THE MAURITIUS TELECOM FOUNDATION ACT 2026

Act No. 18 of 2026

I assent

DHARAMBEER GOKHOOL, G.C.S.K.
13th November 2026 *President of the Republic of Mauritius*

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An Act

To provide for the establishment of the Mauritius Telecom Foundation which will grant 2 scholarships every year

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows –

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Mauritius Telecom Foundation Act 2026.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

"Board" means the Board referred to in section 5;

"Mauritius Telecom" means the Mauritius Telecom Limited;

"member" –

(a) a member of the Board; and

(b) includes the Chairperson and the Vice-chairperson;

"MT Foundation" means the Mauritius Telecom Foundation established under section 3;

"State of Mauritius Scholarship" means a scholarship awarded under section 33 of the Education Act.

3. Establishment of MT Foundation

(1) There is established, for the purposes of this Act, a Mauritius Telecom Foundation.

(2) MT Foundation shall be a body corporate.

4. MT Foundation Scholarships

The object of MT Foundation shall be to grant, as from the year 2027 and subsequently every year thereafter, 2 scholarships tenable both

locally and abroad for a first-degree course, not exceeding 4 years in duration, to the 2 Mauritian students (one boy and one girl) –

(a) ranking after those who have been awarded a State of Mauritius Scholarship on the Science Side at the Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examinations, or any equivalent examination, held the previous year;

(b) who, at Principal Level, have passed in 3 subjects listed in Part III, Sub-part C of the Second Schedule to the Education Regulations 1957; and

(c) who intend to pursue their studies at University Level in any discipline, except for medicine or medicine related subjects, as the Board may approve.

5. The Board

(1) The MT Foundation shall be managed by a Board which shall consist of –

(a) 4 members, to be appointed by the Mauritius Telecom from among its directors or managers;

(b) the Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service or his representative;

(c) the supervising officer of the Ministry responsible for the subject of education or his representative;

(d) a representative of the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate; and

(e) a representative from the Ministry responsible for the subject of information and communication technologies.

(2) The Board shall elect from among its members –

(a) a Chairperson and a Vice-chairperson, who shall be from among any member appointed under subsection (1)(a);

(b) a Secretary and a Treasurer.

(3) No member shall receive any fee or remuneration for his services.

(4) The Board shall –

(a) hold its meetings at such time and place as the Chairperson shall approve; and

(b) be convened by the Secretary as often as may be required or upon a request addressed to the Chairperson by any 5 members.

(5) At any meeting of the Board, 5 members shall constitute a quorum.

6. Donation and legacies

Article 910 of the Code Civil Mauricien shall not apply to MT Foundation.

7. Exemption

Notwithstanding any other enactment –

(a) MT Foundation shall be exempt from payment of any duty, rate, charge, fee or tax; and

(b) no stamp duty or registration fee shall be payable in respect of any document under which MT Foundation is the sole beneficiary.

8. Accounts of MT Foundation

(1) The financial year of MT Foundation shall end on 30 June of every year.

(2) The Board shall, on or about 31 October in every year, prepare a statement of accounts and balance sheet of the finances of MT Foundation.

(3) The statement of accounts and balance sheet shall be annually audited by a firm of qualified auditors which shall be appointed by the Board.

9. Dissolution of MT Foundation

(1) MT Foundation may be dissolved by the unanimous decision of the Board.

(2) Where MT Foundation is dissolved, all assets remaining after winding-up shall be transferred to such charitable institution or be used for such charitable purpose as the Board may determine.

10. Investment of funds

MT Foundation shall invest its funds with the Mauritius Telecom.

11. Signature of deeds, documents and cheques

(1) Every deed and document relating to MT Foundation shall be signed by the Chairperson or the Vice-chairperson.

(2) All cheques and other negotiable instruments shall be signed or endorsed by the Chairperson or the Vice-chairperson and the Treasurer or Secretary.

12. Rules

(1) The Board may make such rules as it thinks fit for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, rules made under subsection (1) shall not be required to be –

(a) approved by the Minister;

(b) laid before the Assembly; or

(c) published in the Gazette.

Passed by the National Assembly on the tenth day of November two thousand and twenty six.

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Clerk of the National Assembly

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