

*Government Notice No. 201 of 2024***THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS ACT****Regulations made by the Minister under sections 94 and 106 of the Employment Relations Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Media Employees (Remuneration)(Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2024.
2. In these regulations –
“principal regulations” means the Media Employees (Remuneration) Regulations 2023.
3. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is amended –
 - (a) in the definition of “employee”, in paragraph (c)(i)(B), by deleting the words “sections 5, 26, 32, 33, 34, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54” and replacing them by the words “sections 5, 17A, 26, 32(1), (1A), (4), (5), (6)(a) and 7, 34, 49, 50, 51A, 52, 53, 54, 57, 59(7) and 120, in so far as they relate to that employee,”;
 - (b) by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical order, the following new definition –
“Director-General” means the Director-General of the Mauritius Revenue Authority established under the Mauritius Revenue Authority Act;
4. Regulation 3 of the principal regulations is amended –
 - (a) by inserting, after paragraph (1), the following new paragraphs –
 - (1A) The rates specified in the Second Schedule include –

- (a) the appropriate national minimum wage payable under the National Minimum Wage Regulations 2017;
- (b) the additional remuneration payable under the Workers' Rights (Additional Remuneration) (2024) Regulations 2024; and
- (c) subject to paragraph (1C), the amount of wage adjustment equivalent to the difference between –
 - (i) the monthly basic wage or salary for the month of December 2023, increased by 4,925 rupees; and
 - (ii) the monthly basic wage or salary for the month of January 2024, inclusive of the additional remuneration payable under the Workers' Rights (Additional Remuneration) (2024) Regulations 2024, specified in subparagraph (b).

(1B) Subject to paragraphs (1C) to (1G), an employee –

- (a) drawing a monthly basic wage or salary higher than the monthly basic wage or salary set out in the Second Schedule; or
- (b) employed in a category or job occupation, in respect of which the monthly basic wage or salary is not set out in the Second Schedule,

shall, notwithstanding any annual increment to which he may be entitled, be paid the amount of wage adjustment equivalent to the difference between –

- (i) the monthly basic wage or salary for the month of December 2023 increased by 4,925 rupees; and
- (ii) the monthly basic wage or salary for the month of January 2024, inclusive of the additional remuneration payable under the Workers' Rights (Additional Remuneration) (2024) Regulations 2024.

(1C) Where the monthly basic wage or salary of an employee is not less than 20,000 rupees nor more than 50,000 rupees in December 2023, the employee shall be paid a monthly wage adjustment of 2,925 rupees as from the month of July 2024.

(1D) (a) Where the amount of wage increase granted by an employer or in accordance with a collective agreement, is equivalent to or higher than the amount to which an employee is entitled under paragraph (1A)(c), (1B), (1C) or (1G), the employee shall retain his actual wage or salary.

- (b) Where an employer –
 - (i) has not paid his employee the wage adjustment; or
 - (ii) pays his employee an amount of wage adjustment which is less than the adjustment,

to which the employee is entitled under paragraph (1A)(c), (1B), (1C) or (1G), the employer shall –

- (A) adjust the basic wage or salary of the employee not later than 30 September 2024; and
- (B) refund any arrears due for the months of July 2024 and August 2024 to the employee not later than 31 December 2024.

(1E) Paragraphs (1B) and (1C) shall not apply where, notwithstanding any annual increment to which an employee may be entitled, an employer has, as from the month of January 2024, granted an increase in the monthly basic wage or salary of the employee by an amount equivalent to or higher than 4,925 rupees inclusive of the additional remuneration payable under the Workers' Rights (Additional Remuneration) (2024) Regulations 2024, or 2,925 rupees.

(1F) (a) Where, in accordance with the entry requirements for any grade, occupation, job position or category, an employee possesses –

- (i) a Diploma or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the employer, the employee shall be paid a monthly basic wage or salary of not less than 23,000 rupees;
- (ii) at least a post-HSC first degree or an equivalent qualification acceptable to

the employer, the employee shall be paid a monthly basic wage or salary of not less than 25,000 rupees.

(b) Where the monthly basic wage or salary of an employee, inclusive of the wage adjustment under paragraph (1A)(c), (1B), (1C) or (1G) is less than the monthly basic wage or salary to which the employee may be entitled in this paragraph, the employer shall –

- (i) adjust the basic wage or salary of the employee not later than 30 September 2024; and
- (ii) refund any arrears due for the months of July 2024 and August 2024 to the employee not later than 31 December 2024.

(c) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a), where the monthly salary of an employee in post is, as at 1 July 2024, inclusive of the wage adjustment under paragraph (1A)(c), (1B), (1C) or (1G), higher than the salary specified in that subparagraph, the employee shall, as from 1 July 2024, be entitled to the higher salary.

(d) In this paragraph –

“Diploma” means a 2-year post-HSC Diploma or a 3-year post-SC Diploma;

“equivalent qualification” means such qualification as the Higher Education Commission may determine to be equivalent;

“first degree” means a Bachelor’s Degree or a Bachelor’s Degree with Honours;

“HSC” means the Higher School Certificate or its equivalent;

“SC” means the School Certificate or its equivalent.

