

Table of Contents

1.5 Financing and Liability	2
Appendix A: Amendment Table.....	3

1.5 Financing and Liability

1.5.1 Financing

1.5.1.1 The Mauritius Accreditation Service (MAURITAS) is a government department which submits its budget proposals every year to the parent Ministry that is the Industry Division of the Ministry of Industry, SME and Cooperatives. The consolidated proposals are then submitted by the parent Ministry to the Ministry of Finance for consideration and approval as a Performance-Based Budget, under which MAURITAS operates.

1.5.1.2 The financial year for MAURITAS is from 1st July to 30th June and the various budgetary provisions of MAURITAS are detailed in the Sub-Programme 210103: Accreditation to International Standards, which is adopted by the National Assembly every year.

1.5.1.3 We derive our financial resources from the:

- Government budgetary provisions as approved by the annual Budget;
- Funding received from development partners, as and when requests are made for same;

and as such MAURITAS operates under certain limitations including financial and human resource.

1.5.1.4 MAURITAS income is generated by fees payable by its clients and is consolidated in the Government revenue. The Minister makes regulations to provide for the taking and levying of fees and charges. The regulations for fees, in Government Notices 2004, 2007 and 2013, are at **Annex F** and **G** respectively.

1.5.2 Liability

1.5.2.1 MAURITAS is accountable legally for all decisions it takes under the Mauritius Accreditation Service Act (Act 23 of 1998 - 1 August 1999 amended 10/17 (cio 24/7/17)). The parent Ministry is accountable for all decisions with financial implications taken by MAURITAS.

1.5.2.2 MAURITAS evaluates the risks arising from its activities in line with its risk assessment process. All liabilities arising from MAURITAS activities are covered by the Government.

1.5.2.3 MAURITAS is not responsible and liable for certificates and reports issued by its accredited CABs and any other documents issued by clients of its accredited Certification Bodies.

1.5.2.4 Where the services of external assessors or technical experts are required, MAURITAS requests them to take an accident and injury as well as a personal liability insurance policy. They have to bear the cost of the insurance policy.

1.5.3 Cross References

1.5.3.1 Annexes B, F and G

1.5.3.2 MAURITAS Risk Register

1.5.3.3 National Budgets (available from the website of the Ministry of Finance)

Appendix A: Amendment Table

SN	Section	Amendment
Issue 1		
1.	1.5.1.1	(i) At line 2, “Industrial Development” has been replaced by “Industry” (ii) At line 4, “a Vote Item” has been replaced by “Performance-Based Budget”
2.	1.5.1.1 & 1.5.3.3	(i) “Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development” has been replaced by “Ministry of Finance” (ii) “Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives” has been replaced by “Ministry of Industry, SME and Cooperatives”
3.	1.5.1.2	(i) At line 2, “Sub-Head 10-102: Industrial Development” has been replaced by “Sub-Programme 210103: Accreditation to International Standards”
4.	1.5.3.3	(i) “National” has been added in front of “Budget”