

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO
EMPLOYERS/REGISTERED TRAINING INSTITUTIONS.**

Employers and Registered Training Institutions are hereby being informed that the following budgetary measures have been announced in the 2021/2022 Budget Speech:

(i) **Allowable Expenditure Eligible**

SMEs will be allowed to use their unutilised contribution of training levy with the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) to finance external business advisory services up to a maximum amount of Rs 50,000 per annum. This will allow enterprises which have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to restructure their business model by resorting to, for example through independent financial services or a business review from professional consultants. This measure will apply for a period of 2 years starting as from 1 July 2021.

(ii) **Mauritius Qualifications Authority Act**

The Mauritius Qualifications Authority (MQA) Act will be amended to allow the Authority to provide accreditation to non-award courses, for them to qualify for refund from HRDC.

In this context, a communique will be issued by HRDC in due course once the Finance Act will be enacted, to elaborate on the implementation of the above measures to all stakeholders.

HRDC Management

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