



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TERTIARY EDUCATION,
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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**Purchase of books written by local authors to promote
Mauritian Literature**

Project Ref No: MOETEST/EOI 052/2023-2024

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 As announced in the Budget Speech 2023-24, Government will provide support to all secondary schools for the purchase of books written by local authors to promote Mauritian Literature.
- 1.2 The aim of this measure is to promote Mauritian literature and support local Mauritian authors or publishers. This measure is also intended to promote and encourage reading of local publications among students with a view to boosting local literary creativity.
- 1.3 In this context, the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (MOETEST) is inviting prospective local authors and publishers to express their interest to participate and submit their application under this scheme for the purchase of books of fiction or non-fiction genre.

2.0 Eligibility

- 2.1 The applicant should:
- (i) be of Mauritian nationality;
 - (ii) 18 years old or above; and
 - (iii) has written or published the book.
- There is no restriction on the year of publication.
- 2.2 The published book may be in any language taught in public secondary schools.
- 2.3 The Ministry shall not be responsible for any copyright infringement made by the applicant.

3.0 Criteria

3.1 The publications submitted should meet the following criteria:

- (i) The book should be relevant to the learning needs and reading level of students of secondary schools. It should support and enrich the curriculum and the learning process.
- (ii) The book should be appropriate for the schools' subject areas, students age, and for the social, emotional and intellectual development of the students.
- (iii) The language and style should be clear, without any typing and grammatical errors. The contents should be free of vulgarity, religious bias, propaganda or controversy of any sort that might create conflict and misunderstanding in our multi-cultural, multi-racial and multilingual society.

3.2 The following shall NOT be eligible under the scheme:

- a) Books which:
 - i. erode the moral values of society especially the student community;
 - ii. are with typos and other errors, spiral binding, loose pages and items;
 - iii. depict Government bodies and public institutions negatively; and
 - iv. are related to political activities and / or are of political nature.
- b) **Academic and school textbooks, workbooks and Activity books.**

4.0 Application Form

Application Form and Annex I can be downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology: <https://education.govmu.org/>

4.1 Documents and items to be submitted together with the Application Form.

- (a) **Details of the Author/Publisher**
 - i. Copy of the National Identity Card;
 - ii. Proof of Bank Account; and
 - iii. Any other additional document to support the application.

(b) **Hard Copy of the Book with proper book cover and binding. The hard copy of the book may also include the following (if available):**

- i. the title page;
- ii. a copyright certification;
- iii. the International Standard Book Number (ISBN);
- iv. the table of content;
- v. the book introduction;
- vi. the author's biography;
- vii. the synopsis of the book; and**
- viii. a short Biography of the author**

(c) **Particulars of the book/s as per format at Annex I.**

5.0 Assessment Process

5.1 After receipt of applications, an assessment process will be carried out and **any further information or document needed for evaluation will have to be submitted by the applicant within the requested deadline.**

5.2 The MOETEST reserves the right to accept or reject either in whole or in part, any interest expressed and to annul the whole Expression of Interest without, thereby, incurring any liability whatsoever to any applicant.

5.3 The decision of the Ministry shall be final and irrevocable.

6.0 Submission of Expression of Interest

6.1 The Expression of Interest (EOI) should be submitted on the prescribed Form which can be downloaded at education.govmu.org.

EOIs must be deposited in the Tender Box located at the 3rd Floor, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix in sealed envelopes marked **at** the lower left-hand corner of the envelope, **Ref No: MOETEST/EOI 052/2023-2024- "Purchase of Books written by local authors to promote Mauritian Literature"** and **addressed** to the **Chairperson Departmental Bid Committee**, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, MITD House, Phoenix.

6.2 The deadline for the submission of EOI is **Monday 27 November 2023 at 10.30 hours local time.**

6.3 Any incomplete applications, or applications received after the deadline, or not made in the appropriate form, will not be accepted.

7.0 Request for clarifications

7.1 Any request for clarifications should be addressed to-

The Ag. Senior Chief Executive,

Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology

(Attn. Secretary of the Departmental Bid Committee)

Level 3, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix

Phone Number 601 5200 Ext 5318

or by email jdhoomun@govmu.org

- 7.2 Such requests should reach the Ministry **not later than 7 days** prior to the deadline for submission of **EOI**.

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