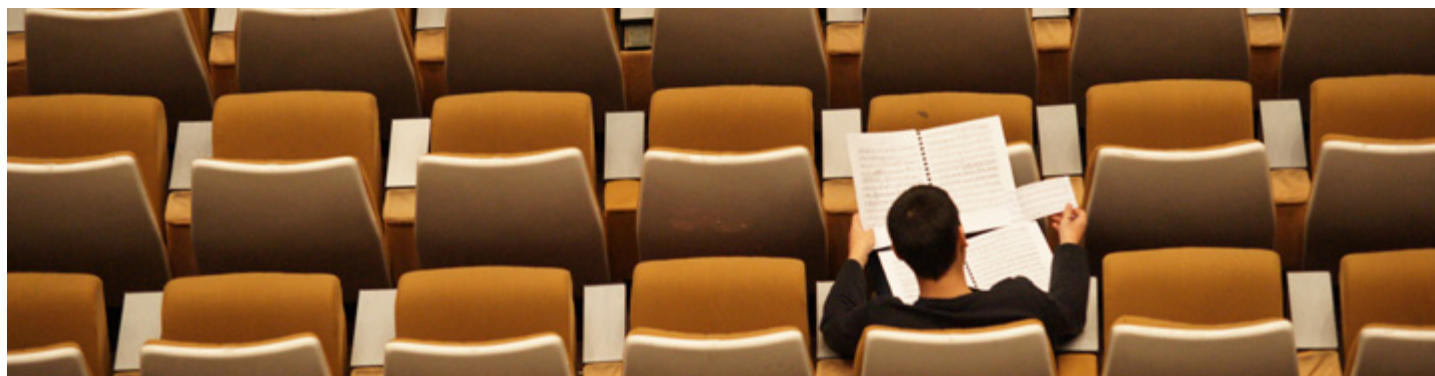


University of the Mascarene Islands (UDM)

Opened in 2012, the University of the Mascarene Islands (UDM) is a public institution resulting from the merger of the Institut Supérieur de Technologie (IST) and the Swami Dayanand Institute of Management (SDIM). The geopolitical school, the doctoral school and a research institute "Institute for Research and Interdisciplinary Innovation", also belong to part of the University. In order to be in line with the trends and needs of the country's market, the UDM works together with professionals from the public and private sectors in the design of its curriculum. UDM offers theoretical and practical courses in French and English in 3 faculties: Sustainable Development and Engineering - Business and Management - Information and Communication Technologies. Thanks to an excellent partnership with the University of Limoges, the UOM offers double degrees: one from the University of Mascareignes and the other from the French University.

Foreign students are of course welcome at the University of Mascareignes, provided they have at least a Baccalaureate degree. As for the university fees for a full-time presence, they amount to Rs 45 000 / year for students coming from the SADC (Southern African Development Community) member countries against Rs 80 000 / year for the other nationalities.

Regarding the student visa, valid for 1 year, UDM assists students provided that they send the required documents. Finally, the institution estimates that to live in Mauritius for one academic year, it is necessary to provide Rs 3,000 to Rs 5,000 for accommodation, Rs 3,000 for food, while a free pass is provided to go to the university by public transport.



The University of Technology, Mauritius

To meet the growing demand for ICT professionals, the Parliament established the UTM in the year 2000. Today, the institution offers a particularly attractive program: Award Courses - Postgraduate Programmes - Undergraduates Programmes - School of Health Sciences (HIS). Foreign students wishing to join this program at the University of Technology of Mauritius must meet the regulatory requirements to register for medical practice in their respective countries with the MBBS degree issued by UTM. To apply to the University of Technology, they must follow the procedures indicated in the International Students section. As for the university fees, here is the link to access the relevant page.

UTM is recognized as a university 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 to train in technology

As a major pillar of the Mauritian economy, the information and communication technology (ICT) sector needs skilled 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 stream of study. - Enhance critical analysis and evaluation skills related to information technology

- Enable students to acquire professional and ethical standards and to actively participate in future technological developments
- Provide students with in-depth skills to build a successful career in the ICT sector.

To do this, students can choose out of two programs:

MSc Applied Software Technologies: a 12-month intensive learning experience, this conversion program is designed for undergraduates in science, engineering and mathematics who want to focus their career on software engineering. It is a full-time program with 10 required courses taught, as well as a project over 3 semesters, while addressing the following: Software Engineering - Object Oriented Programming - Database Systems - Web Technologies - Effective and Verbal Communication - Agile & Quality Methodology and Continuous Integration - Fundamentals for an SAP Consultant - ABAP RICEFW Development - Introduction to Key Functional Processes in SAP - Introduction to SAP S4HANA - Master's Thesis / Project. Applicants must have a minimum Honours degree from a recognized university with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 or alternative qualifications accepted by the University of Mauritius and Accenture in the following field of study: Science, Engineering, Mathematics only.

MSc Applied Functional Analysis: a 12-month intensive learning program for undergraduates from any discipline who wish to become a business analyst and/or ERP functional consultant in the ICT sector. First semester courses introduce students to computer science and methodologies. The full-time program consists of 11 mandatory taught courses and a project over 3 semesters while addressing the following: Software Engineering - Business Processes - ERP Fundamentals - Databases in Organizations - Business Communication - Design Thinking and Agile - Overview of SAP Master Data, Configuration and Development - SAP Financial Accounting - SAP Management Accounting (Controlling) - SAP Sales and Distribution - SAP Materials Management - Master's Thesis/Project.

Candidates must have a minimum undergraduate degree with honours (any discipline) from a recognized university, minimum of 2 (Grade Point Average - C) or equivalent qualifications accepted by the University of Mauritius and Accenture.

Useful link

Accenture
www.accenture.com/us-en/services/about/accenture-academy





Sir Guy Forget Polytechnic School

The Lycée Polytechnique de Flacq, operating under the aegis of the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development (MITD), prepares students in 3 years for 5 Brevets de Techniciens:

- Brevet de technicien (BT) in Building Construction
- Technical Certificate (BT) in Electronics (Electronics)
- Brevet de technicien (BT) in Electrotechnics
- Technician's certificate (BT) in mechanical manufacturing (Maintenance and production mechanics)
- Technician's certificate (BT) in automobile mechanics (Automobile mechanics)

In order to meet the needs of industry professionals, the institution is updating its courses with to update its courses, with the help of auditors from Reunion Island.

Sir Gaëtan Duval Hotel School

The Sir Gaëtan Duval Hotel School offers a wide range of full-time, part-time and apprenticeship courses in the fields of tourism, hospitality and leisure. In addition, approximately 50 part-time evening courses are offered, with customized modules to meet the needs of organizations and individuals upon request.

Thanks to partnerships with the École Supérieure de Tourisme et d'Hôtellerie of the University of Angers and Edexcel, students can further their education. The training courses are given in a professional setting, in which 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.





Charles Telfair Campus

Also located in Moka, the Charles Telfair Campus offers three programs: the Curtin Awards, the TAFE Awards (Western Australia North Metropolitan TAFE and Western Australia South Metropolitan TAFE) and the CTI Awards. It also has its own degree-granting powers and offers a growing number of local programs. For prospective international students, the Charles Telfair Campus has a number of support services in place including:

Visa Assistance - Once the visa application is approved, the International Student Admissions Office will work directly with the student or with the embassy to follow up on the application. Airport pick-up - The Charles Telfair Campus will meet students at the airport and ensure that they are safely dropped off at their accommodation. Details about the area and how to get to the Charles Telfair Campus are also provided.

Regional Orientation - Each semester, the Charles Telfair Campus hosts an orientation presentation and tour of the region for all international students. This allows them 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 and very reasonable prices. To this end, the institution has an agency dedicated to all student housing requests.

Social events - The International Student Club of Charles Telfair Campus organizes social events to encourage meetings and interactions with other students.





Private Institutions of Higher Education

The Alliance française de Maurice

The Alliance française of Mauritius and its various branches (Flacq, Mahébourg, Rivière du Rempart, Rodrigues, Souillac, Triolet) is specialized in the continuing education and training of teachers or students in French language, in the training of «technical French» (hotel business, catering, business negotiations...) and in the preparation of the Diplôme d'Études en Langue française (DELF) and Diplôme Approfondi de Langue française (DALF). The Alliance française de Maurice also allows candidates for immigration to Canada to assess their level of French through the TEF / TEFAQ.

The Institute of Francophonie for Entrepreneurship

The IFE provides professional training at the Master's or doctoral level, in innovative fields, in line with market needs. Partnering with various French-speaking universities, IFE delivers a Master's level degree in entrepreneurship (DEPA: Diplôme d'Études Professionnelles Approfondies). Holders of a higher education diploma (Bac+4) with less than one year's professional experience can thus follow the training offered by the organization, which is also open to candidates with Bac+2 or 3 years of higher education through the Validation of Acquired Experience (VAE).

MCCI Business School

The MCCI Business School - Higher Education Center of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce, located in Ebène, offers:

- **5 BTS (Brevets de Technicien supérieur)** in partnership with the Lycée La Bourdonnais and the academy of Reunion: BTS Marketing - Management of Commercial Units; BTS Management - Assistant(e) de Gestion PME - PMI; BTS Computer Science - Computer Services to Organizations; BTS Banking (only in alternation); BTS Communication
- **3 professional licenses:** Professional license in communication; License in Management; Bachelor's degree in Tourism and Culture (L3)
- **6 Masters:** Master in Human Resources Management; Master in International Management; Master in Accounting and Finance; Master in Economic Intelligence and Strategic Communication; Master in International Trade; Master in Business Administration (MAE).
- **3 professional training courses:** Innovation Management; Basics of Tax Treaties - Provisions of the OECD Model Tax Convention; Food Hygiene
- **Audiovisual training** in partnership with FACTORY, a film and audiovisual school based in France: Sound recording operator; Image/Lighting operator; Production assistant
- **2 professional trainings:** Workshop on drafting and negotiating international commercial contracts; Continuous Professional Training.



Settling down with children



In Mauritius, expatriates generally turn to schools operating in their native language such as English or French. Nevertheless, the country is home to a structured national education system in which schooling is free and compulsory until the age of 16.

The Mauritian education system

The Mauritian school system operates on the Anglo-Saxon model and is divided, as it is often the case elsewhere, into three main stages: primary education, secondary education and tertiary education. In addition, school uniform is an institution with each school sporting its own colours and sometimes its own coat of arms.

With regard to kindergarten, the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology,

through its Strategic Plan (2008-2020), declared that all children aged 3 to 5 must attend preschool before starting at primary school.

At the end of secondary education, students receive the HSC (High School Certificate), the equivalent of the baccalaureate, administered by the University of Cambridge.

Courses are mainly and compulsorily taught in English and French.

GOOD TO KNOW

In 2015, the Mauritian government introduced the concept of «Nine Year Schooling» in which the end of primary school examination (CPE) was replaced by the Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC). Results from this exam now depend on student assignments at regional colleges.

Mauritius also has many private schools that also follow the national curriculum. These are paid institutions and operate differently from public schools: there are fewer students in classes, more personalised help, more staff, etc.





What about expatriate children? —

The vast majority of expatriate children attend international schools in Mauritius, of which there is no shortage.

For serial expatriates or those who want a multicultural education, international schools apply similar educational standards to those enjoyed all over the world, which can facilitate the transition if there is a change of destination.

Regarding admission and registration procedures, the conditions and fees vary from school to school. Note, however, that places are limited, so it's important to undertake the necessary procedures well in advance and to register your child (as long as you have a Residence Permit).

Tuition fees are high, but in return, the learning standards of international schools are high, as are their facilities, the quality and quantity of extracurricular activities and supervision.



Expatriation with young children to Mauritius —

If you are expatriating with a toddler, you will find many nurseries available throughout the island. To find the best addresses, join and participate in expat forums, which are full of families. You'll also find groups on Facebook, such as Mums of the North or Mums of the South.

If you are looking for an occasional babysitter, note that babysitting agencies such as those found in Europe are not yet developed on the island. Neverthe-

less, this kind of service is beginning to slowly take off. To find a babysitter or an agency, search online.

To keep your young children busy for a few hours in a playful setting, Coco Town welcomes children in a setting specially designed for them. Games, qualified and trained instructors, snacks, physical exercises: all is set for a temporary and stress-free childminding option. Coco Town is found in Grand Bay (La Croisette).



Retiring in Mauritius



Mauritius is often cited as an ideal expatriation destination for retirement. In order to encourage foreigners in addition to the existing programs (PDS, RES, etc.), the government is currently working on the development of the 'Silver Economy' into a growth centre in its own right. If you plan to retire to Mauritius, here are the key points to remember.

