

NATIONAL SOLIDARITY FUND (NSF)

The National Solidarity Fund was set up under the NSF Act 1991 under the aegis of the Ministry with the following objectives:-

- a) to provide financial assistance to citizens of Mauritius residing in Mauritius who may require surgical operations which can only be performed abroad or in medical institutions in Mauritius approved by the Ministry of Health and Wellness; and
- b) to provide, with the approval of the Minister, financial assistance directly to individuals who have undergone severe personal hardship.

SCHEMES		DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED
Medical	Overseas Treatment Local Treatment Cancer and Other Severe Medical cases Purchase of expensive drugs Oxygen Therapy	(i) Application form; (ii) Copy of National Identity Card; (iii) Original Medical Certificate certifying nature of medical treatment; (iv) Original/certified copies of receipt of expenses incurred for medical/air tickets/oxygen (where applicable); (v) Letter from Ministry of Health and Wellness under Overseas Treatment Scheme (where applicable); (vi) Original/certified copies of Boarding pass/Copy of passport (where applicable); (vii) Medical prescription (where applicable); (viii) Proof of address (where applicable); (ix) Copy of Birth Certificate (where applicable); (x) Copy of Marriage Certificate (where applicable); and (xi) Bank account number
	Purchase of assistive devices (nappies, spectacles, walking frame, commode chair, hearing aid, dentures, medical bed, ripple mattress, wheelchair, arm prosthesis etc.)	(i) Application form; (ii) Copy of Birth Certificate; (iii) Copy of National Identity Card; (iv) Copy of Marriage Certificate, if any; (v) Medical Certificate certifying need of the assistive device; (vi) Original receipts of expenses (nappies) (vii) Three quotations from different suppliers; and (viii) Bank account number
Needy Student	Refund of university fees	(i) Application form; (ii) Original Certificate of attendance from University/Institutions; (iii) Original receipt of payment from University/Institutions; (iv) Copies of National Identity Cards (Parents and Student); (v) Copy of Birth Certificate (Student); and (vi) Bank account number

SCHEMES		DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED
	Refund of SC/HSC exams fees	(i) Application form; (ii) Original Certificate of attendance from school; (iii) Original receipt of payment/Certified receipt of exam fees paid; (iv) Copies of National Identity Cards (Parents and Student); (v) Disallowance Notice from the Ministry of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity; (vi) Copy of exam results (where applicable); and (vii) Bank account number
Destitute		(i) Application form; (ii) Copies of Certificate of children; (iii) Original Medical Certificate (where applicable); (iv) Copy of National Identity Card; (v) Copy of Death Certificate (where applicable); (vi) Original/certified copies of receipts of expenses (where applicable); and (vii) Bank account number

Processing time for above Schemes as well as other Schemes such as Tragic Accident, repatriation of mortal remains and multiple birth:

03 to 06 months depending on the availability of required documents such as reports from the Ministry of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity; Ministry of Health and Wellness; Commissioner of Police; Prime Minister's Office; Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology; and tertiary institutions as applicable.

With regards to **centenarians**, the payments are effected within **03 working days** of receipt of letter from the Ministry of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity.

Personal Hardship Schemes

To meet its objectives, the Fund has implemented various personal hardship schemes to assist persons undergoing severe hardships as given below:

CATEGORY	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ASSISTANCE	DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED:
Overseas Treatment	Household income not exceeding Rs 100,000 per month	<p>Category A: Assistance of 50% up to Rs 200,000 for medical expenses in connection with treatment abroad in cases where MOU exists between Ministry of Health & Wellness and Hospital</p> <p>Category B: Assistance of 50% up to Rs 100,000 for medical expenses in connection with treatment abroad in cases where no MOU exists</p>	(i) Application form; (ii) Copy of National Identity Card; (iii) Original Medical Certificate certifying nature of medical treatment; (iv) Original/certified copies of receipts of expenses incurred (medical and air tickets); (v) Letter from Ministry of Health and Wellness specifying assistance

