

Letter of offer to trainees for placement under the SME Employment Scheme

A ceremony was held on Thursday 08 July 2021 in the premises of SME Mauritius for the remittance of letters of offer to a batch of degree and diploma holders for job placement in SMEs.

The SME Employment Scheme was launched in August 2018. Initially, placement under this scheme was for a period of 1 year and was renewed for an additional year subject to satisfactory performance of the trainees. A monthly stipend of Rs 14,000 is paid to degree holders and Rs 10,200 to diploma holders by SME Mauritius while the entrepreneur pays the monthly traveling costs.

The SME Employment Scheme has been a resounding success in both conception and delivery. The Scheme has been extended to June 2022 to cater for an additional 700 graduates and 300 diploma holders.

The Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives, Hon. Soomilduth Bholah has announced that to bridge the skills gap and further reduce unemployment among Youth, the SME Employment Scheme will be extended to enlist MQA approved holders of TVET Level 3 qualifications in: plumbing, electrical, culinary skills, automotive mechanics and electronics amongst others to be placed in SMEs.

Minister Bholah is of view that SMEs stand to gain from the right skills and competencies of trainees enlisted for the scheme. At the same time, Hon. Bholah underlines that trainees placed in SMEs will benefit from real work experience, thereby consolidating their career path.

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