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## OBTAINING A WORK PERMIT IN MAURITIUS

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Work Permits are issued by the Employment Division of the Ministry of Labor, Industrial Relations & Employment. This permit allows non-Mauritians to work in Mauritius. A work permit is separate from a residency permit and issuance of a work permit does NOT necessarily entitle the bearer to residency. For more information on residency permits, please visit the Embassy's info sheet on Obtaining a Residency Permit in Mauritius.

In Mauritius, employers apply for work permits on behalf of potential employees who will be employed to do a specific job for the employer on a full time basis. The work permit is non-transferable. An overseas company cannot make an application for work permit unless it is incorporated in Mauritius as a foreign company under the Company Laws of Mauritius. Generally speaking, recruitment agencies are not authorized to apply for work permits on behalf of a company and each company must apply for its own employees.

In order to obtain a work permit for an employee, employers should submit the following documents to: 10th Floor, Sterling House, Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port Louis:

- Certified copy of the Certificate of Incorporation of the company;
- Application form available at  
<http://www.gov.mu/portal/goc/empment/file/wpermit.pdf>

**Generally, expatriates married to Mauritians do not require a work permit in order to legally work in Mauritius.**

For more information, please visit the Government of Mauritius' website at:  
<http://labour.gov.mu/empment/>