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		<p>between Ministry of Health & Wellness and Hospital</p> <p>Category C: Assistance of 50% up to Rs 100,000 for medical expenses in connection with treatment abroad in exceptional cases where applicant underwent treatment on their own without any assistance received from Ministry of Health and Wellness. Provided that the Ministry of Health and Wellness certifies that treatment is not available in Government hospitals in Mauritius.</p>	<p>received for overseas treatment;</p> <p>(vi) Original/certified copies of Boarding Pass; and</p> <p>(vii) Bank account number</p>
Local treatment	Household income not exceeding Rs 30,000 per month	<p>Assistance of 50% of cost of treatment up to Rs 50,000 for:</p> <p>(i) Emergency cases like accident although treatment is available in Government hospitals; and</p> <p>(ii) To cover medical expenses in exceptional circumstances, subject to treatment not available in Government hospitals</p> <p>Note: Provided that treatment cost is not reimbursed through insurance</p>	<p>(i) Application form;</p> <p>(ii) Copy of National Identity Card;</p> <p>(iii) Original Medical Certificate certifying nature of medical treatment;</p> <p>(iv) Original/certified copies of receipts of expenses incurred; and</p> <p>(v) Bank account number</p>
Cancer and Other Severe Medical Cases	No income criteria	<p>(i) Rs 25,000 on 1st application; and</p> <p>(ii) Rs 15,000 on 2nd application (application to be made after a gap of 03 years)</p>	<p>(i) Copy of National Identity Card;</p> <p>(ii) Medical Certificate certified by treating Specialist doctor;</p> <p>(iii) Proof of address;</p> <p>(iv) Copy of Marriage Certificate, where applicable such as in cases where proof of</p>

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			<p>address is in spouse's name;</p> <p>(v) NIC Number and address to be verified on the Ministry's Contribution systems;</p> <p>(vi) Copy of Birth Certificate (in cases where unemployed persons are not registered in the Ministry's Contribution systems); and</p> <p>(vii) Bank account number</p> <p>The Board reserves the rights to request for SER if need be.</p>
Drugs/Medication	Household income not exceeding Rs 30,000 per month	Assistance of up to Rs 50,000 on humanitarian grounds for the purchase of expensive drugs not available in Government hospitals	<p>(i) Application form;</p> <p>(ii) Copy of National Identity Card;</p> <p>(iii) Original Medical Certificate;</p> <p>(iv) Prescription of drugs;</p> <p>(v) Quotation from supplier/Original receipts of expenses incurred; and</p> <p>(vi) Bank account number</p>
Oxygen Therapy	Household income not exceeding Rs 30,000 per month	Assistance of up to a maximum amount of Rs 15,000 for the supply of oxygen for 12 months and a maximum of Rs 10,000 for medical apparatus	<p>(i) Application form;</p> <p>(ii) Copy of National Identity Card;</p> <p>(iii) Medical Certificate from Ministry of Health and Wellness certifying domiciliary oxygen;</p> <p>(iv) Original receipts of oxygen cylinders/apparatus purchased; and</p> <p>(v) Bank account number</p>
Wheelchair (adapted/electric or motorised wheelchair)	Household income not exceeding Rs 30,000 per month	<p>75% of cost up to an amount of Rs 75,000 as from a minimum of Rs 15,000 whichever is the lowest</p> <p>Subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Target group is either a student or a person 	<p>(i) Application form;</p> <p>(ii) Copy of National Identity Card;</p> <p>(iii) Original Medical Certificate certifying need of the assistive device and fitness to use</p>

