



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TERTIARY EDUCATION,
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Selection of Booksellers for Book Voucher Scheme

Project Ref No: MOETEST/EOI 074/2021-2022- "EOI for Book Voucher Scheme"

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 As announced in Budget Speech 2021-22, Government will provide a one-off Rs 500 Voucher to children aged 15 to 18 to buy books with a view to giving our youths a taste for reading and enhance their creativity and desire to learn.
- 1.2 In this context, the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (MOETEST) is inviting prospective booksellers to indicate their interest to participate in this Book Voucher Scheme.

2.0 Book Voucher Scheme

- 2.1 The Book Voucher Scheme will target students/trainees under the purview of the Ministry, Mahatma Gandhi Institute/Rabindranath Tagore Institute/Mahatma Gandhi Secondary School/Private Secondary Education Authority (PSEA), Mauritius Institute of Training and Development (MITD), Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd (PML) and Special Education Needs Authority (SENA) aged between 15 and 18 years old during the period 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.
- 2.2 The students/ trainees will be provided with a one-off Rs 500 Voucher which will be redeemed at the enlisted Booksellers for the purchase of books in the categories as listed at Paragraph 2.3.
- 2.3 The approved categories of books are as follows:
- (i) **Non-fiction books:** Curriculum related books (except textbooks), biographies/autobiographies, essays, self-help books, history books, guides, books on craft, hobbies, health and fitness, motivational books and general reference books such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, Mauritian authors/ Local authors, oriental language reading books etc.
 - (ii) **Fiction books:** Popular classics, novels, short stories, anthologies, drama, poetry, historical fiction, comics (Bande Dessinée, DC Comics, Mangas) and science fiction.
 - (iii) **SEN Books:** Books with Large Prints ,Audio books , Musical Books, Activity Books,Exam-Based Books/ papers for learners of Grade 4 - 6 or above (academic learners), Brain-Games books (e.g. Crosswords, Sudoku), Sensory Books,Tales (with imagery), Learning cards (alphabets, number, colors, animals, etc), Charts (alphabets, colors, body, plants, animals, weather, etc) Uppercase and lowercase letter recognition, Phonics Rhyming wordings, Recognizing and counting numbers 1 -100, Traceables and printables, Embossed materials.

2.4 The Booksellers will be required to collect the Voucher as a payment method from the student/ trainee after verification of the Student/Trainee ID/NIC. They should also:

- (i) verify the UV feature available on the Voucher;
- (ii) ensure that the Voucher is duly filled in with signature/ seal of school/ PSEA/ MITD/ PML/ SENA/MGI/RTI/MGSS;
- (iii) verify the validity of the Voucher; and
- (iv) record the details of the books purchased in the dedicated section of the voucher.

2.5 The Booksellers will be required to submit a recap sheet of the vouchers redeemed together with their claims to the Zones, PSEA/MITD/SENA/PML/MGI within 15 days after validity period of the voucher as per specimen template to be provided by the Ministry.

3.0 Eligibility criteria

3.1 The Bookseller shall be a company/business duly registered with the Corporate and Business Registration Department and shall operate in conformity with the provisions of the laws of the Republic of Mauritius.

3.2 Suppliers appearing on the ineligibility lists of the Public Procurement, available at *ppo.govmu.org* shall be rejected.

4.0 Assessment and selection

4.1 The retention of booksellers will be effected following a due diligence process to determine the eligibility of the bookseller.

4.2 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.

5.0 Submission of Expression of Interest

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

5.2 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 074/2021-2022- "EOI for Book Voucher Scheme"** and **addressed** to the **Chairperson Departmental Bid Committee**, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, MITD House, Phoenix.

5.3 The deadline for the submission of EOI is **Friday the 18th of March 2022 at 10.30 hours local time.**

5.4 Late and/or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

6.0 **Request for clarifications**

6.1 Any request for clarifications should be addressed to-

The Senior Chief Executive,

Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology

(Attn. Manager, Procurement and Supply)

Ex- Phoenix Wear (Mungur Building), Phoenix

Phone Number 601 5200 Ext: 5803 / Ext 5318

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

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