

POLICY FOR WORK PLACEMENT OF NON-MEDICAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

1. Introduction

Work placement is a vital tool through which students spend time in a real employment environment and acquire practical skills, knowledge and experience to support their educational objectives in the fulfillment of their university requirement.

2. Background

The Ministry came up with a “Policy for Work Placement of Non-Medical University Students” in 2019. The policy mainly catered for requests from Mauritian students studying locally. Now that a few requests have been received from Mauritian students studying abroad, the Ministry has thought it wise to consider those studying abroad.

3. Objective

The objective of any placement exercise is to consolidate and complement the academic learning, knowledge and skills and give students the appropriate work experience, to follow their career interest and help them in the transition from the university to the world of jobs.

4. Eligibility Criteria

Students should meet the following requirements to be considered for placement in the Ministry of Health and Wellness (Office based and Hospital based):

- (i) students should be following a **full time undergraduate course** at the university;
- (ii) the request for placement should emanate from any Government Funded institutions, namely, the University of Mauritius, University of Technology (Mauritius), Open University of Mauritius and Université de Mascareignes, private local Universities and foreign Universities. The request **should** be signed by the Dean of the Faculty or the Registrar of the University concerned, specifying that the work placement is a requirement of the course; and
- (iii) prospective students should be either in 2nd or 3rd year of their academic studies.

5. Number of students

The intake of students on placement is limited to fifteen (15) per Financial Year, on a first come first serve basis, i.e. **10 Mauritian students studying locally (local Universities) and 5 Mauritian students studying abroad (foreign Universities)**. This allows a proper monitoring of the students undergoing their placement.

6. Stipend

In accordance with the policy of the Ministry of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms, a weekly stipend of Rs 650/- is payable to each student on placement at the Ministry to cover incidentals such as transport.

7. Fields of study

The fields of study should be **health related**, namely, Environmental and Public Health, Public Health Engineering, Psychology, Mental Health, Physiotherapy, Occupational Health, Psychiatry, Biomedical Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, Pharmacy, Nursing, Medical Imaging Technology, Sanitary Sciences, Speech & Audio Therapy and any other health related subjects.

8. Duration

The duration of a placement shall be for a **minimum of 4 weeks** and a **maximum of 8 weeks**.

9. Change in Posting

Any request for change in posting, after the approval of the Ministry has been granted, may **not** be entertained anew.

10. Contact Details

For any query, applicants may contact the Training and Capacity Building Unit on the following:

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