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		<p>who makes use of the device to earn a living; and</p> <p>- Recommendation to use the device should be made by a doctor certifying that patient is mentally fit to manage electric/motorised wheelchair</p> <p>Note: Assistance provided does not cover maintenance and operating costs of device</p>	<p>a motorised/electric wheelchair;</p> <p>(iv) Three Quotations from different suppliers; and</p> <p>(v) Bank account number</p>
Fowler Bed	Household income not exceeding Rs 30,000 per month	Assistance of up to an amount of Rs 27,000 (based on lowest cost)	<p>(i) Application form;</p> <p>(ii) Copy of National Identity Card;</p> <p>(iii) Original Medical Certificate certifying that applicant is bedridden and is in need of the assistive device;</p> <p>(iv) Three quotations from different suppliers; and</p> <p>(v) Bank account number</p>
Ripple Mattress	Household income not exceeding Rs 30,000 per month	Assistance of up to an amount of Rs 8,000 (based on lowest cost)	<p>(i) Application form;</p> <p>(ii) Copy of National Identity Card;</p> <p>(iii) Original Medical Certificate certifying that applicant is bedridden and is in need of the assistive device;</p> <p>(iv) Three quotations from different suppliers; and</p> <p>(v) Bank account number</p>
Spectacles and any other Devices (such as walking frames, shower commode chair, etc.)	Household income not exceeding Rs 30,000 per month	<p>(i) Rs 2,000 for normal spectacles; and</p> <p>(ii) Rs 4,000 for specialised glasses such as bifocal</p> <p>Note: Applicant should not have benefitted spectacles from the Ministry</p>	<p>(i) Application form;</p> <p>(ii) Copy of National Identity Card;</p> <p>(iii) Original Medical Certificate/prescription certifying need of the assistive device;</p> <p>(iv) Three quotations from different suppliers; and</p> <p>(v) Bank account number</p>

CATEGORY	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ASSISTANCE	DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED:
Dentures	Household income not exceeding Rs 30,000 per month	Assistance of up to Rs 5,000 to applicants who are not benefitting from the Ministry	(i) Application form; (ii) Copy of National Identity Card; (iii) Original Medical Certificate certifying need of the assistive device; (iv) Three quotations from different suppliers; and (v) Bank account number
Hearing Aids	Household income not exceeding Rs 30,000 per month	Top up assistance of up to Rs 20,000 (Rs 10,000 for one ear and Rs 20,000 for two ears)	(i) Application form; (ii) Copy of National Identity Card; (iii) Original Medical Certificate certifying need of the assistive device; (iv) Three quotations from different suppliers; and (v) Bank account number
Nappies	Household income not exceeding Rs 30,000 per month	Assistance up to Rs 18,000 Payable in 2 instalments to persons suffering from incontinence, are bedridden and are not benefitting Incontinence Allowance from the Ministry	(i) Application form; (ii) Copy of National Identity Card; (iii) Original Medical Certificate certifying need for use of nappies and nature of disease; (iv) Original receipts of expenses; and (v) Bank account number
Functional Arm Prosthesis	No Income criteria	Assistance of up to an amount of Rs 200,000	(i) Application form; (ii) Copy of National Identity Card; (iii) Original Medical Certificate certifying need of the assistive device; (iv) Three quotations from different suppliers; and (v) Bank account number
Tragic Accident	No income criteria	Assistance of up to a maximum amount of Rs 50,000 to the bereaved family Note: Assistance provided is based on any of following circumstances leading to	(i) Application form; (ii) Copy of Death Certificate; (iii) Police Report; (iv) Copy of Certificate of cause of death; (v) Copy of National Identity Card; and (vi) Bank account number