Being considered a retired expatriate in Mauritius

Mauritius is a popular destination for investors, including those who wish to reside there as retirees. For this, the following criteria must be respected. You must:

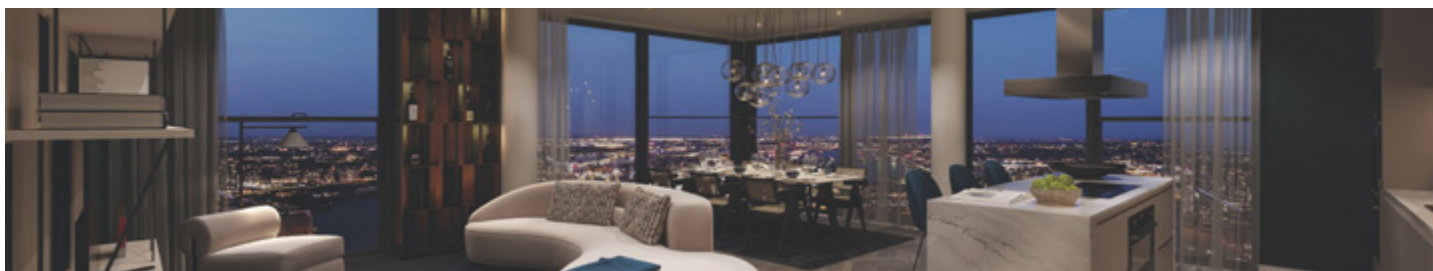
- Not be a citizen of Mauritius, and be aged 50 years or more
- Pass medical examinations (hepatitis, HIV, lungs, etc.) less than 6 months before applying for the permit
- Perform a first transfer of at least \$ 1,500 or its foreign currency equivalent freely convertible into a local

bank account in Mauritius

- Thereafter, transfer at least \$ 1,500 monthly or in installments, for a total of at least 18,000 or its currency equivalent during the 3 years validity of the residence permit
- At the end of each year, submit to the Economic Development Board proof of transfer of funds to your local bank account

If all these conditions are met, it is possible to apply for a residence permit for 10 years.





Specially developed communities for retirees!

Mauritius wants to become a flagship destination for retirees, so the government has put in place new regulations allowing developers to build housing that meets specific standards, integrated into existing PDS (Property Development Scheme) programmes.

These dedicated retirement communities must contain at least 25 residential units specifically designed for seniors. They must provide personal care and home-care services that may include facilities such as a nursing station, daily meal delivery, on-site supervision, emergency health services and recreational facilities.

For example, residences may offer:

- Several kinds of accommodation (studios, penthouses, villas) with balcony, terrace or private garden

- Personal services (hairdressing, laundry, cleaning, etc.)
- Catering
- Leisure (gym, bar, swimming pool, etc.)
- Help with maintaining cognitive abilities
- Convalescent care
- Family carers
- 24/7 security

Foreign non-citizens in Mauritius with a residence permit may now invest in any business provided they are not employed in the business, do not manage the business and do not derive any salary or benefit from the business.

Eligibility and Facilities

Any foreign national aged 50 or over can acquire a residential unit and live there without any additional rent, provided they buy the property on the basis of a plan for construction or when construction is complete.

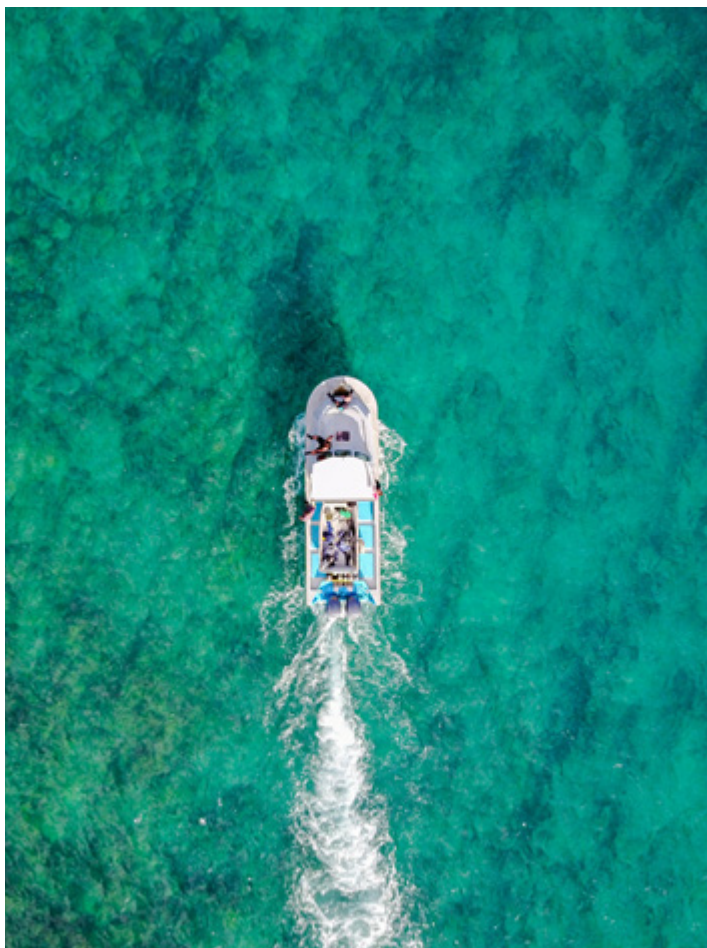
In addition, it is provided by law that the investor is de facto entitled to a residence permit for his or her spouse or spouse until he / she no longer occupies the property.

Tax Incentives

Investors holding a residence permit are entitled to a 5-year tax holiday granted on their pension income and other income earned in Mauritius by themselves and their spouse.

As a permanent resident, you become eligible for the standard exemption of customs duties and VAT granted on the importation of household and personal effects, but especially on property.

The best place to start your search is online. Just type the keywords residence for seniors mauritius into your search engine!



Laurence Morales, retiree



THE INTERVIEW

Can you briefly introduce yourself?

I'm 51 and I used to live in Paris. My husband has been retired since August 2018 and we decided to settle in Mauritius back then. We had been on holiday here in 2014 and in 2017 and that's when we decided we wanted to eventually live here. So we permanently moved here with our two children of 16 and 11 years old.

What do you enjoy the most in Mauritius?

Definitely scuba diving. We both enjoy this activity and Mauritius is perfect for it: the fauna, the flora, the temperature of the ocean and the climate.

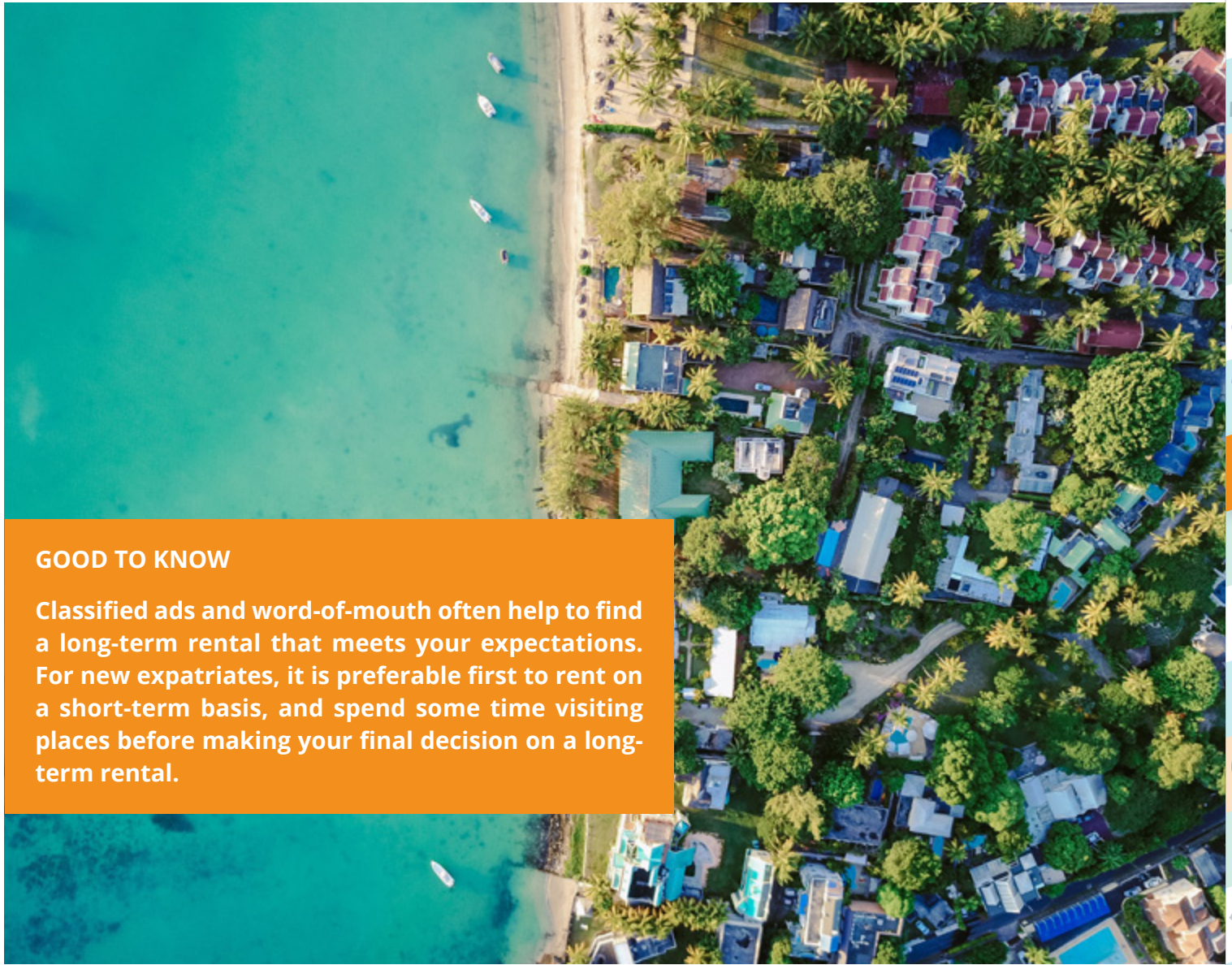
What should one absolutely not miss out on?

We have not seen much for the time being because the children are still at school and we have to accommodate to their school hours. Other than scuba diving, there are fabulous outings that need to be done: the Bois-Chéri tea fields and factory, the rum factory... We have also been to the Ebony Forest - a protected forest with endemic plant and animal species. We've visited a few of the islets around the island by catamaran, including Ile aux Aigrettes, Ile aux Bénitiers and Îlot Gabriel in the north.

The Chateau de Labourdonnais as well as the Pamplemousses gardens are not to be missed, although we still have a lot to see.



Accommodation



GOOD TO KNOW

Classified ads and word-of-mouth often help to find a long-term rental that meets your expectations. For new expatriates, it is preferable first to rent on a short-term basis, and spend some time visiting places before making your final decision on a long-term rental.

How to find accommodation in Mauritius?

Prices for accommodation vary according to the location, type of accommodation, facilities, and leisure activities nearby, such as proximity to the beach, swimming pool, gardening services, security options, furnishing, etc.

In the past few years in Mauritius, the real estate market has changed drastically. Houses, apartments, studios, apartment-hotels, PDS vil-

las, as well as units with the Invest Hotel Scheme (IHS) are now available for rent.

Luxury homes are also available for rent, as the owners decide to rent their properties for part of the year if they live abroad or have another house.

Furnished houses or apartments rented in regions that are popu-

lar among expats tend to cost between Rs 15,000 and Rs 60,000. As for single-family homes, they are currently hard to find due to a discrepancy between supply and demand. As a result, rent prices for those are on the rise, so much so that in urban areas, you could pay an average of Rs 25,000 per month for a 3-bedroom unit.





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Central Electricity Board – CEB ceb.intnet.mu



Rent by type of housing

For a quick estimate, here is what to expect regarding rental prices according to the following types of accommodation in Mauritius:

- One bedroom apartment in the city centre: Rs 12,800
- One bedroom apartment outside the city centre: Rs 8,000
- A 3 bedroom apartment in the city centre: Rs 26,500
- A 3 bedroom apartment outside the city center: Rs 17,500

These prices are an approximation of what you would pay if you go through a real estate agency. Prices tend to go down if you deal directly with the owner. Like everywhere else, some cities tend to attract expatriates more than others. There are several factors to consider when choosing the ideal area:

- The rental market
- Proximity to amenities
- Proximity to healthcare institutions
- Proximity to schools if you are moving with your family and children
- Availability of public transportation
- Commute time to your place of work
- Traffic at peak hours.

The different regions of Mauritius

Mauritius is a holiday destination, but for many years has also been a popular option for expatriation. With its idyllic setting, its proximity to the African continent, India, Australia, and Asia in general, this small, independent, and prosperous republic attracts many foreigners every year - particularly those looking for a peaceful pace of life in a modern environment. Here is what to remember about the main regions of Mauritius, if you are in the research phase.



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The north of Mauritius



The north of Mauritius is a hotspot for expatriates looking for easy living and good facilities. Animated by its varied businesses, and in convenient proximity to the North School and Northfield (located in Mapou), the north is also served by a great bus network - Triolet Bus Service (TBS) - taxis and the highway, making life easy for those who choose to live there.

Among the most famous villages are:

Grand Bay: This seaside town has all the necessary amenities and lively nightlife, while being located just 15 minutes from international schools and 30 minutes from Port-Louis, the capital city. Its climate is sunny all year round, with low winds and pleasant temperatures.

