

# Completing the Cycle of Free Education:

Implementing a Landmark Measure  
in Public Higher Education Institutions





# Introduction

Government has come up with a policy providing for free Higher Education. The policy measure, which has taken effect as from January 2019, will apply for programmes up to undergraduate level in public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). This is a way to ensure that no deserving youth is left behind for lack of means.

## Why this measure?

- To open access to higher education for those who would otherwise not have benefited from it for lack of financial means;
- To empower the young people of Mauritius to face the economic and technological challenges of the future; and
- To prepare the man-power necessary for optimal national productivity and for the socio-economic development of the country.

# Who benefits?

- All Mauritian students enrolled in a **first** Certificate, **first** Diploma or **first** Degree at undergraduate level, whether on **full-time** or **part-time** mode in a number of Public HEIs.

## Which HEIs are concerned?

- University of Mauritius
- University of Technology, Mauritius
- Université des Mascareignes
- Open University of Mauritius
- Mahatma Gandhi Institute/ Rabindranath Tagore Institute (Tertiary)
- Mauritius Institute of Education
- Fashion and Design Institute
- Mauritius Institute of Training and Development
- Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd

# Key aspects of the Policy

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Free higher education applicable exclusively for studies leading to a:

- **first** certificate;
- **first** diploma; or
- **first** undergraduate degree

whether these studies are carried out on a part-time or full-time mode.

- ✓ All newly-enrolled students will benefit from the measure.
- ✓ For students already enrolled, the measure will take effect at the time the next payment of tuition fee is due.

**Note: In case of failure or resit, all costs will be borne by the students. The fee exemption will take effect again once these students enter the next level of study.**

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This Exemption will apply for payment of ALL tuition fees. Only Administration fees will be paid by students. In the case of the **University of Mauritius, Administration fees that were up to the order** of Rs. 27,500, have been sharply brought down to a maximum of Rs. 10,000.

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For programmes held under **collaborative arrangements** or on **dual-campus** mode with a foreign institution, Government will meet **ALL tuition fees payable to the local HEIs. Fees charged by the foreign institution will be met by the students.**



**University of Mauritius**

The University of Mauritius (UoM) is a research-engaged and entrepreneurial university focusing on the development of Undergraduate/ Postgraduate Programmes of Study, Research and Consultancy to meet the human, intellectual, business and social capital needs of Mauritius.

UoM has the biggest student population reaching nearly 10,000. Quality

programmes are offered in a range of areas from Agriculture to Engineering, Information, Communication & Digital Technologies, Finance & Accounting, Law, Management, Science and Social Sciences and Humanities.

All the Engineering programmes of UoM are in their final phase of accreditation with the Council of Engineers of South Africa. It has developed strategic partnerships and will offer as from academic year 2019-2020 dual degree programmes in key areas such as Information Technology (IT) and Digital Technologies with reputed international Universities such as the University of Arizona, the University of Cergy-Pontoise and the Murdoch University. In addition, it offers world-class facilities to its students such as access to an e-library and a gymnasium.

The Administration fees will amount up to a maximum of Rs 10,000.

More information is available at [www.uom.ac.mu](http://www.uom.ac.mu) or by phoning on **403 7400**.



## University of Technology, Mauritius

The University of Technology, Mauritius (UTM) is the second largest public university of the country. It offers a range of full-time and part-time programmes designed to meet the changing needs of Mauritius, catalyzed by vibrant linkages with industry.

It also has a global dimension to its activities, through collaboration with several international partners, for example in the field of medicine, management and engineering.

UTM currently has four schools namely: School of Business, Management and Finance, School of Sustainable Development and Tourism, School of Innovative Technologies and Engineering and the School of Health Sciences.

The yearly Administration fees currently amount to Rs 3,500, with an addition of Rs 200 for Student Union and Rs 100 for student bus pass.

More information is available at [www.utm.ac.mu](http://www.utm.ac.mu) or by phoning on **207 5250**.



**Université des Mascareignes**

The Université des Mascareignes (UdM) provides broad-based knowledge and training to students to fit perfectly into the service sector of the Mauritian economy in business-related activities such as International Business Transactions, Distributive and Retail Operations, Financial Services, Shipping, Company Operations, Managing Information

Systems and ICT operations. The UdM offers many of its degrees in conjunction with the Université de Limoges in France. These degrees are awarded by both the UdM and the Université de Limoges, which allows students to earn internationally recognised European degrees in Mauritius.

The UdM has recently launched a 'Master en Efficacité Énergétique et Développement Durable' and intends to launch other Master courses in fields such as Blockchain Technologies, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics. 5 students will have the possibility to get a scholarship to study at l'Université de Limoges.

