



UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

EXTRACT OF GOVERNMENT DECISION ON FREE EDUCATION IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

- (i) The measure will apply for courses leading to the obtention of a first certificate, diploma or an undergraduate degree only.
- (ii) Courses up to the undergraduate level will be concerned, whether these are run on a part-time or a full-time mode. Beneficiaries will be newly-enrolled students as well as the existing cohorts who are moving to next level and are following programmes up to the undergraduate level.
- (iii) Students will be exempted from payment of tuition fees. However, they will have to meet the costs incurred for the Administration fee and for the University of Mauritius, students will be required to pay a maximum amount of up to Rs 10,000 and the difference will be funded by Government.
- (iv) With regard to courses run on a dual-campus mode as part of a partnership agreement between a local public TEI and a foreign institution, students would be exempted from payment of local tuition fees but would continue to meet the tuition costs claimed by the foreign institution.
- (v) Some collaborative arrangements between institutions result in specific programmes being run through the professional and technical expertise of the foreign institutions. In these cases, fee exemption will be limited to the tuition fee payable to the local public TEIs.
- (vi) In the event of failure/resit, all costs will have to be borne by the students. The fee exemption will restart once students enter the next level of study.
- (vii) Fee exemption will not apply to international students.
- (viii) Mauritian citizens are eligible if they have not already completed a first degree, first diploma or first certificate. Hence, if someone has already completed a certificate, that person will be eligible for free tertiary education to complete studies to reach a diploma or a degree (i.e top up from the certificate level to the diploma/degree level), if someone has completed a diploma, the free tertiary education is to complete studies to reach a degree level (i.e top up from diploma to degree level); and

If someone has already completed a certificate or diploma and enrolls fresh for a degree, the free education policy would in effect apply only for the portion to complete the higher qualification, measured from the already held highest qualifications, i.e for example for the portion from a diploma to a degree. This policy serves, for those already in possession of a qualification, to upgrade it to a higher level, and not to start a new one.

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