Pereybère: Right next to Grand Bay in northern Mauritius, Pereybère was once a small fishing village that has modernised while maintaining its authentic side. Less touristy, it offers all the necessary conveniences. As for the climate, you will enjoy very hot summers (November to March) and mild winters while being sheltered from the wind.

Calodyne: North-north-east of Mauritius, Calodyne is a small, unspoiled area, and a haven of peace in the countryside. Its sea views and proximity to the coast make it popular with expats in search of a little tranquility without being cut off from the world. On the weather side of things, Calodyne has a tropical climate with rainfall and a short dry season.

The west of Mauritius

This region is quite touristy, meaning it boasts lots of conveniences, and has a lively nightlife. Its beaches are popular throughout the year.

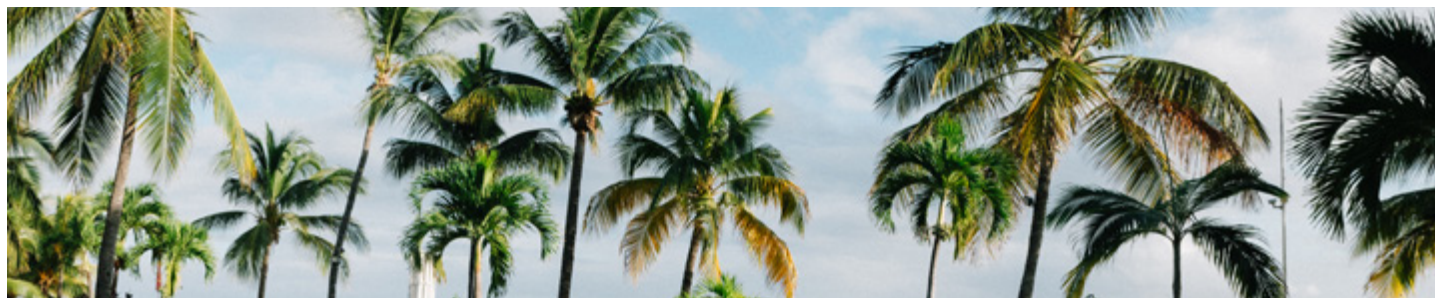
The liveliest villages:

Tamarin: Tamarin is the seaside region par excellence, for families as well as couples and solo expats. Far from being touristy, its climate is dry in winter and rather rainy in summer. All the amenities are available here: shops, banks, pharmacies, sports clubs with tennis courts, beach volleyball and a swimming pool, and a supermarket. For children, options include the Paul and Virginia School (kindergarten and primary, which are part of the local network of Establishments

in French Programmes in Mauritius) and the Telfair International Primary School.

Flic-en-Flac: located on the west coast of the island, this is Mauritius' second seaside resort, so expect a lively atmosphere with tourists, bars, restaurants, discotheques, casinos etc. The beauty of the beaches is breathtaking. On weekdays, Flic-en-Flac is quiet, allowing you to enjoy the beaches and many watersports including scuba diving or windsurfing.





Southern Mauritius

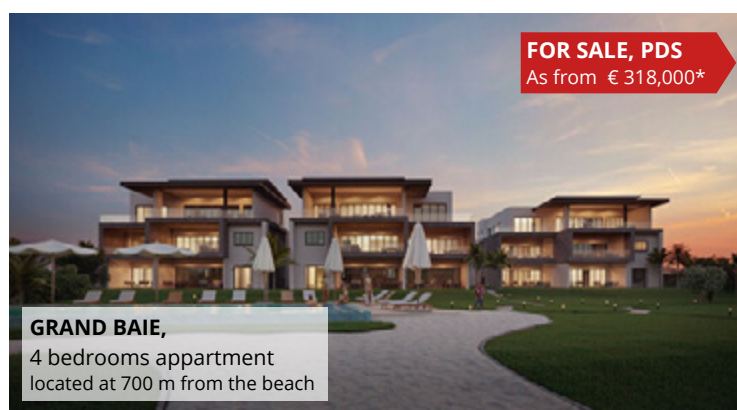
This region of the island is wild and less touristy, with different landscapes and occasionally steep terrain. If you love nature, the south of Mauritius is the perfect area to settle down in a more truly local environment and region.

Eastern Mauritius

This region is home to some of the island's most beautiful beaches, including Belle Mare or Trou d'eau Douce. Its peaceful environment, village atmosphere, lagoon, and marvellous bays offer an authentically Mauritian atmosphere. Keen golfers will find breathtaking courses, such as Constance Belle Mare Plage.

Post Lafayette: As the wealthy part of the region, Post Lafayette houses a beautiful expatriate community that has chosen to live right by the water. You'll find many villas with private access to the beach. As for the climate, while it is sunny, it is also quite windy.

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Healthcare



For anyone wishing to settle in a foreign country, the quality of the healthcare and accessibility of medical facilities are of high concern. Mauritius has an adequate public healthcare system, which is governed by the Ministry of Health and Wellness. Private health institutions are also available, offering competent medical facilities and treatments. Mauritius has five regional hospitals amongst which Dr A.G Jeetoo in Port-Louis, Victoria hospital in Candos, Dr Bruno Cheong hospital in Flacq, Jawarhalal Nehru hospital in Rose Belle and the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam hospital in Pamplemousses.

There are also several specialised hospitals, such as the otorhi-

nolaryngological hospital in Candos (ENT) (this hospital has temporarily been converted to a COVID-19 treatment centre), the Brown Seaguard Mental Health Care Centre in Beau-Bassin, the Subramaniam Bharati eye hospital in Moka, and the Poudre d'Or hospital specialised in the treatment of pulmonary diseases. Public institutions provide healthcare free of charge.

Private clinics and practices operate throughout the island and are easily accessible. Most private clinics are new and state-of-the-art, and have obtained their equipment through private investment.

As a result, there has been a boost in the medical tourism industry in Mauritius — in 2017 more than

19,000 tourists arrived in Mauritius. Local authorities are thus contemplating relieving foreign patients from the red-tape procedure regarding medical visas.

Private healthcare, however, can be expensive if one doesn't have an insurance plan. Although most of the general and a few specific health conditions can be treated in Mauritius, there are health conditions which require patients to travel outside of Mauritius for treatment. The nearest places for treatment are Reunion Island, India, and South Africa.

It is strongly recommended that expats ensure that they have the appropriate health insurance coverage for Mauritius.



Social Security

The Mauritian social security system administers pension benefits for retired citizens, invalid residents (applicable to non-citizens with a valid residence permit), widows, and social aid schemes, but does not include healthcare benefits.

The Social Aid Scheme provides financial assistance to any person temporarily or permanently incapable of earning a livelihood due to disability, sickness, ac-

cident, loss of their spouse, or sudden loss of employment for more than six months. Before moving to Mauritius, it is advisable to speak to the relevant authorities in your home country to confirm whether an agreement exists between the two countries regarding the social security framework.

It is also advisable to get insured with a private insurance company before departing from your home country.



Health Insurance

British nationals moving to Mauritius on a temporary basis can opt to stay with their existing healthcare insurance in the UK due to the Bilateral Social Security Agreement between the two countries. This option, however, may affect their healthcare benefits, and British nationals should seek further information from

the relevant authorities before moving to Mauritius.

As a British citizen, you will be required to show a Statement of the National Insurance you have paid in the UK in order to make a benefit claim. For other nationals, it is important that you gather information about health insurance before moving to the island.





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Health Risks

COVID-19 cases were first recorded in Mauritius in March 2020. Since then, after two lockdowns and closure of borders, the country has managed to control the spread of the virus (See World Health Organisation data for latest reports). Mauritius has the second highest vaccination rate in Africa. There is no other major health threat in Mauritius.

You will need to be fully vaccinated to be given access to the Mauritian territory without having to isolate.

Vaccinations

If you come from Europe, North America, Oceania, or Asia, the yellow fever vaccination is optional. However, it is compulsory if you have recently visited an endemic zone.

Hepatitis A and B vaccinations are recommended for travellers to Mauritius. Travellers should ensure that their tetanus and polio vaccinations are up to date.

Foreign nationals returning to Mauritius after a stay in a country at risk of an epidemic are required to present the up-to-date international vaccination booklet.



Allergies

From April to May, people prone to allergies might be affected by the flowering sugarcane. During the sugarcane harvest season, cane fires can also create allergies due to airborne smoke particles.

Mosquitoes

During the wet season, a mosquito net and repellent products are recommended. Preventive treatments can also be used, such as coil emissions, fresh lemongrass, or geranium essence.

Note that the island is not at risk of malaria.





Mandatory medical examinations

Applicants for an Occupation Permit or Residence Permit are required to undergo a series of compulsory medical examinations:

1) Blood tests:

- haemoglobin and complete haematological examination
- hepatitis B surface antigen
- HIV test
- VDRL test – Venereal Disease Research Laboratory

2) Urinalysis for albumin and sugar

3) Stool test for parasites

4) Chest X-ray performed and certified by a radiologist.

The tests (HIV, hepatitis B surface antigen, and chest x-ray) must be carried out in Mauritius at the laboratories or private clinics registered with the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life three months before the Work Permit application is submitted.

Depending on the results, further tests (e.g. Malaria, parasite detection, etc.) may be required. The medical examination must be carried out in a private clinic or laboratory which is featured on the Economic Development Board's (EDB) list.

All test results and reports must be submitted to a local doctor, who will issue the medical certificate. All the documents must be submitted

when applying for a permit. The Work Permit won't be approved if the medical examination detects a contagious or infectious disease.

The Work Permit is usually obtained within one week from the time the complete application has been submitted. The applicant's spouse and children over 12 years of age must undergo the same medical examination, as well as retirees applying for a Residence Permit.

Children under 12 years of age are exempt from blood tests and the chest X-ray unless otherwise advised by the doctor. However, they must still undergo a medical examination and obtain a medical certificate.



Useful Links

Medical Certificate www.edbmauritius.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Latest%20Guidelines%20OP-RP%20-%20Corrected%20version%201%20-%202022.10.2020.pdf **(pages 25-26)**

List of certified private clinics
www.edbmauritius.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Latest%20Guidelines%20OP-RP%20-%20Corrected%20version%201%20-%202022.10.2020.pdf **(pages 27-28)**

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Sir S. Ramgoolam National Hospital

Pamplemousses
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Fax: (230) 243 89 65

Victoria Hospital

Candos - Quatre-Bornes
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Fax: (230) 425 76 93

Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital

Rose Belle
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Port-Louis
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Web: www.cityclinicgroup.mu

Fortis Clinique Darné

Georges Guibert Street, Floréal

Phone: (230) 601 23 00

Fax: (230) 696 36 12 (Admin)

Fax: (230) 696 12 09 (Medical)

E-mail: clinique@cliniquedarne.com

Web: www.fortiscliniquedarne.com

Wellkin Hospital

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E-mail: info@wellkinhospital.com

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Grand Bay Medical and Diagnostic Centre

Sottise Road - Grand Bay

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Route Royal - Pointe-aux-Canoniers

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Web: www.nouvellecliniqueferriere.com



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Le Village Labourdonnais
Mapou

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E-mail: dentcare@intnet.mu

Web: www.dentcaremauritius.com

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E-mail: contact@estetic.info

Web: www.calvitie.net

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22304 – Trou aux Biches, Mauritius

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Fax: (230) 464 88 13

Medical Care Laboratory Services

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Lab Point Medical Laboratory

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Fax: (230) 216 29 98

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Useful Link

Expat.com – Directory of medical professionals in Mauritius www.expat.com/en/

Yelo – Directory of doctors and clinics in Mauritius www.yelo.mu

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Finances



Non-residents in Mauritius

Non-Mauritian citizens are allowed to open a bank account in Mauritius, but usually only a savings account which allows for regular transactions, transfers, and withdrawals.

As a holder of a savings account, you will be provided with a debit card for withdrawal from ATMs, as well as direct debit payments.

Foreign Residents

Current Account in Rupees

To open a current account in the local currency, you must provide a copy of your passport along with a utility bill in your name (CEB, CWA, etc.). You will be given a chequebook, debit and credit cards, and access to internet banking.

The minimum deposit required varies depending on the internal rules of the chosen bank. Generally, it will be between Rs 1,000 and Rs 5,000.

Foreign Currency Accounts

Current accounts in foreign currencies are accessible to residents and non-residents. Foreign currency accounts can only receive funds via domestic and international bank transfers. Foreign currency accounts also bear interest at fixed rates (term account) or variable interest (remuneration of the available amount).

Overdrafts

Foreign accounts can only receive funds. However, special arrangements can be made regarding investments within the same institution.

MINIMUM DEPOSIT	MINIMUM DEPOSIT FOR INTEREST GAIN
EUR: 1,000	2,000
USD: 1,000	2,000
GBP: 500	2,000
CHF: 1,500	7,500

GOOD TO KNOW

Before choosing a bank, please check online the international relationships between your home country and the Mauritian bank. It is mandatory to show proof of your source of funds for significant deposits in local bank accounts.



