

NATIONAL SOLIDARITY FUND (NSF)

Services provided by the Fund

The NSF provides financial support to Mauritian citizens in need of medical and other forms of assistance. This includes urgent medical care, treatment abroad or locally, cancer care, and other serious illnesses. The Fund also helps cover the cost of certain high-priced medications, disability-related and functional devices. In addition, it provides support to disadvantaged students pursuing tertiary and vocational education. Assistance is also available for emergencies related to hardship. The eligibility for NSF support is determined by household income.

Assistances provided under the Medical Schemes

Under this scheme, applications are considered for:

- i Overseas treatment in cases where cost of treatment exceeds grant received from Ministry of Health;
- ii Local treatment- refund of medical expenses for treatment in Mauritius (is considered on a case-to-case basis depending on emergency of cases such as accident or treatment is not available in government hospital);
- iii Cancer and Other severe medical cases such as Lupus, renal failure etc.
- iv Purchase of expensive drugs not available in Government Hospital;
- v Oxygen Therapy – for the purchase of medical apparatus and supply of oxygen to patients needing domiciliary oxygen therapy;

	Assistance Type	Eligibility (Household Income)	Support Offered	Required Documents
a.	Overseas Medical Treatment (Not available in Mauritius)	Not exceeding Rs 100,000/month	50% of cost, up to Rs 100,000 or Rs 200,000 depending on cases	-Application Form- ID card- Original Medical Report/Discharge summary- Original Receipts (treatment, air tickets)- Report from Ministry of Health- Boarding pass/Copy of passport- Bank details
b.	Air Tickets	Not exceeding Rs 100 000/month	Full refund of cost of air ticket for both patient and accompanying person provided that the MOH certify that the patient need an accompanying person	- Application Form- ID card- Original Medical Report of treatment undergone- Original Receipts- Bank details
c.	Local Treatment (Refund of Medical Expenses: Treatments	Not exceeding Rs 40,000/month	50% of cost, up to Rs 50,000	- Application Form- ID card- Original Medical Report of treatment undergone-

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	not available in government hospitals and emergencies)			Original Receipts- Bank details
d.	Cancer, Renal, Lupus and Other Severe Medical Diseases	No income criteria	Rs 25,000 (1st application) + Rs 15,000 (after 3 years)	- ID card- Original Medical certificate from specialist Doctor- Proof of address- Marriage (if applicable)/Birth Cert - Bank details
e.	Purchase of Expensive Drugs (Not available in government hospitals)	Not exceeding Rs 40,000/month	Up to Rs 50,000	- Application Form- ID card- Original Medical Certificate- Prescription- Quotation or receipts- Bank details
f.	Oxygen Therapy	Not exceeding Rs 40,000/month	Up to Rs 15,000 for oxygen; Rs 10,000 for regulator and humidifier.	- Application Form- ID card- Original Medical Certificate from Ministry of Health- Original Receipts- Bank details

Assistances provided under the Assistive devices scheme

One of the aims of the Fund is to empower persons with disabilities. Financial assistance is provided for the purchase of devices that will enhance the quality of life of beneficiaries, provide comfort and empower beneficiaries through mobility devices.

	Type of Device	Eligibility (Household Income)	Support Offered	Required Documents
a.	Wheelchair (Electric/Adapted or Motorised)	Not exceeding Rs 40,000/month	Assistance of 75% of cost up to an amount of Rs 75,000 whichever is the lowest	- Application- ID card- Doctor's recommendation- 1 quotation- Bank details
b.	Fowler Bed	Not exceeding Rs 40,000/month	Up to Rs 27,000	Same as above
c.	Ripple Mattress	Not exceeding Rs 40,000/month	Up to Rs 8,000	Same as above
d.	Spectacles, Walking Frames Shower and Commode Chair	Not exceeding Rs 40,000/month	(i) Rs2,000 for normal spectacles (ii) Rs4,000 for specialised glasses such as bifocal	Same as above
e.	Dentures	Not exceeding Rs 40,000/month	Up to Rs 5,000	Same as above

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f.	Hearing Aids	Not exceeding Rs 40,000/month	Top up assistance of up to Rs20,000 (Rs10,000 for 1 ear & Rs20,000 for 2 ears).	Same as above
g.	Nappies	Not exceeding Rs 40,000/month	Rs18,000; payable in 2 installments to persons suffering from incontinence, are bedridden and are not benefiting incontinence allowance from MSS	-Application Form-ID-Original Medical certificate for incontinence- Original Receipts
h.	Functional Arm Prosthesis	No income criteria	Up to Rs 200,000	Application form- ID card- Doctor's recommendation (original) - 1 quotation- Bank details

Assistances provided under the Educational Schemes

Assistance is provided to low-income families in need of assistance for educational expenses of children with regards to expenses relating to SC/HSC exams fees, university fees and professional courses such as ACCA.

	Assistance Type	Eligibility (Household Income)	Support Offered	Required Documents
a.	Refund of University/Course Fee	Not exceeding Rs40, 000/month	75% of refund of amount per year up to Rs 12,000	- Application form, ID, Original Certificate of attendance from University, Original receipt of payment, proof of address, Bank details
b.	Refund of SC/HSC exams fees	Household Income up to Rs35,000 per month	Full refund of exams fees	Application form, Original Memo from school, original receipt of payment / Certified receipt of exams fees paid, copy of id, Disallowance Notice from M/SS, results slip, Bank details
		Household Income between Rs35,001 up to Rs40,000 per month	50 % refund of exams fees	

Assistances provided under the hardship schemes

Assistance is provided to persons facing financial difficulties to meet every day needs and whose income is not enough to sustain families as well as families who have faced sudden and unexpected hardship.

	Assistance	Eligibility (Household Income)	Support	Documents
a.	Destitute	Not exceeding Rs 40,000	Assistance of Rs 6,000 up to Rs 12,000 payable in 2 installments each 6 months for household hardship.	- Application form, Original Medical Certificate if applicable- Original Expenses receipts- Birth Cert (children)- ID, Copy of proof of address, Bank details
b.	Tragic Accidents (Homicide, Road Accident, Death at Sea/Air, Accident at Work and Natural Disaster)	No income Criteria	Up to Rs 50,000	- Application form, Death Certificate- Police Report- Cause of Death- ID, Bank details
c.	Repatriation of Mortal Remains	Not exceeding Rs 40,000	Up to Rs 30,000	- Application form, Death Certificate- Certificate of cause of -Death, -Diplomatic letter-, Quotation/Receipts, Bank details, Copy of proof of address
d.	Multiple Births	Not exceeding Rs 40,000	Rs 30,000 for twins; Rs 35,000 for triplets; Other (Quadruple) Rs5,000 for additional child	- Application form Birth Certificate- ID, Copy of proof of address, Bank details