

Government Notice No. 129 of 2025

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 (School Materials Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.
2. In these regulations –
“principal regulations” means the Social Integration and Empowerment (School Materials Scheme) Regulations 2019.
3. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is amended –
 - (a) by deleting the definition of “child” and replacing it by the following definition –
“child” means a person who –
 - (a) is aged not less than 3 years nor more than 23 years; and
 - (b) attends –
 - (i) a pre-primary school, registered under the Early Childhood Care and Education Authority (Registration of Pre-Primary Schools) Regulations 2011;
 - (ii) a primary school, registered under the Education Act;
 - (iii) a secondary school, registered under the Education Act;

- (iv) a special education needs school, registered under the Education Act; or
 - (v) such institution as the Minister responsible for the subject of education may authorise to run a pre-vocational course;
 - (b) by inserting the following new definition –
 - “household” means members of a family unit –
 - (a) who live under the same roof;
 - (b) whose members are registered in the Social Register of Mauritius; and
 - (c) which comprises one student or more;
 - (c) by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical order, the following new definition –
 - “National Empowerment Foundation” or “NEF” means a not-for-profit, State-owned company set up under the Companies Act and is managed by a Board of Directors;
- 4.** Regulation 3 of the principal regulations is amended by revoking paragraph (2) and replacing it by the following paragraph –
- (2) The purpose of the Scheme shall be to provide financial assistance in terms of grant for the purchase of school materials such as bags, uniforms, shoes, copybooks and stationery to any child of a household.
- 5.** Regulation 4 of the principal regulations is amended by adding the following new paragraph –

(3) The National Empowerment Foundation shall monitor the use of the financial assistance for the intended purpose of purchasing school materials by verifying –

- (a) receipts of school materials purchased for each student; and
- (b) school materials purchased.

6. These regulations shall come into operation on 17 December 2025.

Made by the Minister on 17 December 2025.
