

POLICE COMMUNIQUE

Application for Work Access Permit (WAP)

The public is hereby informed that on 9 March, 2021, by virtue of Section 3(1)(b) of the Quarantine Act 2020, the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity has issued a Temporary Restrictions of Movement Order vide General Notice No. 467 of 2021, that no person, except those mentioned at sub-paragraphs (a) to (h) below, shall remain outdoor in Mauritius as from 10 March, 2021 at 0600 hrs until 25 March, 2021 at 2000 hrs:-

- (a) employees of the public and private sector providing essential services;
- (b) employees of the Disciplined Forces;
- (c) a person who has to avail himself of medical treatment or procure medicine or any other item essential for his or his family's subsistence or livelihood;
- (d) a Judge or Magistrate for the purpose of attending Court (in respect of minimum judicial services as the Chief Justice deems essential), and employees of Courts as may be designated by the Chief Justice;
- (e) a Barrister or an Attorney whose services have been retained by a person to attend a Police Station, place of detention or Court;
- (f) a Medical Practitioner for the purpose of attending a hospital, private medical institution or patient in need of urgent medical care;
- (g) a Pharmacist and his employees for the purpose of attending their place of work; and,
- (h) employees of quarantine facilities, petrol service stations, port and airport and related businesses, cleaning and scavenging services and security services.

2. Section 3(2) of the Quarantine Act 2020 (Act 2 of 2020) provides that the Commissioner of Police may issue a **permit** to a person to be outdoor for such purpose and on such terms and conditions as the Commissioner of Police may specify in the permit.

3. With a view to preventing the spread of COVID 19 in Mauritius and ensuring a restricted movement of members of the public, Head of Ministries/Departments, employers of public and private sectors, business operators, traders, owners of commercial outlets and private individuals as enumerated below (a) to (z) shall apply for Work Access Permits (WAPs) to the Commissioner of Police on website besafemoris.mu in order to allow them to remain outdoor and travel from their place of residence to their place of work and back or to any specific place as mentioned on the permit.

- (a) Food and cooking gas distribution and associated logistics;
- (b) Hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes/meat/poultry/fish shops and food retail shops;

- (c) Bakeries for the sole purpose of preparing and delivering breads to hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes and food retail shops;
- (d) Supply of food, restaurant, fast food, cafe for online food order, takeaway and home delivery and suppliers of food to essential services;
- (e) Doctor's offices and medical facilities including private health institutions; Pharmacies and medical supply establishment;
- (f) Petrol stations;
- (g) Hardware stores;
- (h) Licenced Telecom operators, Telecom/ICT operators;
- (i) Courts;
- (j) Port and airport and related businesses;
- (k) Security services including guards and watchmen;
- (l) Cleaning and scavenging services;
- (m) Hotels being used as quarantine facilities;
- (n) Animal breeding and agricultural activities;
- (o) Agro-chemical/retail outlets selling agricultural inputs;
- (p) Press, media and associated services;
- (q) Transport industry including taxis;
- (r) Airlines (cargo only);
- (s) Energy and utilities and associated activities;
- (t) Export manufacturing including dormitories;
- (u) Construction, maintenance and engineering including maintenance to Government vehicles;
- (v) Food production, farming (fruits, vegetables & livestock), food processing and beverages;
- (w) Manufacturers of sanitary and hygiene products, detergents, sanitizers and masks;
- (x) Insurance and other financial services;

- (y) Freight forwarding and other logistics activities; and,
- (z) Medical carers, funeral services and others.

4. Breeders, planters and fishermen will be allowed to travel from their place of residence to their base of operation/plantation/breeding and fishing sites with their registration card. They should not apply for WAPs.

5. As far as practicable, employers of public and private sectors, business operators, traders, owners of commercial outlets and private individuals should submit a limited number of employees essential for the provision of minimum services at their respective organisations/enterprises with the National Identity Card number of their employees and Business Registration Number (BRN), where applicable or other documentary evidence for processing of the WAPs.

6. The Commissioner of Police may impose conditions on the movements of holders of WAPs and reserve the right to revoke any permit issued in case of misuse or breach of conditions imposed or false or misleading information provided on the application form. In addition, depending upon the nature of activities/business operations, some employers/employees will not be allowed to remain outdoor as from 1800 hrs to 0600 hrs on the next day.

7. Holders of WAPs should always be in possession of their permits when outdoor and exhibit them to any Police Officer on demand.

8. Persons found outdoor without WAPs or in breach of the provisions under the Temporary Restriction of Movement Order (GN No. 467/2021) shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to **a fine not exceeding Rs. 500,000.00 and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.**

10 March, 2021

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