List of the main banks

The Mauritius

Commercial Bank

Sir William Newton Street
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E-mail: mcb@mcb.co.mu

Web: www.mcb.mu

Opening hours

Monday to Thursday:

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Friday: 9 am to 5 pm

State Bank of Mauritius

1, Queen Elizabeth II Street
Port-Louis

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E-mail: sbm@sbmgroup.mu

Web: www.sbmgroup.mu

BCP Bank (Mauritius)

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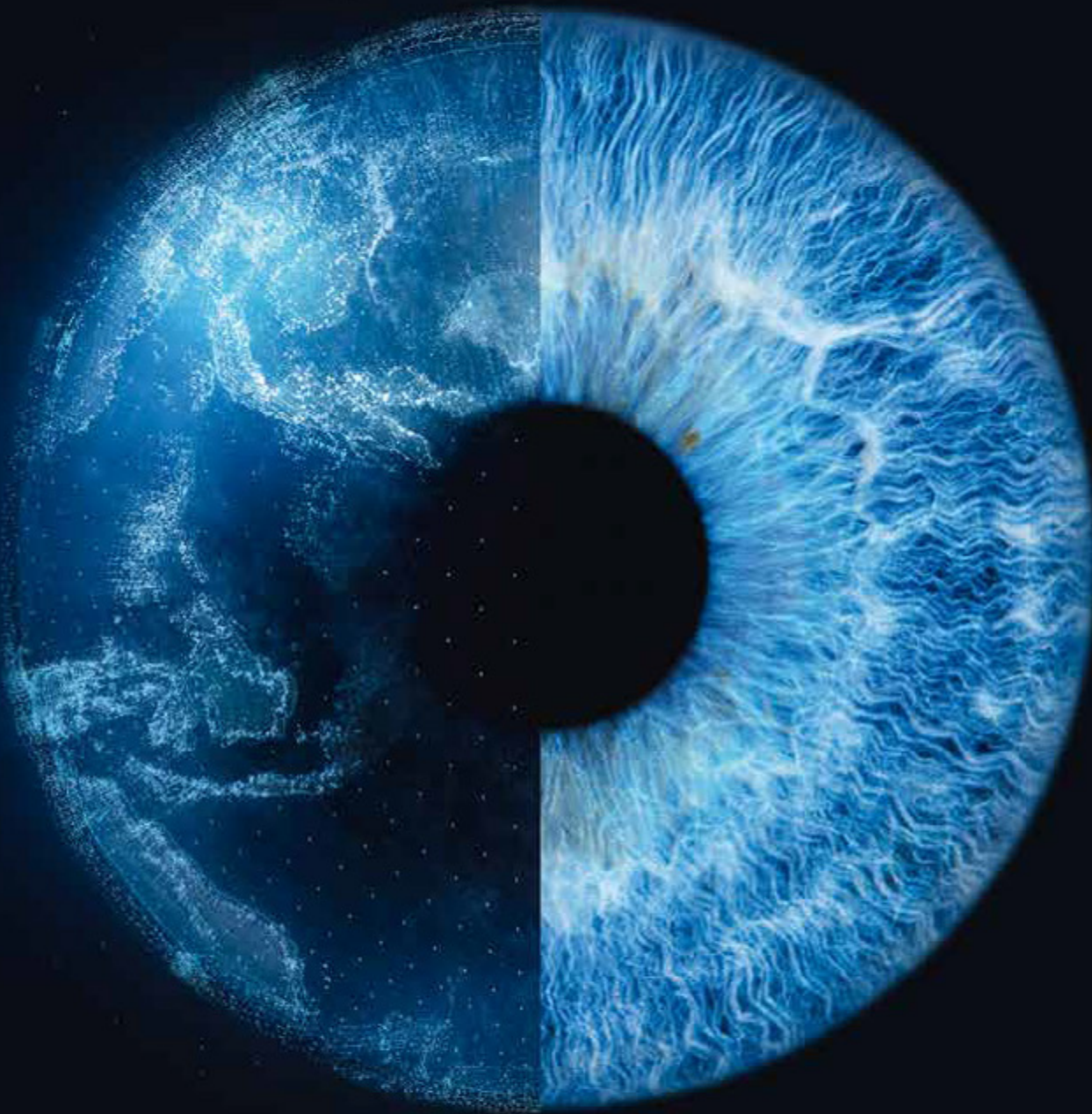
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Online banking and mobile payments in Mauritius

In Mauritius, consumers can manage their bank accounts and make purchases online or make transactions from their smartphones. Here's an overview of some 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 need to apply for a login and password at one of the many branches across the island. The online bank of the establishment allows you to:

- **Open** an account (savings, current account, fixed deposit single account) online
- **Consult** all transactions made on your accounts
- **Move** funds between different accounts
- **Make an instant payment** or set up fixed-rate local and international transfers
- **Pay** bills by choosing the recipient from a list of pre-established recipients
- **Send funds** to credit cards and prepaid cards
- **Set up** a standing order for automatic payments
- **View withdrawals**, loans and investments
- **Register** for services such as MCB Refill, Juice or MCB Secure
- **Receive electronic account statements** over 12 months that are downloadable.



On the mobile side, the bank offers «Bank by SMS» which allows users to:

- **Consult** the balance of accounts
- **View** your last 5 bank transactions
- **Make** transfers between MCB accounts
- **Receive SMS** notifications (payment of salary, deadlines, default of permanent transfer or direct debit)





GOOD TO KNOW

Regarding mobile banking, MCB boasts a popular app called 'Juice' thanks to which you can do the following:

Send and receive money

Send and receive money instantly with a phone number or account number.

Refill your mobile phone

Refill your mobile phone or another number instantly.

Transfer to phone

Send or receive and then withdraw money at an ATM without a card.

Pay traders

Pay utility bills, restaurant bills, fuel, etc., with a smartphone by scanning the merchant's QR code or entering their mobile phone number.

PayPal

Receive or send money through Paypal.

Check credit history

Check all the details of a current loan.

Safe transactions

Transfer money securely with a one-time password system.

Activate or deactivate payment by contact, make transactions abroad or online, change the secret code of the bank card or even lock it in the event of loss.



Online purchases and payments

Concerning online purchases and payments, you will need to apply for a credit card, but note that this will not be accepted by some foreign platforms. In addition, the bank will ask for a number of supporting documents, so an in-person trip will be necessary.

As for mobile payments (purchases, invoices, transactions), the JuiceByMCB app is a free and downloadable electronic wallet. It is usable in a secure way, with password protected access (which can be sub-

sequently changed) or fingerprint if the smartphone is equipped with this option. There is also the option of payments by QR Code.

GOOD TO KNOW

This bank can credit mobile phones via its website and app.

SBM

Internet Banking

This institution presents its internet banking as offering a «360 ° view». Indeed, this option allows customers to reset their password online, pay their bills remotely (CEB, CWA, Telecom, etc.), transfer funds, check on deposited checks etc.

Mobile Application

SBM also has a banking application accessible to devices running both iOS and Android, available for free download on the App Store or Play Store. This allows you to make transfers, consult your accounts, report in case of loss of credit card, pay utility bills, recharge a prepaid credit card, follow deposited checks, order checks, etc. .

Maubank

Another popular bank in Mauritius, Maubank also offers an internet banking service, through which it is possible:

- To transfer money between MauBank accounts or to other local banks,
- To manage accounts (balances , transactions made),
- To pay credit cards.

MauBank mobile

- Access by fingerprint or facial recognition
- Instant activation

- Download bank statements
- View balance
- Reload mobile
- Transfer funds within MauBank or to other local banks
- Pay your credit card
- Make transfers and withdrawals from ATMs without cards
- Block and unblock your card,
- Open an account
- Transfer funds from foreign currency accounts (FCY)





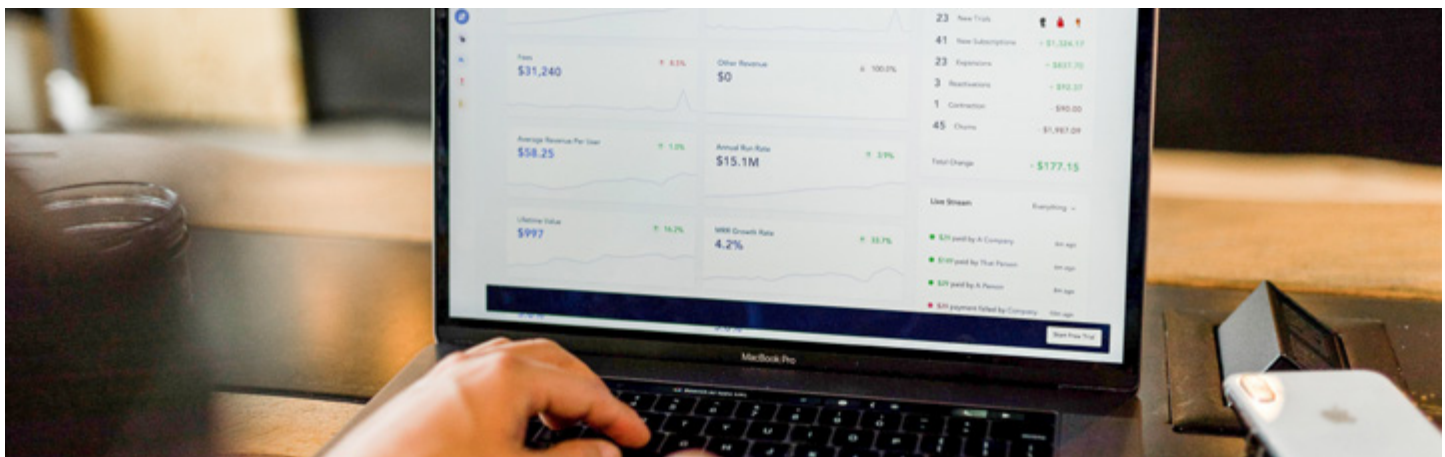
My.T Money

Mauritius Telecom recently launched 'my.t money', a mobile payment application that presents itself as 'a reliable and secure alternative to cash transactions'. A true virtual wallet accompanied by a card, it makes the use of cash unnecessary.

The application consists of the following options:

- Tap & Pay: contactless payment with history
- Scan & Pay: payment by QR Code
- Easy Transfer: to send money instantly
- Share bill: to share an invoice or bill with others
- Bill payment: to pay your MT bill
- Paymaster: to manage and control the flow of money from four related accounts

Its use requires registration to a Mauritius Telecom agency.



Taxes



What are the benefits? Do I have to pay taxes?

To encourage foreign investment, Mauritius has, over the years, introduced numerous tax incentives while adhering to international standards. An OECD-compliant (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) jurisdiction, Mauritius is renowned for its continued commitment implementing international measures of transparency.

Tax benefits

Tax residency is an essential requirement for anyone who hopes to claim tax benefits in Mauritius. Corporations that meet the relevant set of criteria are entitled to the following benefits:

- No taxation on dividends
- No capital gains tax
- No inheritance tax for direct descendants
- Repatriation of funds (profits and dividends) from a foreign company at a tax rate of 15%
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Income Tax

The main taxation system on the island is the 'PAYE' (Pay As You Earn) system. Income tax is deducted directly from salaries and remitted to the Mauritius Revenue Authority by the employer. In order to protect employees from paying taxes twice, double taxation agreements exist between Mauritius and numerous countries including the UK, South Africa, Germany, Australia, China, and India.

Financial Year

The financial year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th of the following year.

Tax returns must be submitted to the MRA by the 30th of September (by way of post or hand) or electronically by the 15th of October at the latest.

Personal Taxes

Revenue from salaries, wages, and pension funds is deducted at source under the PAYE system by the employer. Current practice requires that the employer provides the employees with an Employee Declaration Form (EDF), on which the employee must declare any other income aside from their salary (e.g. interests, royalties, dividends from a foreign source, etc.) so that the employer can calculate the income tax and deduct the amount.

The employee will then submit his annual income tax return to the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA). A tax resident in Mauritius benefits from the Income Tax Threshold Exemption (IET), starting at Rs. 300,000 up to Rs. 680,000 (for 2021-2022), depending on the number of dependents and the category into which that individual falls. The IET allows for any revenue of the individual, below or equal to their determined threshold to be exempt from taxation. Individuals are taxed at a fixed rate of 15%.

Corporate Income Tax

Corporate income tax is at the fixed rate of 15%. This relates to:

- profit derived from the business activities interests received
- foreign dividends received
- rent received

Where an individual derives income from rent or business activities, it is subject to filing his tax returns quarterly under the Current Payment System unless that income is less than Rs 4 million for the preceding year or the tax payable under the CPS is not greater than Rs 500. Similarly, corporations that are tax residents in Mauritius, are required to follow the Advance Payment System (APS) and submit quarterly returns to the MRA unless their gross income for the preceding accounting year was less than Rs 10 million or there was no chargeable income.

VAT

The VAT rate in Mauritius is fixed at 15%.

