

COMMUNIQUÉ

Free Education in Tertiary Education Institutions

Ministry Of Education And Human Resources, Tertiary Education And Scientific Research

- 1) The Public is hereby informed that Government has decided to introduce free higher education in public Tertiary Education Institutions (TEIs).
- 2) The measure will cover the following public TEIs, namely:
 - i. University of Mauritius;
 - ii. University of Technology, Mauritius;
 - iii. Université des Mascareignes;
 - iv. Open University of Mauritius;
 - v. Mahatma Gandhi Institute/Rabindranath Tagore Institute (Tertiary);
 - vi. Mauritius Institute of Education;
 - vii. Fashion and Design Institute;
 - viii. Mauritius Institute of Training and Development; and
 - ix. Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd.
- 3) In that context, the following modalities are in place for the implementation of this policy:
 - (i) The measure will apply for courses leading to the obtention of a **first** certificate, a **first** diploma or a **first** undergraduate degree only.
 - (ii) Free education at that level will be the norm irrespective of whether the courses are run on a part-time or full-time mode.
 - (iii) Beneficiaries will be newly-enrolled students as well as existing cohorts who are moving on to the next level and are following programmes up to the undergraduate level.
 - (iv) While students will be exempted from the payment of tuition fees, they will nonetheless have to bear the costs for the Administration fee.
 - (v) The Administration fee at the University of Mauritius will amount to a maximum of Rs 10,000.
 - (vi) With regard to courses run on a **dual-campus** mode as part of a partnership agreement between a local public TEI and a foreign institution, students would be **exempted from payment of tuition fees at the local institution** but would have to meet the tuition costs claimed by the foreign institution.
 - (vii) In case the programmes are run locally under collaborative arrangements with a foreign institution, tuition fee exemption will be limited to tuition fees payable to the local TEIs.
 - (viii) In the event of failure or resit, all costs incurred consequentially will have to be borne by the students. The fee exemption will re-start once students enter the next level of study.
 - (ix) Fee exemption will not apply to international students.

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