CATEGORY	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ASSISTANCE	DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED:
		<p>death of a wage earner or incapacity not less than 60%:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Road Accident; (ii) Death at Sea/Air; (iii) Tragic death; (iv) Accident at work; <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Natural disaster <p>Note: Time frame from date of accident/death to date of application will be considered given that hardship arises during the current year of accident</p>	
Repatriation of Mortal Remains	Household income of the bereaved family not exceeding Rs 30,000 per month	Assistance of up to a maximum of Rs 30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Application form; (ii) Copy of National Identity Card; (iii) Original Quotations/Receipts of transportation costs; (iv) Copy of Certificate of cause of death; (v) Document from Diplomatic Mission certifying request; (vi) Copy of Death Certificate; and (vii) Bank account number
Funeral Expenses icw death abroad	Household income of the bereaved family not exceeding Rs 30,000 per month	Assistance of up to a maximum of Rs 30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Application form; (ii) Copy of National Identity Card; (iii) Diplomatic Mission certifying request; (iv) Original receipts of funeral expenses; (v) Copy of Death Certificate; and (vi) Bank account number
Destitute	Household income not exceeding Rs 30,000 per month	Assistance of Rs 6,000 up to a maximum of Rs 12,000 payable in two instalments each 06 months for household hardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Application form; (ii) Original Medical Certificate from Ministry of Health and Wellness; (iii) Copy of National Identity Card; (iv) Original receipts of expenses;

CATEGORY	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ASSISTANCE	DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED:
			(v) Birth Certificate of children; and (vi) Bank account number
Multiple Birth	Household income not exceeding Rs 30,000 per month	Twins: Rs 30,000 Triplets: Rs 35,000 Other (Quadruplets and above): An increase of Rs 5,000 per each additional child	(i) Application form; (ii) Copy of National Identity Card; (iii) Copy of Birth Certificate of children; and (iv) Bank account number
Centenarians	Should have reached 100 years	Cash gift of Rs 10,000	No document is required. List of Centenarians is provided to the NSF by the Ministry
Refund of University fees/Course fees	Household income up to Rs 22,000 per month	Assistance of 75% up to an amount of Rs 12,000 (the amount paid or a minimum of Rs 5,000 or whichever is the lesser) subject to no scholarship or assistance received from any other organisation	(i) Application form; (ii) Original Memo from University; (iii) Original receipt of payment from University/Institutions; (iv) Copy of National Identity Card (Parents + Student); (v) Copy of Birth Certificate (Student); and (vi) Bank account number
	Household income between Rs 22,001 up to Rs 30,000 per month	Assistance of 50% up to an amount of Rs 12,000 (the amount paid or a minimum of Rs 5,000 or whichever is the lesser) subject to no scholarship or assistance received from any other organisation	
	Note: Household income for both parents and student are to be considered in case of part time students		
Refund of SC/HSC Exams fees	Household income up to Rs 17,500 per month	Full payment of exam fees to students under 20 years, who have not been sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology	(i) Application form; (ii) Copy of National Identity Card of parents + students (as applicable); (iii) Copy of Birth Certificate of student;

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	Household income between Rs 17,501 per month to Rs 21,000	50 % refund of exams fees to: (i) Students of 20 years and above; (ii) Private candidates of 20 years and above; (iii) Students in lower six grade re-sitting for SC exams to improve their results; and (iv) Students re-sitting for HSC exams to improve their results	(iv) Original proof of attendance from school; (v) Original or certified copy of claim for payment; and (vi) Bank account number

Mode of Application:

Application Form accompanied by relevant documents, should be submitted to the NSF at its registered office as mentioned below:

National Solidarity Fund
3rd Floor, Court View Building
21, Pope Hennessy Street
Port Louis
Attn: Administrative Secretary
Tel: 210 8152; 211 3438; 289 0425; 289 0426
Fax: 213 1847
E-mail: rmurdan@govmu.org

COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL SOLIDARITY FUND BOARD

The Board consists of:

- a) a Chairperson (appointed by the Minister)
- b) Ministry of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity (Social Security and National Solidarity Division)
- c) the Secretary for Home Affairs or his representative
- d) the Financial Secretary or his representative
- e) the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Health and Wellness or his representative
- f) a representative of Mauritius Tax payers' Association
- g) a representative of Business Mauritius
- h) a representative of Employees' Trade Unions appointed by the Minister); and
- i) a representative of Mauritius Council of Social Services