

*Government Notice No. 12 of 2022*

**THE SOCIAL INTEGRATION AND EMPOWERMENT ACT****Regulations made by the Minister under section 12 of  
the Social Integration and Empowerment Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Social Integration and Empowerment (Free Examination Fees Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2022.
2. In these regulations –  
“principal regulations” means the Social Integration and Empowerment (Free Examination Fees Scheme) Regulations 2019.
3. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is amended by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical order, the following new definition –  
“MITD” means the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development established under section 3 of the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development Act;
4. Regulation 3 of the principal regulations is amended –
  - (a) by revoking paragraph (2) and replacing it by the following paragraph –
    - (2) The purpose of the Scheme shall be to provide an opportunity to children of households to take part, free of charge –
      - (a) at a second attempt of the School Certificate (SC) or its equivalent General Certificate of Education (GCE) Ordinary, or the Higher School Certificate (HSC) or

its equivalent Advanced Level (A Level), as the case may be, irrespective of the outcome of their first attempt;

- (b) at the first and second attempts, including any resit in one or more subjects at the second attempt, of any technical and vocational examinations leading to qualifications awarded by MITD.
- (b) in paragraph (3), by deleting the words “The Scheme” and replacing them by the words “Subject to paragraph (3A), the Scheme”;
- (c) by inserting, after paragraph (3), the following new paragraph –

(3A) The Scheme shall, in respect of qualifications awarded by MITD, apply to a child who –

- (a) is aged not less than 15 years nor more than 23 years;
- (b) attends on a full-time basis –
  - (i) an MITD training centre; or
  - (ii) any other training institution, registered under the Mauritius Qualifications Authority Act, which provides technical and vocational training courses leading to qualifications awarded by MITD;
- (c) (i) has a percentage rate of attendance of at least 90 per cent; or

- (ii) where he is in receipt of an invalid's basic pension under the National Pensions Act, has a percentage rate of attendance of at least 75 per cent; and
- (d) takes the examinations –
  - (i) at his first attempt; or
  - (ii) at a second attempt, in the subjects in which he did not pass at the first attempt, provided that he retakes the examinations in all the subjects at the sitting immediately following his first attempt.
- (d) in paragraph (4), by deleting the words “or Higher School Certificate (HSC) or its equivalent Advanced Level (A Level)” and replacing them by the words “Higher School Certificate (HSC) or its equivalent Advanced Level (A Level), or technical and vocational examinations leading to qualifications awarded by MITD”.

5. These regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 July 2021.

Made by the Minister on 10 January 2022.