Useful links

Mauritius Revenue Authority
www.mra.mu

MRA – Personal tax
www.mra.mu/index.php/taxes-duties/corporate-taxation

MRA – Corporate tax
www.mra.mu/index.php/taxes-duties/corporate-taxation

Double taxation agreements signed by Mauritius www.mra.mu/index.php/taxes-duties/double-taxation-agreements



Taxation of offshore companies in Mauritius

Mauritius attracts many investors and companies each year, which benefit from a particularly dynamic business climate. Over the years, successive governments have striven to provide them with an envi-

ronment conducive to expanding their operations abroad. So what taxes are offshore companies subject to?

A summary of the tax situation in Mauritius

Mauritius has succeeded in setting up a tax system in which the income of companies and individuals is taxed at 15%. Moreover, the country has signed nu-

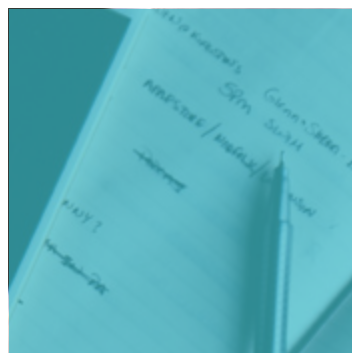
merous double taxation agreements, offering major benefits to foreign companies resident in Mauritius for tax purposes.

Offshore company: definition

We speak of an offshore company when a company:

- Establishes its head office in a foreign country in which it does not carry out any commercial activity
- Whose responsible directors are not domiciled in the country.

As a beneficiary of certain tax advantages, the company is entirely 'outside' without interfering with the economy of the host country and without benefiting from the facilities offered to local businesses. In Mauritius, a foreign investor can create a Global Business Company (GBC) or Authorised Company.



Taxation of offshore companies in Mauritius

The GBC

According to recent amendments, the company Global Business License (GBC) must pay to the Registrar of Companies:

- An annual fee of \$ 325 and another of \$ 1,950
- A single fee of \$ 500 when applying for a license from the FSC
- A one-off fee of \$ 250 upon incorporation of the company.

Exemptions

The Global Business License (GBC) are not subject to:

- Capital gains tax
- Withholding tax on the payment of dividends, interest or royalties of companies of the same status
- Stamp duty or tax on capital.



Taxes

The GBC is subject to a tax of 15%.

If it owns at least 5% of an underlying corporation, it will receive a credit on the foreign tax paid on the income from which the dividend was paid («underlying foreign tax credit»).

When a company not resident in Mauritius and subject to a dividend receives a dividend from another company not resident in Mauritius («secondary dividend») and of which it holds directly or indirectly at least 5% of the share capital, such dividend will qualify as a foreign tax credit and an underlying foreign tax credit.

The interest and royalty payments made by the GBC are fully tax deductible in Mauritius.



Tax Savings Credits

Under this regime, the effective tax rate in Mauritius can be reduced through a long-term provision, which allows GBCs:

To not have to provide written evidence indicating

the amount of foreign tax received, and to benefit from the imposition at 80% of the normal rate of 15%, ie 12%. Thus, the isolated use of this long-term provision will reduce the effective tax rate in Mauritius from 15% to 3%.

Offshore trusts

They are taxed in the same manner as GBCs, however, taxable income is defined as the difference between:

- The net income generated by the trust
- And the aggregate amount distributed to the beneficiaries pursuant to the terms of the trust indenture. In addition, any amount distributed to non-resident beneficiaries is exempt from income tax.

They also benefit from a foreign tax credit on their income from foreign sources, provided, however, that

they submit written proof of the amount of foreign tax collected, which must be equal to 80% of the Mauritian tax levied on this income.

An offshore trust may requested by written notification to the Mauritian Statutory Auditor, to be considered non-resident in Mauritius for tax purposes and to be exempt from taxation. In such a case, it cannot benefit from the double taxation agreements signed by Mauritius.

For more information on corporate taxation in Mauritius, visit the website of the [Mauritius Revenue Authority \(MRA\)](#)



Driving in Mauritius



In Mauritius, people drive on the left-hand side, and the priority is given to vehicles coming from the right.

Holders of international driving licences

A holder of an international driving licence can drive in Mauritius but only for the types of vehicles mentioned on his licence. However, the international driving licence is only valid for three years.

Note that the British driving licence is recognised in

Mauritius. In case of a long stay, the holder must go to the Casernes Central traffic branch in Port-Louis, and show their British driving licence in order to be given a Mauritian driving license free of charge. This should be renewed annually.

Application for a Mauritian driving licence

A foreigner residing in Mauritius is able to apply for a provisional driving licence for an autocytle as from the age of 15, a motorcycle from the age of 17, and a car from the age of 18. For safety reasons, choose a registered driving school, as some operate illegally. It is possible to take the driving and parking test in your own car provided that a special assurance policy is obtained.

In Mauritius, the local driving licence test consists of three parts: the highway code, driving test, and parking test. Once you have passed the multiple choice theoretical examination (Learner's Test), you will be issued with a Learner's Licence, and will be able to

practice driving if accompanied by a valid driving licence holder. Once the driving test is completed, the parking test will be conducted right after. Note that if you fail in any of these tests you will not be granted a driving licence, and you'll have to come back to retake the tests that you failed.

The documents required for a driving licence's application are:

- A birth certificate
- National identity card/student card
- Marriage certificate for married women
- Work/residence permit Passport.



Driving Lessons

You may take as many driving lessons as you wish from an approved driving school. Normally, a period of three months is granted to the applicant between the first step (Highway Code test) and the second (driving and parking tests).

The fees of the driving lessons vary, depending on the driving school or instructor. Normally, a session of 30 minutes is between Rs 250 and Rs 300, and the hourly rate shouldn't exceed Rs 500. It is advisable to compare rates before registering with a school. The registration fee with a driving school is around Rs 1,200.

GOOD TO KNOW

If you have passed your driving test in an automatic car, you are not allowed to drive in manual gear.

Driving Test

The Learner's Test fee is Rs 500 , and the same amount needs to be paid for each new attempt to take the test. Similarly, the driving test fee is Rs 500, and again the same amount needs to be paid every time the test is taken. A non-reimbursable insurance fee of about Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,000 is paid to the driving school/instructor each time as well.

The driving and parking tests are carried out at the Line Barracks in Port-Louis or at the Les Casernes Driving Test Centre in Curepipe.

Useful Link

The Mauritius Police Force
police.govmu.org



Road Network

There is good road infrastructure in the country, with main roads, highways, and secondary roads. Major road work has improved the existing road network and traffic flow in the surrounding areas of the capital and around other big towns such as Quatre-Bornes.

The traffic regulations

Driving is on the left-hand side, so priority is given to the traffic coming from the right. Speed is regulated at 40 km/h in the city, 60 km/h or 80 km/h on the main roads, and 110 km/h on some parts of the highway.

Driving manuals are available in every bookstore. Extra care and attention must be paid when driving around roundabouts and in town.

Road signs are effective on the main roads, but not always consistently present on secondary roads. In general, Mauritians are friendly and ready to help regarding giving directions.

It is worth mentioning that buses have priority and often do not respect traffic regulations.

Driving licences cannot be automatically converted to include heavy goods vehicles. To be authorised to drive such vehicles, you will have to retake the driving test in Mauritius, specifically for those types of vehicles.



Importing your car

Importing your car to Mauritius is possible. However, it is important to consider the following factors to calculate the profitability of this process, even though the alternative is to purchase a car in Mauritius which can be quite expensive.

The car must have been registered in the name of the owner, in the country of their residence, at least six months before their arrival in Mauritius. The cost of importation of a vehicle is very high (approximately € 3,000 to 4,000).

Since driving is on the left-hand side in Mauritius, driving a car with a left-hand steering wheel can be dangerous. Upon import of the vehicle, you will need to seek a certification from the National Transport Authority (NTA) to be able to drive the car in Mauritius.

The NTA may also require that you modify the vehicle on top of a 15% tax on the 'Cost, Insurance and Freight' (CIF) and 15% VAT.





Buying a car

If you use the services of a car dealer, all formalities will be taken care of.

If you purchase the vehicle directly from its owner, they must provide you with:

- Registration book (Horsepower)
- Two originals of the Deed of Sale
- A 'Certificat de Gage' (proof of full payment of the car), obtained from the NTA.

Once those documents are in your possession, you must go to the Registrar Building in Port-Louis, to pay the registration fees associated with the purchase of the vehicle. You will need to go back to the NTA to collect your car's registration card.

Dealerships on the island represent most brands. However, it is important to obtain information for maintenance, as spare parts for European cars (Peugeot, Renault, BMW, Mercedes, Rover, Ford, Volkswagen) are expensive in Mauritius. Asian brands are the most widespread (Toyota, Honda, Nissan, Mitsubishi, Mazda, Hyundai, Suzuki, KIA), and spare parts for these brands are more readily available.

Car dealerships usually deal with banks or financial institutions. Leasing cars is a common practice in Mauritius.

Useful Link

National Transport Authority
nta.govmu.org

MRA – Importation of Vehicle
commerce.govmu.org

Leal - **www.leal.mu**

Axess - **axess.mu**

Toyota - **www.toyotamauritius.com**

Hyundai - **www.hyundai.mu**



Moving to Mauritius



Planning your move to Mauritius

Moving abroad is not easy, and it is important to carefully go over all the necessary details. Take the time to familiarise yourself with the formalities and examine all the different quotes and offers from international moving companies. Sometimes, it is wise to sell off some items before your departure and to purchase similar ones again once you are in Mauritius. This approach allows you to reduce the volume and weight of relocated items, and consequently the associated costs. Plus the majority of houses and apartments for rent in Mauritius are furnished and equipped with basic electrical appliances.

Choose a moving company

Choose a moving company with an international reputation and which is affiliated with professional associations such as IAM (International Association of Movers). This will most likely mean that there's a structured network and a local partner in Mauritius, who will facilitate the customs clearance formalities and delivery to the final destination. Who doesn't want a smooth and secure international move?

Know the volume of items to be moved

International moving experts come to your home and determine the volume of items to be relocated. Make sure you also have a list of inventory and their relevant volume and weight. Moving companies can also assist in tailoring the best solution for your needs (container, pallets, etc.).

Useful Links

International Association of Movers – IAM

www.iamovers.org

Federation of European Movers – FEDEMAC

www.fedemac.com





The international removal contract

The contract must mention several essential points:

- Address of departure (the location from which the items will be removed)
- Address of arrival in Mauritius
- Volume of items being moved
- Mode of transportation and duration of travel
- Terms of service and conditions of the moving company
- Price of the service provided
- The route from the point of departure to the point of arrival
- Terms of the insurance cover

Services

The selection of services provided by the moving company (for e.g. dismantling furniture), is an agreement between the moving company and yourself. For an international move, it is sensible to entrust packing and moving of fragile objects to a professional.

List and declaration of value

It is essential to create an inventory of all items in each container and sign it before the shipping. This will estimate the value of each container (Declaration of Value) in cases of loss or damage to your belongings, and will help to estimate the compensation you must receive. Keep a signed and dated copy of this inventory list in a secure and accessible place.

Consequently, the moving company could offer you an 'all risks insurance' which would automatically cover any risk.

Consignment Note

The consignment note states the terms of the contract, the mode of transport, the volume of goods in the shipment, and the name and address of the customer and the moving company. You will have to sign it at the time of loading and at the time of final delivery.

Timeframe

For someone relocating to Mauritius from Europe, the total duration of the move is usually between four to five weeks. Bear in mind that the shipment route includes the road network to reach the harbour and the marine route. The moving company will usually inform you of the dates which coincide with the departure of cargo ships.





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Customs clearance of the container on arrival

You will be notified when your container reaches the harbour in Port-Louis, and you will be requested to complete all relevant formalities with the MRA. You must also present your identification papers and a valid Residence permit along with the inventory and the 'Declaration of Value' form.

Warning

You will not be authorised to remove your container from Customs if you haven't been provided with a valid Residence Permit yet. As such, your container will remain at Customs until you receive the Residence Permit or decide to send your shipment back. In addition, you will be liable to pay a fee to Customs for the safekeeping of your container and might be charged a fee to rent the space taken up by the container.

An appointment will be made at the docks, and Customs control will then open all containers in your presence. All or part of the boxes may be unpacked to verify their content. Severe penalties apply if prohibited items are found in your shipment.

Local freight forwarder

It is mandatory to go through a freight forwarder to complete the customs clearance procedures, obtain authorisation to remove the container from the harbour area, and if necessary, have the items delivered to your place.



Delivery to your home

Some moving companies do not offer door-to-door delivery but assist up to the point where the container reaches the port. The transfer of your belongings from the harbour to your new home implies additional costs.

Taxes and exemption

You do not have to pay taxes on personal belongings as long as these items have (i) been in your possession and used for at least one year and (ii) are not intended for sale or transfer to a third party. All items for domestic and personal use (clothing, household appliances, electronic devices, linens, furniture, photos, bedding, cutlery, crockeries, sewing machine, musical instruments, refrigerator, stove, etc.) are considered to be personal belongings. If the items are new, they will be taxed. The amount of tax leviable varies according to product classifications.

