GRANT SCHEME TO COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES AVAILING INTERNAL CONTROL SERVICES FROM THE MAURITIUS CO-OPERATIVE ALLIANCE LIMITED

A. DETAILS
Under the Scheme, cooperative societies will benefit from a grant of 50% up to a maximum of Rs3,000 yearly for the internal control services provided by the Mauritius Co-operative Alliance Limited (MCA Ltd).

B. OBJECTIVES
- Ensure that the accounts of the cooperative societies are subject to internal audit checks for more transparency.
- Motivate all cooperative societies to submit internal controller’s quarterly and annual reports.
- Ensure that the affairs of the cooperative societies are conducted in accordance with the Co-operatives Act 2016 and the rules of the society.

C. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
The applicant should:
(i) be active and compliant to the Co-operatives Act 2016;
(ii) keep proper record of its business transactions and should not be under any inquiry; and
(iii) have paid any sum due to the Cooperative Development Fund (CDF).

D. CONDITIONS OF THE SCHEME
(i) Services from the MCA Ltd should be sought exclusively for internal control of the cooperative society;
(ii) The Grant should be used only for payment to the MCA Ltd for internal control services;
(iii) The scheme will be applicable only for internal control exercise carried out yearly by the MCA Ltd; and
(iv) For a particular year, a cooperative society may seek the services of the MCA Ltd for either internal control services or book-keeping services.

E. OPERATION OF THE SCHEME
The Scheme will be operated by the CDF and the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division).

The applicant should fill in and submit the appropriate application form together with the following supporting documents to the Secretary of the CDF:
- A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings of the meeting where approval has been obtained for availing of the services of the MCA Ltd for internal control services and for applying for financial assistance under this scheme.
- Statement from the MCA Ltd, confirming that:
(i) the MCA Ltd has carried out the internal control exercise and that a copy of the internal control report has been submitted to the cooperative society and to the Registrar, Cooperative Societies; and 

(ii) the amount charged by the MCA Ltd to the cooperative society for carrying out the internal control exercise.

The CDF reserves the right to cease the operation of the Scheme for reasons which it may deem appropriate, including financial constraints without the CDF having any obligation to assign any reason whatsoever.

F. DISBURSEMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Upon approval, the applicant is requested to:

*either*

(a) make payment of its contribution to the MCA Ltd; and 
(b) thereafter submit to the CDF relevant original invoice/receipt and bank details of MCA Ltd for disbursement of the financial assistance by the CDF to the MCA Ltd.

*or*

(a) make full payment to the MCA Ltd; and 
(b) thereafter submit to the CDF relevant original receipt and bank details of the beneficiary cooperative society for refund of the financial assistance by the CDF to the beneficiary cooperative society.

G. CONTACT DETAILS
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