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YOUNG
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1 Introduction

Foreign students meeting the eligibility criteria set out below are eligible to apply for a Young Professional Occupation Permit (YPOP) as provided for in Section 13 of the Economic Development Board Act 2017 and Section 12 of the Immigration Act 2022.

The Young Professional Occupation Permit is granted for a maximum period of 3 years depending on the duration of the contract of employment. If an employer still requires the service of the foreign employee after the 3 years periods, the employer may apply for an Occupation Permit as Professional on behalf of the employee.

2 Eligibility criteria

The following criteria must be respected to be eligible for a YPOP:

- (a) The student must have completed
 - (i) at least an undergraduate degree in a tertiary education institution recognised by the Higher Education Commission.
 - (ii) an international recognised professional certification equivalent to at least an undergraduate degree dispensed by a registered institution in Mauritius.

- (b) The application must be submitted within 6 months as from the date of publication of results. The conditions will not be applicable where:
 - (i) The holder of the YPOP intends to change employment; or,
 - (ii) The holder of the YPOP is offered employment by another employer.

(c) The application for the YPOP must be in the fields listed in the Schedule Section 2 of the Immigration Act 2022:

- (i) Artificial Intelligence
- (ii) Architecture and Design
- (iii) Biotechnology
- (iv) Communication and Media
- (v) Creative Industries
- (vi) Engineering
- (vii) Fintech
- (viii) Financial Services
- (ix) Information Technology
- (x) Logistics and Supply Chain
- (xi) Robotics
- (xii) Travel, Tourism and Hospitality

3 Application process

(a) A scanned copy of the application form (refer to Annex) together with the supporting documents as per the checklist shall be submitted by the Employer to the Occupation Permit Unit (OPU) by email on op@edbmauritius.org.

(b) The OPU, comprising of both the Passport and Immigration Office (PIO) and the Economic Development Board (EDB), will verify the application. In case of missing documents or additional information, a request for clarification will be made to the Employer.

(c) Once the application is complete as per the checklist, the application will be processed and evaluated by the OPU and a Joint Committee respectively, submitted for approval to the Prime Minister's Office within 5 days from the effective date.

Note: The date of receipt of the complete application shall be the effective date.

(d) Once approved, an Approval in Principle will be issued and submitted to the Employer by email. The Approval in Principle will be valid for a period of 90 days as from the date of issue subject to the existing visa requirements.

- (e) The Employer shall, within the 90 days period, schedule an appointment with the OPU for the verification of original documents and issuance of the permit.
- (f) During the appointment,
- (i) both Employer and the Young Professional must be present;
 - (ii) the Applicant shall bring the **original version** of all documents listed in the checklist; and,
 - (iii) Payment of application fees:
 - i. Payment for YPOP is made by bank drafts or bank cheques in Mauritian Rupees (MUR) drawn by a local bank to the order of the **Government of Mauritius**, at the appropriate prevailing rate of USD to MUR at the time of payment at the bank **or**
 - ii. Payment via Point of Sale (POS) in USD, located at the 4th Floor, Sterling House, Port Louis, Passport and Immigration Office.
- (g) Once the original documents and the application are in order, the EDB will register the Young Professional. An Occupation Permit and the Unique Identification (UID) card will be issued by the Director General of Immigration on the same day.

Note: It is advisable that the Employer contact the OPU to schedule an appointment well before the expiry of the 90-day validity period of the Approval in Principle. An Approval in Principle will automatically lapse after the 90-day period.

4 Deregistration

If at any time, the Employer terminates the contract of employment of the Young Professional, the Employer should immediately inform, in writing, the Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Board for deregistration. When the Economic Development Board deregisters a person, the permit (YPOP) shall immediately be rendered ineffective.

The original version of the Occupation Permit and UID Card should be returned to the Passport and Immigration Office, and the Young Professional shall leave the country within one month from the cancellation of the Permit.

5 Checklist

Documents	Documents for Approval in principle	Originals to be presented on appointment
Contract of employment & Job Description	✓	✓
Degree Certificate and/or Attestation from the concerned Tertiary Education Institution certifying successful completion of the degree course	✓	✓
Duly filled and signed undertaking Section 5 by the employer	✓	✓
Passport Biodata	✓	✓
Birth Certificate (English/French)	✓	✓
Marriage Certificate/Divorce certificate (English or French) where applicable	✓	✓
*Last entry business visa page (in case the applicant is not in Mauritius)		✓
Medical certificate + detailed report from local Doctor in Mauritius and reports (less than six months old)		✓
3 color passport size photographs (of less than six months old - 3.5cm x 4.5cm)		✓
Brief on the activities of the company	✓	
Appropriate license for the company and if applicable (FSC, GBL etc.)	✓	
Processing fee (Refer to section 7 for application fee)		✓
<i>Bank Draft/Cheque drawn to the order of the Government of Mauritius</i>		

*In case the young professional is still in Mauritius after his/her studies, he/she should be in possession of a valid student visa or an authorization at the time of submission of application. In any other case, the young professional should be in possession of a valid Business Visa at the time of verification of original documents.

6 Application Fees

The table below refers to the application fee for the YPOP.

Duration	Application fee (USD)
a) Not more than one year	150
b) More than one year but not more than 2 years	250
c) More than 2 years but not more than 3 years	300

7 Important notes

- The Young Professional should ensure that he/she complies with existing rules and regulations pertaining to his/her status at all times and that emoluments must be submitted annually to the Mauritius Revenue Authority.
- The application for the YPOP should be submitted by the Employer (either the Director or HR representative) on behalf of the Young Professional.
- The contract of employment should mention the job title, duration, monthly basic salary and must be duly signed by both parties. The Employer is also required to sign the Undertaking as per section 5 of the YPOP application form.
- The Young Professional should be accompanied by the Employer (either Director or HR representative) on the appointment date.
- A Young Professional travelling to Mauritius as a tourist/visitor will not be eligible to apply for the Young Professional Occupation Permit.
- The Joint Committee comprises of representatives of the Prime Minister's office (PMO), the PIO, and the EDB.

8 Contact us

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