Prohibited products

The following products are prohibited for importation to Mauritius:

- plants, seeds, flowers, fresh products
- live animals
- drugs
- weapons (war, hunting, fishing).



Useful links and addresses

Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA)

Custom House
Mer Rouge - Port-Louis
Phone: (230) 202 05 00 / 01
Fax: (230) 216 95 67
E-mail: customs@mra.mu
Web: www.mra.mu

Mauritius Port Authority

H.Ramnarain Building
Mer Rouge - Port-Louis
Phone: (230) 206 54 00
Fax: (230) 240 08 56
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.aptmauritius.com



Customs



When travelling to Mauritius, your clothing, personal items and jewellery are free of duty or VAT, whether or not they are with you upon arrival or are sent to you separately — as long as they are intended for personal use. This applies to any personal items, and includes:

- a portable musical instrument
- a personal music player, mp3 player, and image recorder
- a portable radio receiver
- a portable video camera
- a camera
- a bicycle
- a windsurfing board and up to three sails
- a fishing gear (excluding underwater fishing weapons)

- diving and golf equipment

The items mentioned above must be re-exported within six months of their import or otherwise the authorities will impose duties and taxes.

Allowed zero-rated products (for any passenger aged 18 and above arriving in Mauritius or Rodrigues on an international flight) are:

- 250 g of tobacco (cigars and cigarettes)
- Wine, ale, and beer not exceeding two litres
- Spirits not exceeding one litre
- 25 cl of cologne
- 10 cl of perfumes

Plants, seeds, fresh fruits, and flowers require an import permit from the Ministry of Agriculture beforehand, and must be declared accordingly to customs on arrival.



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Flower boxes, sold at the airport, hold a phytosanitary certificate authorizing their import and export. Weapons (war, hunting, underwater fishing) and ammunition are prohibited. However, in the context of professional use, weapons must be declared on both arrival and departure. The requisite supporting documents and authorisations must be presented to the authorities.

- **Animals:** The importation of animals is subject to prior authorisation by the Ministry of Agriculture and must be declared to customs on arrival. The animals will be quarantined before their entry in Mauritian territory.
- **Prohibited products:** Hard drugs as well as soft drugs are strictly prohibited. Their importation is illegal, and trafficking is severely punished by law. Possession of rolling paper is also prohibited.
- **Not declaring prohibited products** or any product requiring prior authorisation to customs constitutes an offence, and offenders are liable to a fine or even imprisonment. The products in question will be confiscated.

Useful addresses and links

Customs Department

Phone: (230) 202

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Web: www.mra.mu

Agricultural Services Réduit

Phone: (230) 401 28 00

Fax: (230) 464 8749

Web: govmu.org/EN/infoservices/agri/Pages/default.aspx

You can also refer to this comprehensive directory for contacts:

agriculture.govmu.org/Pages/About%20Us/SeniorStaff.aspx





GOOD TO KNOW

Mauritius has a secure framework for online shopping. Indeed, e-commerce operates according to the *Electronic Transactions Act*, of 2000.

Delivery of orders from abroad

It is possible to order on the internet from Mauritius. Most addresses do ship to the island. So, how do you receive deliveries safely, and under what conditions?

E-commerce sites that deliver to Mauritius

Regarding the main online sales platforms such as Amazon, Ali Express or eBay, the first is a partner of UPS. As for the second and the third, they send packages directly by mail to customers' homes.

You should note however that some products are not deliverable, so check all details directly on the site concerned.

For those who do not deliver to Mauritius, or who charge very high shipping fees, you have the opportunity to go through other shipping companies.

Shipping companies in Mauritius

At present, Mauritius has several key companies that will enable 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

Any object received, the value of which is declared at less than 60 euros (about Rs 2,400) is exempt from taxes.

Regarding alcohol, it will cost around 20 euros (about Rs 800) per litre + VAT on a value determined by customs.



Getting Around Mauritius



Buses, taxis and now Metro Express ... it is increasingly easy to get around Mauritius.

The bus network

Mauritius has a bus network that allows you to travel economically and easily. Buses run from 5:30am to 8pm in urban areas and from 6:30am to 6.30pm in rural areas. This network covers a large part of the island, with many stops across villages and towns, and is shared between several public operators (National Transport Co, United Bus Services and Mauritius Bus Transport), regional (Triolet Bus Service and Rose Hill Transport) and private operators.

Port-Louis has two main stations: Gare du Nord and Gare Victoria, connected by shuttles, with each major city having its own central station. To find it, just ask!

To travel by bus, you will have to carry cash: tickets are

purchased on board, often after the bus has begun its journey. The "conductor" makes their way to each passenger, who then indicates their destination. The fare is payable according to the distance travelled. Regarding rates, click here for an up-to-date summary.

Useful links

Rose Hill Transport www.rht.mu

Mauritius Buses – Bus itineraries
www.mauritius-buses.com

GOOD TO KNOW

For a few extra rupees, you can take one of the many air-conditioned express buses that serve major cities. You will also find a special bus to and from Mahebourg Airport.

The elderly or pregnant women are naturally a priority for seats!

It is not uncommon to see inspectors board buses to check for passenger tickets. If you cannot present a valid ticket, you risk a fine.





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Mon - Fri: 08.30am - 4.30pm
Sat: 08.30am - 12.00pm



1, Military Road, Port Louis

Which bus for which direction?

You can find your way using buses by clicking [here](#).

The Metro Express

The light railway system, Metro Express, has been operational in Mauritius since December 2019. Later, in June 2021, Metro Express also started serving Quatre Bornes. Further works are being carried out on the Quatre-Bornes - Curepipe line which should be launched at the end of 2022. The route covers 26km and connect Curepipe to Port Louis via 19 stations: St. Louis, Black River Road, Richelieu, Nelson Mandela, Beau Bassin, Reverend Lebrun, Rose Hill, Victoria Avenue, Quatre Bornes, Saint John, Trianon, Phoenix, Palmerstone, Vacoas, Sadally, Floreal, Curepipe North, and Curepipe.

Regarding ticket prices, we already know that this will rise to then Rs 40 in 2022 and Rs 50 in 2023. Travellers will have access to several ATMs with easy payment options.

The authorities are already starting to think about the extension of this service, to areas such as Rose Hill to Ebène, the East and South (Mahébourg) or the North, as far as Grand-Baie.



Useful links

Expat.com – Cars for rent or sale in Mauritius www.expat.com/en/classifieds/africa/mauritius/other-vehicles.html

Avis www.avis-mauritius.com

Hertz www.hertz.mu/hertz12/book#-no-back-button

Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd www.mauritiusshipping.net

Driver services

If you need a driver, for example, in anticipation of a party with friends, there are some companies to choose from, and the trend is growing on the island. For now, you can count on:

My Chauffeur: a subsidiary of RHT Holding Ltd, the company takes care of occasional and professional travel for the public as well as for companies. You can download the mobile application from the web.

Europcar - Chauffeur Services: This car hire specialist offers the hiring of a driver for the day, for Rs 900 between 8.30am and 5pm and Rs 160 extra per hour (TTC).

Coco The Bob: book a driver by phone, from the mobile application or the website of this company - inspired by Uber.

Renting a car

There are large international car rental agencies as well as approved local rental companies in Mauritius, leasing cars for all tastes. For expats who wish to arrange a long-term rental, discounted fares may apply. Insurance is generally included in the rental price, and in cases of breakdown, agencies arrange a replacement vehicle.



Plane

Air Mauritius provides approximately 30 weekly flights to and from major European cities, including three flights between London and Mauritius. You can book your air ticket to Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, and many other cities in the United Kingdom via London. Other airlines that serve Mauritius are British Airways, Air Austral, Air Seychelles, Air India, Kenya Airways, Emirates, South African Airways, Air Zimbabwe, Condor, Corsair Fly, Turkish Airlines.

Ship

At the date of publishing, the Trochetia is the only ship in service between Mauritius and Rodrigues. A boat trip to Rodrigues has several advantages; it is cheaper than an air transfer, the port of embarkment is situated in Port-Louis, and the boarding begins one hour prior to departure. The Trochetia serves both as cargo 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

Useful links

Air Mauritius
www.airmauritius.com

British Airways
www.britishairways.com

South African Airlines www.flysaa.com

Turkish Airlines
www.turkishairlines.com

Flight Info www.myt.mu



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Phone and Internet



Telephone

In Mauritius, telecommunication services are provided by the Mauritius Telecom (MT). In general, houses, apartments, and commercial premises have a fixed telephone line already installed. If this is not the case, an application can be made to the nearest MT Branch. The installation takes from 15 days to three weeks. Costs (excluding VAT) range from Rs 2,000 for individuals to Rs 3,000 for businesses. If the telephone line is installed outside of office hours, an additional fee of Rs 500 is added to the standard fee, and the amount is included in the first bill. A security deposit is also required: Rs 5,000 for individuals and Rs 2,000 for businesses. The rental of the device (optional) costs Rs 1,000 while the monthly subscription costs Rs 90 for individuals and Rs 225 for businesses.

To subscribe, you will need to produce the following documents:

- an installation application form
- a passport
- proof of address

Three service providers share the flourishing mobile phone market in Mauritius: Emtel, Mauritius Telecom, and Mahanagar Telephone Mauritius Limited (Chili). They offer monthly packages and prepaid cards, which are very popular among Mauritians. You will find branches of these service providers in major shopping malls and city centres. To obtain a monthly package, go directly to the approved shop with an identity card and proof of address.

Internet

Mauritius is currently served by four operators; the leading provider is Mauritius Telecom, which offers a wide range of services for both individuals and businesses (MyT, ADSL, Wi-Fi, etc.).

The requirements are simple — you need to fill an application form, go to the provider of your choice with copies of your Occupation or Residence Permit and your passport. You must also obtain written au-

thorisation from the owner of the telephone line (if it's other than you), confirming you can use it. To verify the eligibility for your line call 8902. For an ADSL subscription, the rates (VAT included) range from Rs 699 for 512 Kbps, Rs 799 for 1 Mbps, Rs 1,349 for 2 Mbps, and Rs 2,349 for 4 Mbps. To subscribe to MyT, you will need around Rs 1,200 per month for 20 Mbps, Rs 1,500 per month for 50 Mbps and Rs 2,000 per month for 100 Mbps.

Useful link

Mauritius Telecom www.myt.mu
EMTEL www.emtel.com
Chili www.chili.mu

Emergency contacts

SAMU: **114**
Fire Services: **115**

Coast Guard: **212 27 47**
Police: **112 / 999**
Line Barracks: **208 12 12**
Tourism Police: **213 17 40**
Electricity: **130**
Water: **170**
Child Protection Unit: **113**
Crime Prevention: **148**

Information

Meteorological Service: **686 1031**
Phone directory: **150**
Tourism information: **152**
Vols: **89 65**
Traffic routier: **203 12 51**



Postal services

Due to the growth in the tourism industry in Mauritius, there has been an influx in international shipment, thanks to efficient air transport and shipment services.

During peak season however, delivery time varies between four days and three weeks.

The opening hours of post offices:

Monday to Friday from 8.15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday from 8.15 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

Express Mail

Some letters or packages require rapid delivery, so you can use the following services:

- EMS www.ems.post
- Fedex www.fedex.com
- UPS Mauritius www.ups.com/mu/en/Home.page?

Media

All international papers, magazines, and reviews are on sale at the local supermarkets. You can also find game magazines (crossword, puzzles, sudoku) and children's magazines.

The Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) is in charge of the broadcasting of TV shows on local channels, which are accessible via DTT (Digital Terrestrial Television). Movies, documentaries, and other shows are provided in several languages:

Mauritian Creole, English, French, Hindi and other oriental languages. The most popular TV programmes are the Indian movies and series, BBC News, and British, French, and American movies.

Useful link

Mauritius Post

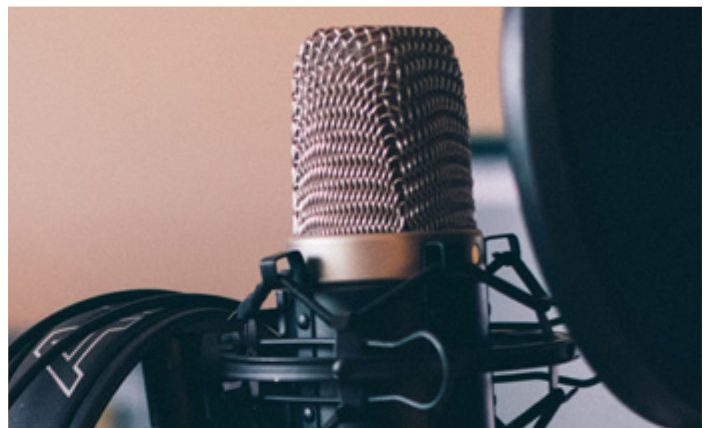
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TV

- MBC mbc.intnet.mu
- CanalSat Maurice www.canalsat-maurice.com
- Parabole Maurice www.parabolemaurice.com
- MyT www.myt.mu

Radios

- Radio Moris www.radiomoris.com
- Radio Plus radioplus.defimedia.info
- Radio One www.r1.mu
- Top FM radio www.topfm.mu



Energies



Water supply

Water is supplied to households and commercial premises by the Central Water Authority (CWA). An estimated 98% of households receive running tap water. The water is properly treated at the source and reliably drinkable. However, during periods of heavy tropical rain, mud flow results in water contamination thereby giving it a brownish tint. During those periods it is advisable to drink bottled water, or boil the tap water prior to consuming it.

