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Placement and Training Programmes for the Unemployed

Jobseekers and employers are hereby informed that the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training in collaboration with the Human Resource Development Council and the Skills Working Group is implementing the Youth Employment Programme, the Back to Work Programme and the Dual Training Programme.

The main objective of these programmes is to address the problem of youth and female unemployment as well as skills mismatch through training and placement.

- **The Youth Employment Programme (YEP)** is meant for unemployed youth aged between 16 and 30 years and provides them with training and placement in an enterprise for an initial period of one year with the possibility of one additional year of placement with another enterprise. The Programme provides for the payment of a monthly stipend to the youth as follows:

Non-graduates: Between Rs 6,000 and Rs 8,000

Graduates: Between Rs 10,000 and Rs 15,000

50% of the stipend is refunded to the employer by Government as well as 50% of the training cost up to a maximum of Rs7,500 per youth.

- **The Back to Work Programme (BTWP)** is meant for women above 30 years of age to enable them take up or resume employment. The Programme provides for the placement of women in a job for an initial period of six months following which they may be employed. During the placement period, the women will be paid a stipend of Rs 5,000 and will get the opportunity of following a training in a registered institution. Employers enrolling women on placement under the Programme will be refunded the

training cost up to a maximum of Rs 7,500 per woman as well as the stipend for the placement period.

- **The Dual Training Programme (DTP)** provides for unemployed Mauritians to follow a Diploma or Degree Course with a tertiary institution registered with either the Tertiary Education Commission or the Mauritius Qualifications Authority in fields required by the labour market, with placement in an enterprise. Under the Programme, trainees will be paid a monthly stipend of Rs 3,000 for a maximum period of three years. As for employers, they will be refunded 40% of the course fees or Rs 45,000 whichever is the lower, per year per trainee as well as the stipend for a maximum of three years. Trainees may be employed after completion of the course.

Employers and jobseekers who are interested to join any of the above programmes are invited to visit the respective websites for registration purposes:

YEP	www.yep.mu
BTWP	www.backtowork.mu
DTP	www.mauritiusjobs.mu

For additional information on the programmes, jobseekers and employers may also call at the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training, Victoria House, cnr St Louis and Barracks Streets, Port Louis as follows:-

YEP	Level 4	Tel: 405 0136/405 0185/405 0182
BTWP	Level 11	Tel: 405 0120/405 0121
DTP	Level 11	Tel: 405 0122/4050196

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