The Administration fees currently amount to Rs 5,500, inclusive of Student Union fee of Rs500.

More information is available at [www.udm.ac.mu](http://www.udm.ac.mu) or by phoning on **460 9500**.





## Open University of Mauritius

The Open University of Mauritius (OU) offers quality education on a blended mode which allows you to study and work at the same time.

You can earn qualifications in several fields including Business Administration, Management, Finance, Tax, Graphic Design and Multimedia, Logistics and Transport, Applied ICT, Education, Social Work and Journalism. Together with its international partners like Imperial College London, OU provides distance education learning materials as well as access to its e-learning platform and e-library to its students so that they can learn at their own pace, place and time. The Administration fees amount to Rs 4,000 per semester.

You can apply online on [www.open.ac.mu](http://www.open.ac.mu) to join in January or August every year.

More information is available at [www.open.ac.mu](http://www.open.ac.mu) or by phoning on **403 8200**.



## Mahatma Gandhi Institute/ Rabindranath Tagore Institute (MGI/RTI)

The Mahatma Gandhi Institute (MGI), has been in existence for more than forty years. The Rabindranath Tagore Institute (RTI) started to operate in 2002. The philosophy underlying the vision and the mission of the MGI and RTI emanates from Gandhian Philosophy and Tagore thought, rich in educational and social values.

The MGI and RTI are fully engaged in offering both full time and part time courses at different levels of study in Hindi, Urdu, Tamil, Telegu, Marathi, Mandarin, Sanskrit, Indian Philosophy, Indian Music and Dance, Fine Arts, Mauritian Studies, Film Production and Dramatic Arts.

The Administration fees for certificate and diploma courses will amount to a maximum of Rs 1,000 per student yearly. As for degree courses, administration fees, up to a maximum of Rs 10,000, are payable at the University of Mauritius, the awarding body.

More information is available at [www.mgirti.ac.mu](http://www.mgirti.ac.mu) or phone on **403 2000**



## Mauritius Institute of Education

The Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE) offers Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes for teachers and other professionals in education.

**Undergraduate programmes:**

- Diploma in Special Education Needs and Early Childhood Education (Part Time: 3 years/Full Time: 2 years).
- Bachelor in Education, for teaching in secondary schools (4 Years Full Time, including placement in schools).

**Future opportunities:**

- Master's in Education offered by MIE in association with the University of Brighton (UoB). Year 1 of this course leads to a Post Graduate Diploma offered by the MIE and accredited by the University of Brighton (UoB). Year 2 of the course is run jointly by the MIE and UoB.
- PhD programme offered jointly with the University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa.

Administration fees do not exceed Rs 10,000 yearly.

For additional information: [www.mie.ac.mu](http://www.mie.ac.mu), phone on 401 6555 or email: [registrar@mie.ac.mu](mailto:registrar@mie.ac.mu)



## Fashion and Design Institute

The Fashion and Design Institute (FDI) aims at excellence in the field of design education. The Institute promotes the development of entrepreneurship, fashion and design technology. It also adopts a multi-disciplinary approach in carrying out research and training in the field of

fashion and design technology to ensure a better coordination of the interests of the fashion industry in Mauritius and in the region.

The FDI is divided into three distinct operational departments, namely, that of Learning and Training; Corporate Affairs; and Business/Industry Development, Research and Consultancy. Its programmes range from short courses, Diploma, Higher National Diploma to BA (Hons.) in Graphic Design with animation; Art and Design; and Fashion & Textiles.

The Administration fees currently range from around Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000.

More information is available on [www.fdi.mu](http://www.fdi.mu) or by phoning on **467 6277**.



## Mauritius Institute of Training and Development

The Mauritius Institute of Training and Development (MITD) offers Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) courses at Certificate and Diploma levels in a number of fields such as Tourism and Hospitality, ICT and Engineering, amongst others.

The institute offers education and training pathways for school leavers and adult learners. An MITD Certificate/Diploma comes with a value addition on the labour market, characterised by the growing demand for skills in a lifelong learning framework.

The Administration fees range from Rs 250 to Rs 2,500.

More information is available on [www.mitd.mu](http://www.mitd.mu) or by phoning on **601 8000**.

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- Montagne Blanche focuses on the **Tourism and Hospitality Certificates and Diplomas as well as Cruise Management sector.**

- Pamplémousses, situated in the Medical Hub next to the Cardiac Unit and SSRN Hospital, harbours the **Allied Health, Nursing and Paramedics cluster.**

Administrative fees amount to a maximum of Rs 4,000 annually. Select courses will be levied an examination fee not exceeding Rs. 2,000

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