



## **AMENDMENT TO COVID-19 REGULATIONS WIDENS THE LIST OF EXEMPT PERSON**

1. A week before the expiry on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 of the Lockdown/Curfew order decreed on 20<sup>th</sup> March, the Ministry of Health and Wellness issued amending regulations to expand the list of persons who may attend work without a Work Access Permit (WAP).
2. Under the main Regulations issued on 20<sup>th</sup> March, the Minister is conferred authority, where he is satisfied that it is necessary or expedient for the purposes of preventing the spread of coronavirus, by a curfew order, to direct that, within Mauritius or within such area and during such hours as may be specified in the curfew order, no person or class of persons shall remain outdoors.
3. The Regulations, as amended on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020, allow:
  - (a) the Commissioner of Police to issue WAP's, on such terms and conditions as he may impose, to a person to be outdoors, for the sole purpose of leaving his place of residence to his place of work, and leaving his place of work to his place of residence. The Commissioner of Police may also cancel such permit; and
  - (b) persons to have access to premises where they may avail themselves of medical treatment, essential supplies, foodstuff, medicine or any other item essential for their subsistence or livelihood.
4. The Regulations, following amendments made on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020 pursuant to the Government Notice No. 81 of 2020, have enlarged the list of persons referred to in paragraph 3 (b) above, and now provide that the restrictions above-mentioned in paragraph 2 shall not apply to:
  - (a) A person who has to avail himself of medical treatment, or procure essential supplies, food stuff, medicine, or any other item essential for his or his family's subsistence or livelihood;
  - (b) A Judge or a Magistrate for the purpose of attending Court;
  - (c) A barrister or an attorney whose services have been retained by a person to attend a police station, place of detention or Court;
  - (d) A medical practitioner for the purpose of attending a hospital, private medical institution or patient in need or urgent medical care;
  - (e) A pharmacist for the purpose of attending his place of work.
5. Therefore, as from 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020, all persons have to remain indoors, except those in possession of a WAP from the Commissioner of Police or the categories of persons referred to in paragraph 4 above.

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