

Communiqué

Registration of Micro, Small, Medium and Mid-Market Enterprises

The Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (SMEs Division) and the **Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB)** hereby invite all ***Micro, Small, Medium and Mid-Market Enterprises*** operating in the market to register themselves.

According to the SME Act 2017, SMEs are now categorised depending on their turnover as per below:

Size	Annual Turnover (MUR)
Microenterprise	Not exceeding 10 million
Small enterprise	Exceeding 10 million but not exceeding 30 million
Medium enterprise	Exceeding 30 million but not exceeding 100 million
Mid-Market enterprise	Exceeding 100 million but not exceeding 250 million

Following registration with the Ministry, a SME Certificate would be delivered to the enterprise which would be valid for five (5) years. SMEs would then be eligible to the following incentives, facilities and support services:

- (i) Concessionary rate of interests on loan at DBM Ltd;
- (ii) Exemption from custom duty on double space cabin;
- (iii) Exemption from Land Conversion Tax;
- (iv) Road Tax at concessionary rate with the National Land Transport Authority;
- (v) 4-year holiday tax from the Mauritius Revenue Authority;
- (vi) Margin of preference of 40% to local SMEs having an annual turnover not exceeding MUR 50 million; and
- (vii) Support schemes offered by the SME Mauritius Ltd – for more details, visit the website of the SME Mauritius Ltd website on the following link: <https://www.smemu.com/>.

On the other hand, the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) is a statutory body established under section 4 of the CIDB Act, whose main function is to register local contractors operating in the construction industry, among other stakeholders.

Pursuant to section 3(1)(a) of the CIDB Act, enterprises which undertake construction works of value MUR 1 million or more, are legally bound to register as contractor with the CIDB. Registration with the CIDB confers benefits to contractors as follows:

- (i) legal recognition to operate as a contractor in Mauritius;
- (ii) benefit from bidding for public works contracts up to the value of MUR 20 million which are reserved for Grade SMALL Contractors (*as per regulation 47C of the Public Procurement Regulations*);
- (iii) registered contractors can work as subcontractors with large contractors;
- (iv) registered local contractors would be able to team up with foreign contractors under the collaboration requirements in a Joint Venture of Subcontract Agreement;
- (v) contractors cannot open a bank account for their construction business unless registered with the CIDB as banks request for Registration Certificate for the opening of an Account;
- (vi) registered contractors would be eligible to import labour;
- (vii) free access to the Indicative Schedule of Rates document from CIDB's website, which may be used as a guidance to build up rates for construction works when bidding for projects;
- (viii) name and contact details appear on the list of registered contractors, published annually in the Government Gazette and on the website of the CIDB, which would entail more visibility to potential clients;
- (ix) registered contractors may submit proposals through their Associations in the Pre-Budget Consultation meetings with the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development;
- (x) benefit from free or subsidised training programmes offered by the CIDB; and
- (xi) registered contractors are provided guidance/advice on construction related matters.

Any **Micro, Small, Medium and Mid-Market Enterprise** operating in the construction industry and which undertakes contract of value MUR 1 million or more as a contractor, is

required to be registered with the CIDB, failing which, it shall be liable to a fine not exceeding **Rs 1 million** and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding **5 years**.

In view thereof, the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (SMEs Division) and the CIDB hereby invite all **Micro, Small, Medium and Mid-Market Enterprises** to apply for registration with the Ministry and the CIDB as well for those operating in the construction industry.

The application for registration can be done as follows:

(i) Registration for SME Certificate

The application form may be downloaded at <https://enterbusiness.govmu.org>. Online application may also be done at <https://online.smemu.org>. Applicants may also visit the following offices:

- a. SME Registration Unit at 25, Pope Hennessy St, Port-Louis, Tel: 202 0050; or
- b. SME Mauritius Ltd Regional Centres found at:
 - Bel Air Riviere Seche - Tel: 419 7614
 - Coromandel - Tel: 233 0500
 - Goodlands - Tel: 283 0087
 - Rose-Belle - Tel: 660 3128

(ii) Registration as Contractor with the CIDB

Application may be done on the CIDB's e-registration platform on <https://cidbregistration.govmu.org/>. Enterprises may also contact CIDB's office on 211 7878 or through e-mail at cidbmauritius@intnet.mu to obtain further information regarding the registration.

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