

COMMUNIQUE

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TERTIARY EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

VISA PROCEDURES, QUARANTINE COSTS AND MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS STUDYING IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS IN MAURITIUS

1.0 VISA PROCEDURES

With the phased re-opening of the borders as from 01 October 2020, applications from Higher Education Institutions and Training Institutions in respect of foreign students to obtain a student permit to be able to study are as per the existing 'Guidelines for Application and Issue of Permits' available on the following website: <http://passport.govmu.org/English/Documents/passport%20Documents/Guidelines%20Student%20Visa.pdf>.

2.0 SANITARY PROTOCOLS

Given the prevailing COVID-19 situation across the world, the foreign students would have to abide by the sanitary protocols put in place by the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

2.1 PRIOR TO BOARDING AT THE LAST POINT OF EMBARKATION

A student needs, at the time of booking a ticket, equally book any hotel on the MTPA Booking Platform at <https://booking.mymauritius.travel/>. He/she must show a (i) certificate of a negative COVID-19 PCR test administered between 5 and 7 days prior to date of boarding at last point of embarkation and (ii) his/her hotel booking voucher. Additional information is available on the MTPA Booking Platform.

2.2 COST OF QUARANTINE FACILITIES

The cost of accommodation on a full-board basis in hotels, designated by the State as quarantine facilities, is to be borne by the foreign student. In case the quarantine period is extended beyond 14 days, the additional cost is to be borne by the incumbent. Information on the hotel accommodation and cost thereof is provided on the MTPA Booking Platform.

2.3 MEDICAL EXPENSES

In addition, foreign students have to bear medical expenses which include the three PCR tests to be carried out locally and other medical ancillaries. The cost is provided on the MTPA Booking Platform. The transport from SSR International Airport to respective hotels is done by the Ministry of Health and Wellness and there is no additional cost thereto, to-date.

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