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Ministry of Labour and
Industrial Relations
11th Floor, Victoria House
Port Louis

02 March 2026

TO: All Employers

Dear Sir,

Subject: Compliance of Medical Screening of Migrant Workers

In accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Labour and Industrial Relations (Employment Division), all migrant workers are required to undergo a series of medical tests prior to their arrival in Mauritius, in order to obtain a provisional medical clearance for the issuance of a work permit.

2. In line with the provision for health clearance of the Ministry of Health and Wellness, these workers must repeat the medical tests within one week of their arrival in Mauritius to secure the final medical clearance. You may wish to note that in the provisional medical clearance, mention is also made to the effect that failure to comply with the foregoing may lead to the cancellation of the work permit.

3. The Ministry of Health and Wellness has highlighted that a considerable number of migrant workers fail to undertake the repeat tests after their arrival. As at date, only around 10% of those granted a provisional medical clearance and work permit have completed the required final screening upon arrival.

4. The number of expatriates being detected with communicable diseases is on the rise and this may become a serious public health concern in the coming months. The risk of communicable diseases spreading, not only, among migrant workers sharing dormitories but also among the general public at national level is becoming a real health issue and a matter of concern for the Ministry of Health and Wellness. Statistics from the Ministry of Health and Wellness show an increase in the number of expatriates detected with communicable diseases such as tuberculosis.

5. It would therefore, be appreciated if you would ensure that you strictly comply with this requirement and the final medical clearance is obtained for all your migrant workers, failing which action as mentioned at paragraph (2) may be envisaged.

6. We thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours faithfully,


R. Bucktowar (Mrs)
Ag Permanent Secretary