

COMMUNIQUÉ

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S COUNCIL (NCC)

(operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare)

Application for Financial Assistance for Upgrading of Child Day Care Centres/Crèches Scheme

In the Budget Speech 2019/2020, Government announced that it would provide a one-off Grant of up to Rs 500,000 through the National Children's Council to all Child Day Care Centres/Crèches that need to upgrade their standard to be registered with the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare, as per the **Institutions for Welfare and Protection of Children, under the Child Protection Act 1994 (Regulations 2000)**.

The Child Day Care Centre/Crèche should not be registered with the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare and should have been operating for at least one (1) year and be taking care of children aged between 3 months and 3 years.

The National Children's Council is, thus, inviting applications from existing Child Day Care centres/Crèches that have never been registered, to benefit from the above financial assistance for the purpose of improving on norms and standards so that they can be considered for registration.

Application forms and Guidelines to applicants for the cash grant scheme may be obtained either at the seat of the National Children's Council, or may be downloaded from the website <http://gender.govmu.org>.

Completed application forms, together with all relevant documents, should be submitted to the National Children's Council, C.S.K Building, 1st Floor, Remy Ollier Street, Port Louis (Attention: Council Secretary).

Those Child Day Care centres/Crèches which have already benefitted from the previous one-off Cash Grant Scheme will not be eligible to apply anew.

Should you require any further information, you may contact Ms Neervana or Mrs L. Pillai on 214 1058 / 5254 4472.

The deadline for submission of application is 27 February 2020 at 15.00 hrs

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