Central Water Authority cwa.govmu.org

Electricity

The voltage of household outputs is 220 V. The electrical sockets are usually similar to the ones used in the United Kingdom, but the European socket can also be found in many buildings. Thus, owning an adapter is advisable. Plugs, extension cords, and adapters are available in hardware stores, supermarkets, and DIY stores. During the tropical cyclone season, a generator can be of great use.

Central Electricity Board ceb.intnet.mu

Gas

There is no «town gas» system in Mauritius. If you have chosen gas as your mode of cooking or source of heat, you will have to buy 6, 12 or 40 kg gas cylinders. There are three types of cylinders: red ones (available at Total filling stations), blue ones (at Shell gas stations), and yellow, which are becoming increasingly rare on the market. The cap valve, here called «gas regulator» differs from one colour to another. Prices are fixed: for instance, it cost Rs 240 for the 12 kg gas cylinder (at the date of publication).

Total Mauritius www.total.mu





Renewable sources of energy

As an island, Mauritius is concerned by environmental issues more than ever. Expatriates who wish to participate in this collective effort can, for example, elect to look into green options in electricity. So what are they, and where can you find them?

The 2019-2020 Budget announced several measures to move Mauritius from fossil fuels to environmentally friendly energy sources. Among these measures is a plan to encourage and optimise the use of different energy sources - in particular to produce electricity.

For example, the country's electricity producer, the CEB, will install solar energy production systems for social, religious and charity organisations, which will then be able to consume some of the electricity produced. Individuals close to these structures will benefit from a free connection to enjoy some of the energy produced by these organisations.

Another project is to gradually introduce smart meters. 25,000 have already been placed in homes and businesses and 75,000 additional units should soon join this quota.

To find out more about the various green installations available in Mauritius both for the public and businesses, contact **Green Energy Co. Ltd**, CEB's 'green' subsidiary.



Cost of living



As is the case elsewhere, the cost of living in Mauritius depends greatly on habits, daily needs, the region and the number of people you are supporting - to name just a few! To help, here is a general overview.

The monthly cost of living in Mauritius

Within the context of expatriation and living costs, one must take into account several parameters - including rent, mandatory bills, internet, food, gasoline, health insurance, running a car and home, and leisure.

As for daily bills, count about Rs 3,000 a month for water, internet and electricity.

To get around, you will probably choose to have your own car. Be prepared though, those four wheels are

100% taxed in Mauritius! If you don't want to pay a large sum at once, you can count on renting a car, a solution adopted by many expatriates.

When it comes to recreation, of course, the beach and the mountains are wonderful and free, but you can also go to the cinema for about Rs 350 per person. Also note that most tourist attractions legally practice double charging: for residents and for tourists!



The cost of food

For expenses in Mauritius, everything will depend on your personal habits. Be aware however that prices are much lower if you choose to buy your fruits and vegetables at the market. As for meat, alcohol and cheese, expatriates go to the relatively well-stocked supermarkets.

Count about 35% of your total monthly budget for food and groceries etc. Here are some indicative prices:

- One litre of milk: Rs 50
- One local baguette: Rs 20
- A dozen eggs: Rs 93
- A meal in a cheap restaurant: Rs 250 per person
- Meal for 2 people, mid-range restaurant, three courses: Rs 1,500
- Imported beer (0.33 liter bottle): Rs 100
- Local beer (0.5 liter): Rs 87
- Cappuccino: Rs 101.82,
- Coca Cola (0.5 liter): Rs 36
- Water (50 cl): Rs 13.50



Housing

Rents are relatively high in Mauritius, so you will need to plan on paying between Rs 35,000 and Rs 50,000 for an apartment near the coast and around Rs 70,000 at least for a town with its feet in the sand! However, you

will save money by deciding to rent outside the city centre, where you will pay between Rs 11,600 and Rs 24,000 for an apartment with one to three bedrooms, without charges.

Transport

Transportation costs can be a big part of your monthly budget. However, if you want to save money, the country has a good network of buses and official taxis. Be careful: as these are not equipped with a metre, it is strongly recommended to negotiate the price beforehand. For a journey from Port-Louis to or from Rose Hill, the charge is around Rs 600.

Fees:

- One-way bus ticket: Rs 34
- One litre of gasoline: Rs 46
- One litre of petrol: Rs 55.75
- Taxi per km: Rs 100



Clothing

Local markets have plenty of stalls where you can find good quality clothes at very low prices. In shopping centres, prices are higher:

- A pair of branded jeans: Rs 2,522
- Branded sports shoes: Rs 3,370
- Sundress: Rs 1,876

Eating Out

In Mauritius, you can eat almost anything, anywhere and at any price! If you want to eat on the run without breaking the bank, you can spend even less than 0.5 euro, about Rs 20, for example, for a pair of dhal puri

(vegetable-filled pancakes).

If you'd like to take the kids to McDonalds, KFC, Pizza Hut, count on around Rs 200 per person.



The cost of education in Mauritius

While education is free in Mauritius, the situation is generally different for expatriate parents, who prefer to turn to the international private schools located on the island. These are found in the North, in the capital, in the Wilhems Plains and in the West. Click on the following links for information on their fees:

- École du Nord, Labourdonnais, Mapou
www.llb.school/tarifs-llb.php
- Clavis International, Montagne-Ory
clavis.mu/admissions
- Westcoast International Secondary School
www.westcoast-schools.com/fees.html



Leisure activities



Mauritius certainly isn't lacking in things to do for recreation and fun! Below you'll find an overview of activities available.

Hobbies: feed your passions in Mauritius

Whether on weekdays or during weekends, you'll have the chance to practice your favourite hobbies without having to move heaven and earth. Language classes, dancing, sports - all you need is a little internet research.

Facebook has some of the best resources when it comes to finding schools, groups, and companies that offer different activities. For example, if you are

looking for a ballet class, simply type 'ballet classes Mauritius' in the search bar of the social network. You can proceed in the same way on any classic search engine.

Also don't forget the Expat.com directory (section 'Services' / 'View all services'): click on 'Categories' and type 'Activities' in the search bar.

Outdoor activities

To swim with dolphins, head towards the bay of Tamarin and Black River to discover one of the most popular activities in Mauritius, perfect for the whole family. Select from the various companies that offer this activity by searching for 'swim with dolphins mauritius' in your search engine, book an outing, then simply prepare your mask and snorkel!

Catamaran cruises are also a popular activity solo or as a family and must be done at least once during your expatriation in Mauritius. Enjoy a day at sea to discover Gabriel Island to the north or sail around the

island of Benitiers to the west. You'll find numerous options available by typing 'Catamaran cruise Mauritius' into your search engine.

For a fun family day out, the Casela amusement park is perfect. Between the animals, walking trails and countless activities (zip line, quad, segway, etc.), this park is an enchanting place for a day full of surprises!

Vanilla Park: turtles, crocodiles, nature worthy of the Amazon rainforest... Vanilla Park is a place as peaceful as it is exciting. Attend the famous 'crocodile meal' live!





Museums

Mauritius immerses you in its history at its various museums, including the Frederik Hendrik Museum at the Old Grand Port, The Museum of seashells at Bel Ombre Castle, the Castle of Labourdonnais at Rampart River, The Adventure of Sugar in Pamplemousses, the Bois Cheri Tea Factory and Tea Museum in Bois Cheri, the Curious Corner of Chamarel in Chamarel or even the Blue Penny museum in Port-Louis.

Sports in Mauritius

Good news! More and more fitness clubs are opening their doors across the island! To find them, just do some research on Facebook and the internet in general by typing in the keywords 'fitness mauritius'. Regarding rates, everything depends on the club chosen, but for example, the club Riverland Grand-Bay offers those over 25 years a registration at Rs 3,000, an access card at Rs 500 and a monthly payment of Rs 2,300. You will also find that classes are numerous and eclectic (races, Zumba parties, etc.) Don't hesitate to get involved in online forums and ask questions to find out more.



For kids, there are multi-disciplinary clubs such as the Mocha Rangers Sports Club, which has a particularly dynamic page on Facebook.

Shopping

Mauritius is a paradise for shoppers, as the island is famous for making quality textiles, jewellery, diamonds and handicrafts such as boat models and wooden artwork to name but a few.

Many modern shopping centres have emerged in recent years:

Bagatelle Mall of Mauritius, appreciated for its leisure offering (cinema, video games, football, bowling, etc.), but also the many fashion stores, jewellery, cosmetics... You'll also find several shops specialising in kitchen items and interior decoration.

Grand-Bay La Croisette is 'the' meeting point for laziness in the sun after having lunch in one of the many restaurants that surround the central square or in the food court.

Grand-Bay Coeur De Ville not only has a French hypermarket, but also more than 70 fashion, decoration, art, home decor and food court options as well as several restaurants.

Rich Terre allows you to do all your shopping in one place. For shoes, clothing and accessories for sport, health and beauty, optics, cars and motorcycles, jewellery, electronics and home appliances - you're in the right place.

Phoenix, whether you need a computer, clothes to make an impression at the office or a party, supplies for the kids, sports, shoes, cosmetics, jewellery... Phoenix Mall has over forty brands!

Trianon, shops, a bookstore, a supermarket, a cinema, a specialist in Chinese medicine, clothes, and of course restaurants, the shopping park Trianon has been recently renovated to welcome visitors, whether with family or solo.



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Cascavelle trades a line between conviviality and relaxation and is a commercial space open 7 days a week for shopping: retail stores, local and international, clothing, jewellery, fashion accessories, a bookstore, supermarket, delicatessen, cafes and restaurants but also track karting!

Kendra St Pierre is smaller, and home to an optician, shoe store, pizzeria, ice cream shop, pharmacy and flooring specialist.

Flacq Coeur De Ville, twin of Grand-Bay Coeur De Ville, this mall boasts many stores, you can also shop for food here.

So'Flo in Floréal, recently opened, this mall is modern and comfortable. You might want to add a wellness session to your trip at the spa, or choose a nice gift in its upscale perfume shop.

Rose Belle Plaisance Shopping Village has more than 50 stores, including jeans, stationery and handicrafts, beachwear, beauty brands from France and Korea, and discounted deals to take advantage of - including hotels and leisure activities on the island. This mall goes even further by housing a fitness studio!

Caudan Waterfront in Port-Louis is appreciated for its duty free shops, souvenirs and crafts. There is an area dedicated to artists and a movie theatre (relatively unusual outside the capital).

You can find everything in malls in Mauritius: from clothing to home appliances, electronics, cars, motorcycles, opticians, clothing, shoes, accessories, appliances, furniture, tools, interior decoration, bookstores, toys, wines, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics, hypermarkets, ATMs ...





Here are some indications for shopping whether you are in the north, the center, the east or the west of Mauritius:

In the Centre: Curepipe - Floreal - Phoenix - Quatre-Bornes - Rose-Hill - Moka

For shopping outside the shopping centres ...

Curepipe - located in the district of Plaines Wilhems, Curepipe is the second largest city after Port-Louis, both in size and population. Perfect for shoppers, there are western and Asian clothing stores. Take the time to discover the large arcades, shopping centres and the city market.

Floreal - shopping malls, boutiques, factory outlets, local craft workshops, model-making, diamond cutting ... Get ready to get dizzy in Floréal, also located in the Plaines Wilhems district. Do business by buying directly from manufacturers! Want quality textiles? Floréal Square is home to a shop where you will find 100% natural fibers (lambswool, cashmere, merino wool, cotton, angora, linen and silk).

Phoenix - The city is famous for hosting The Mauritius Glass Gallery, where experienced craftsmen create unique hand-made glass art objects. Lampshades, stained glass, vases and other containers can be purchased. Otherwise, the city has two major commercial complexes: Les Halles and Jumbo shopping complex.





Quatre-Bornes - a city particularly appreciated by Mauritians, Quatre-Bornes comes alive at night. In the meantime, head to the city centre and rue Saint-Jean for shopping, not forgetting to make a detour via the central market.

Rose-Hill - open some days of the week, the bazaar will save you from having to go to the supermarket to buy your household and food items. Otherwise, the city has a plethora of clothing, food, craft and other stores.

Moka - Bagatelle Mall of Mauritius has become the main shopping destination of the country. Thanks to its blend of shopping and leisure, Bagatelle has become a meeting point of choice. Major brands, restaurants, and a cinema, this complex has about 130 stores.