(1G) (a) For the purpose of computing the wage adjustment for a part-time employee –

- (i) (A) drawing less than 20,000 rupees for the month of December 2023, the amount to be added in the basic wage or salary of the part-time employee for the month of December 2023 shall be computed in accordance with the following formula –

$$\frac{4,925 \text{ rupees} \times N}{W}$$

- (B) the wage adjustment shall then be calculated as specified in paragraph (1B);

- (ii) drawing not less than 20,000 rupees and not more than 50,000 rupees for the month of December 2023, the wage adjustment to be added in the basic wage or salary of the part-time employee shall be computed in accordance with the following formula –

$$\frac{2,925 \text{ rupees} \times N}{W}$$

- (b) In this paragraph –

“N” means the number of hours worked per month by the part-time employee;

“W” means the number of hours worked per month of a full-time employee.

(1H) An employer shall, in respect of the month of July 2024 and thereafter –

- (a) keep, in accordance with section 116 of the Workers’ Rights Act 2019, a separate record, in respect of each employee on his payroll system, of the monthly wage adjustment payable under these regulations; and
- (b) provide a copy of the record to the Director-General in accordance with section 7 of the Social Contribution and Social Benefits Act 2021.

5. The First Schedule to the principal regulations is amended in Part II –

- (a) by revoking paragraph 12 and replacing them by the following new paragraph –

12. Medical benefits

(1) Every employer shall, except, where he has taken an adequate medical insurance policy for his employees, that covers the medical benefits specified in subparagraph (3) –

- (a) provide to the employee optical benefits of not less than 3,500 rupees on the recommendation of an eye specialist;

- (b) renew the spectacles, including frames and lenses or frames or lenses as and when they become unserviceable;
- (c) at his expense, cause every employee to undergo a complete medical check-up every 6 months;
- (d) refer the employee to a medical institution for appropriate investigation, where in the course of the medical check-up, a medical practitioner detects any work-related health problem which, in his opinion necessitates further medical examination and/or treatment.

(2) Every employer shall provide adequate release time to the employee to attend a medical institution for medical examination or treatment where the employee produces documentary evidence in respect of medical examination or treatment.

(3) In this paragraph –

“medical benefits” means –

- (a) optical benefits, including spectacles as specified in paragraph (1)(a) and (b);
- (b) medical examination and treatment as defined in subparagraph (1)(c) and (d).

(b) by revoking paragraph 13.

6. The Second Schedule to the principal regulations is revoked and replaced by the Second Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

7. The Media Employees (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 are revoked.

8. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), these regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 July 2024.

(2) Regulation 7 shall be deemed to have come into operation on 13 September 2024.

Made by the Minister on 24 September 2024.

SCHEDULE

[Regulation 6]

SECOND SCHEDULE

[Regulations 3, 4, 6 and 8]

GROUP A

Category of employee	Year of service	Monthly basic wage (Rs)
Journalist, <i>Secrétaire de Redaction</i> <i>Caricaturist</i> Radio Presenter	1 st year	25,925
	2 nd year	26,425
	3 rd year	26,925
	4 th year	27,425
	5 th year	27,925
	6 th year	28,425
	7 th year	28,925
	8 th year	29,425
	9 th year	29,925
	10 th year & thereafter	30,425
Junior Journalist Photographer Videographer Audiovisual Editor Radio Technician	1 st year	20,925
	2 nd year	21,225
	3 rd year	21,525
	4 th year	21,825
	5 th year	22,125
	6 th year	22,425
	7 th year	22,725
	8 th year	23,025
	9 th year	23,325
	10 th year	23,625

	11 th year	23,925
	12 th year	24,225
	13 th year	24,525
	14 th year	24,825
	15 th year & thereafter	25,125

GROUP B

Category of employee	Year of service	Monthly basic wage (Rs)
Documentalist Maquettiste	1 st year	20,925
	2 nd year	21,175
	3 rd year	21,425
	4 th year	21,675
	5 th year	21,925
	6 th year	22,175
	7 th year	22,425
	8 th year	22,675
	9 th year	22,925
	10 th year & thereafter	23,175
Proof Reader	1 st year	18,732
	2 nd year	18,882
	3 rd year	19,032
	4 th year	19,182
	5 th year	19,332
	6 th year	19,482
	7 th year	19,632
	8 th year	19,782
	9 th year	19,932
	10 th year & thereafter	20,082

Clerk Word Processing Operator	1 st year	19,425
	2 nd year	19,575
	3 rd year	19,725
	4 th year	19,875
	5 th year	20,025
	6 th year	20,175
	7 th year	20,325
	8 th year	20,475
	9 th year	20,625
	10 th year & thereafter	20,775
Assistant Documentalist	1 st year	18,665
	2 nd year	18,815
	3 rd year	18,965
	4 th year	19,115
	5 th year	19,275
	6 th year	19,515
	7 th year	19,565
	8 th year	19,715
	9 th year	19,863
	10 th year & thereafter	20,013
Receptionist/Telephonist Radio Switchboard Operator	1 st year	18,425
	2 nd year	18,525
	3 rd year	18,625
	4 th year	18,725
	5 th year	18,825
	6 th year	18,925
	7 th year	19,025
	8 th year	19,125
	9 th year	19,225
	10 th year & thereafter	19,325

Advertisement Clerk Accounts Clerk Store Clerk Cashier	1 st year	19,425
	2 nd year	19,625
	3 rd year	19,825
	4 th year	20,025
	5 th year	20,225
	6 th year	20,425
	7 th year	20,625
	8 th year & thereafter	20,825
Driver	1 st year	19,150
	2 nd year	19,300
	3 rd year	19,450
	4 th year	19,600
	5 th year & thereafter	19,750