To the north: Grand Bay - Goodlands - Arsenal - Port-Louis

Grand Bay - this tourist village has modern shopping centres, the Super U complex and Grand Bay Plaza, Grand Bay La Croisette, but also top textile stores. These range between, jewellery, handicrafts and imported products and make up the Sunset Boulevard shopping complex. International and local brands co-exist to offer a variety of products to shoppers, especially along the Grand Bay main road, known as the Royal Route. Right next to the Grand Bay Royal Road, you will find the main bazaar that offers many traditional Mauritian products and local crafts.

Goodlands - located to the north-east of Grand Bay, Goodlands is a small village ideal for daily shopping. Stores offering traditional Eastern clothing, modern and casual for all days and ages, fill the main street.

Arsenal - located between Triolet and Terre-Rouge, Arsenal offers branded boutiques as well as cashmere clothing boutiques and handicrafts. In addition, Arsenal is renowned for its luxury lighting product stores.



Port-Louis - the capital of the island is full of shops. Take the time to stroll and discover everything on offer: clothes, furniture, tools, Asian products, interior decoration, tableware, etc. Do not forget that Port-Louis is famous for its bazaar (called Grand Bazaar), near the port. You'll find lots to eat, but also household items, crafts and clothes. Little tip: go upstairs to discover the souvenir shops and upscale clothing!

Still in **Port-Louis**, there is the Caudan Waterfront, which has luxury stores, craft and restaurants, a breath of fresh air for shopping.

Many projects are also under construction and will be added to the local landscape.

To the West: Flic-en-Flac - Black River

Flic-en-Flac - Located along the west coast of Mauritius, Flic-en-Flac is popular for its seafood and its many shops. Find restaurants and shopping complexes in Pasadena. For clothes, the main arterial road boasts a variety of brands. Otherwise, head to the Cascavelle Mall for shopping, shopping and more shopping!


Black River - located along the west coast southwest of Mauritius, Black River is becoming more and more dynamic, thanks in particular to its Ruisseau Créole shopping centre, local shops, restaurants, and cafes. This meeting point is a must for shopping and relaxing in Mauritius.

In the East: Flacq

Flacq - Flacq is far from being a sleepy city with its shops, boutiques and shopping centres - Flacq Coeur De Ville, and Flacq Shopping Mall! For shopping for everyday life or for special occasions, you'll find everything in Flacq.



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Eating in Mauritius

Eating is a big part of Mauritian culture at home, but especially outside. Between fast-foods, restaurants serving everyday dishes of all types and the ubiquitous street vendors, there is plenty to choose from.

In the street, you'll find all the essentials: rotis and dhal puris, to start! One is made from flour and clarified butter, the other of peas. Both are stuffed with vegetables in sauce and various condiments (be warned - this can sometimes be spicy, so ask the seller!) For the best address, you can count on AKA, a popular spot among Mauritians located in Vallijee. Otherwise, there are fried snacks, usually based on or stuffed with vegetables (cowhorn peppers, samosas, patés, gato

arouille, etc.), but also dumplings (based on chicken, beef or lamb and / or of vegetables) accompanied by broth and chilli, curries and briani.

For those with a sweet tooth, don't miss the sellers of "confits" or pickled fruits, fruits soaked for a long time in an acidic mixture that is both sweet and salty. Dipped in "tamarind sauce", spicy salt and an extra spicy sauce, make for a happy scene in Mauritians in winter and summer. You can ask for natural and fresh fruits, of course. Add to that the artisanal ice cream, of which Vona Corona is a worthy representative, and other creamy preparations, often based on almond, rose water and vanilla.



For a more traditional setting, establishments range from the entry level, with "snacks" and fried rice and boiled or fried noodles, etc. and other restaurants that you could just as easily find in the Western countries. **Among the most popular are:**

- The Dear Hunter at the Constance Belle Mare Hotel (Local cuisine and barbecues - East of the island),
- L'Escale Creole, Bois Chéri Road in Moka (Local cuisine - North East),
- Beach Rouge , Coastal Road, Grand Gaube (North Island),
- Beach Rouge, Lux Belle Mare (Italian - East of the Island),
- Amari By Vineet, Luxury Resorts and Hotels Belle Mare (Indian and Asian cuisine - East of the island),



- La Spiaggia, B59, Constance Belle Mare Beach Hotel, Poste de Flacq, Pointe de Flacq (Local cuisine, Italian, Mediterranean, European - East of the island),
- Inti, Coastal Road, Lux Grand Gaube Hotel (Peruvian cuisine, Argentine, Latin - North of the island),
- Sincontru, Royal Road, Hotel Ventura Complex, Grand Bay (Italian cuisine - North of Island),
- Duck Laundry, Coastal Road, Four Cocos, Belle Mare (Chinese cuisine, Asian - East of the island)
- Hasu, Coastal Road, Mauritius Long Beach, Belle Mare (Sushis - East of the island)



Nightlife in Mauritius

Mauritius may be a small island, but she still likes to come alive at night! In addition to the street vendors who set the mood on Saturday nights in the big cities, if you are into bars, clubs and casinos, here is a selection of good addresses:

Bars and nightclubs north

- Avant Garde Cocktail Bar, Grand Bay
- Banana Beach Club, Grand Bay
- Beach House, Grand Bay
- Buddha Bar, Grand Bay
- Insomnia, Grand Bay
- Keg & Marlin, Caudan, Port-Louis
- Les Enfants Terribles, Grand Bay
- OMG Nightclub, Grand Bay
- On The Rocks Lounge Bar, Caudan, Port-Louis
- Safari Bar, Grand Bay

Bars and nightclubs in the centre

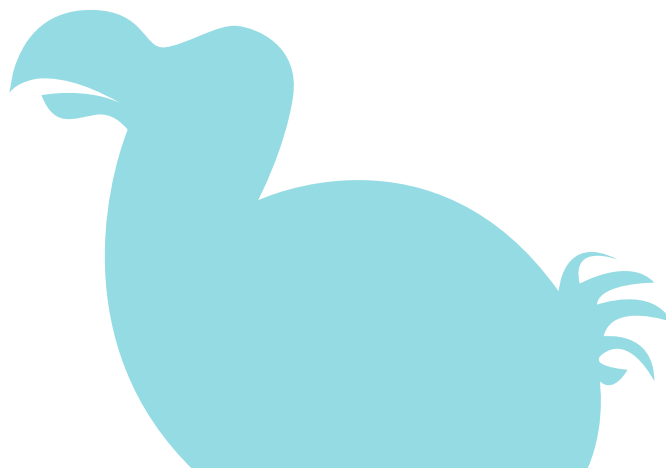
- Backstage Lounge Bar, Ebene, Quatre-Bornes
- Flying Dodo, Bagatelle, Moka
- The Irish, Trianon, Quatre-Bornes

Bars and nightclubs in the west

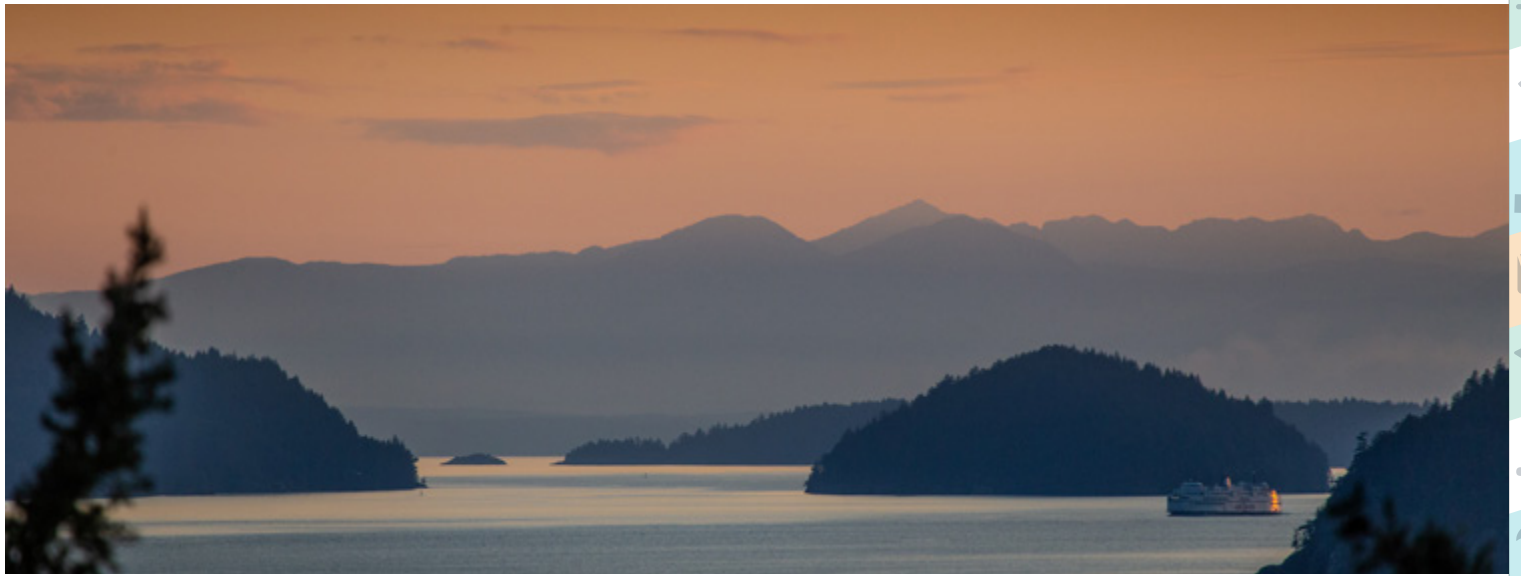
- Big Willy's, Tamarin
- Kenzi Bar, Flic-en-Flac
- Shotz, Flic-en-Flac
- Shout, Flic-en-Flac

Casinos

- The Grand Casino Domaine Les Pailles - in Pailles,
- Flic-en-Flac Casino - Flic-en-Flac
- Senator Club - **Several addresses**
- Casino De Maurice - Curepipe
- The Caudan Waterfront Casino - Caudan, the seafront de Port-Louis



Integrating as an expatriate



Expatriation is not just about changing countries, but also sharing the lives of the locals. Mauritians are particularly welcoming and receptive to foreigners. Below you'll find some tips on how to fully embrace this change of environment and culture.

Creole, the language of everyday life

Mauritian Creole, Kreol Morisien, is based on French, but given the configuration of the Mauritian nation, and there are English, Bhojpuri, Chinese, and African dialects ... a true melting pot! Nevertheless, to facilitate your interactions in everyday life with your neighbours, at the shops or even with your colleagues or local employees, don't be afraid to learn Creole. It's fairly easy to master, and the people around you will be happy to introduce you to the language, its grammar and spelling!

The Internet is full of sites that will deliver the basic phrases, but take the time to go further than tourist idioms.

Here's a taste:

Ayo

The most said word in Mauritius is also the simplest and most effective because, depending on the intonation given, it can have all kinds of possible implications.

Mari

Very often used as a superlative, it reinforces the word it precedes.

Bonjour, ki pozisyon / Ki Manyer ?

Hi, how are you?

Mo bien / Korek

I'm fine.

Mo ene anglé, mo sorti londres

I'm English, I am from London.

Kouma ou apelé ?

What's your name?

Ou marié ? Ou éna zanfán ?

Are you married? Do you have children?

Kan to vine lakaz ?

Taler mo vini

When are you coming

home? I'll come by later.

Kot to resté ?

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?

Vine guet sa fler la

Come and see this flower.

Ki ler la ?

What time is it?





Discover Mauritius everyday

Yes, the north of the country is full of activities, dynamism, shops, bars and restaurants, but beyond the tourist areas, Mauritius has so much to offer! If you don't have a car, take the bus or rent a car and take a route that you've designed yourself. Go to the market (the fair bazaar) on weekdays if possible or on weekends, buy your bread from time to time in a small shop, and have lunch in a small local eatery.

Accept invites!

When someone gets married in Mauritius, the whole neighborhood participates! In Indian and Muslim communities, festivities can last a week, so don't be surprised if you're invited by a colleague, one of your neighbours, or even a shopkeeper you meet regularly. Religious celebrations do not escape the rule, like Diwali, the festival of Hindu lights - this is a special moment of extraordinary communion between all the communities of the country.

For some celebrations, the communities concerned meet at the beach, with family to eat, drink, sing the sega, beat the ravana... For others, it will be a shared meal at home.



Be adaptable

Mauritius is a multicultural country, accustomed to welcoming expats from all walks of life. For this reason supermarkets and shops don't neglect imported items - so much so that today we find Korean ingredients in some stores. Nevertheless, your goal is to

integrate, so don't be afraid to let go, put aside your usual customs and buy local products, adopting some local ways of doing things. You're at no risk of changing your whole personality or forgetting yourself, but these little efforts will pay off in everyday life!

Social Networking

As an expatriate, it can be reassuring to only visit one's countrymen, but over time this can lead to a sense of distance and disconnect from the environment of your host country. While Mauritians can give

the impression of being difficult to connect with when it comes to friendship, by making an effort and embracing the locals, you will gradually be included in activities outside of work.





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