

APPLICATIONS FOR STABLE LICENCE

The GRA's licencing policy is designed to ensure that only competent, responsible, and financially viable individuals are granted licences to manage a stable in Mauritius. By applying these standards, the Authority aims to protect the integrity of racing, promote the welfare of horses and support the long-term sustainability of the sport.

1. Purpose of Licencing

Licencing is the foundational step in ensuring that horse racing in Mauritius is governed with integrity, professionalism, and safety. It allows the Gambling Regulatory Authority (GRA) to regulate who may participate in key roles, such as stable owners, ensuring that only qualified and reputable individuals are entrusted with such responsibilities. The aim is to protect the welfare of horses, uphold public confidence in the industry, and maintain the integrity and standards within the sport.

2. Application Requirement

To be considered for a Stable Holders licence, a formal application must be lodged with the GRA. The application must demonstrate that the individual meets strict professional and ethical standards. The Applicant is required to comply fully with all provisions of, guidelines and directions issued under, the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act 2007, including the applicable Rules of Racing and any other applicable laws and regulations. This obligation extends to adherence to licence conditions, responsible gambling and anti-money laundering obligations and any directions issued by the Gambling Regulatory Authority (the "Authority").

Criteria for individuals licence applications will apply where the following information will be required:

- (i) NIC/Passport of all Directors and shareholders
- (ii) Proof of address (less than 3 months) or rental agreement, Birth certificate, marriage certificate, as applicable
- (iii) Occupation permit (Mandatory for foreign nationals)

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- (iv) Business Registration Certificate
- (v) Certified true copy of Certificate of Incorporation
- (vi) Extract of Files which is downloaded from MNS
- (vii) VAT Registration Certificate
- (viii) Disclosure of Beneficial Owner, Investors and NIC
- (ix) Bank reference for the company & shareholders
- (x) A 6 months valid certificate of character is also required for each director, shareholder, beneficial owner/ultimate beneficial owner and investors)
- (xi) Financial Statement for the past 2 years/ Audited accounts (existing company)
- (xii) Last 6 months bank statement of the company/owner of the company/investors, showing evidence of transaction and funds (From account which will be used for transaction)
- (xiii) Feasibility report
- (xiv) Business plan including background, objective, forecasts for 3 years
- (xv) Quotation & Details of professional indemnity insurance cover
- (xvi) Stable Lease letter of engagement with HRO
- (xvii) Bank guarantee MUR 3 million (at the time of approval of license)
- (xviii) Declaration of assets and liabilities
- (xix) Letter of intent to engage a trainer and a signed agreement between them.
- (xx) All directors and managers must apply for a Personal Management Licence upon grant of licence.
- (xxi) Contract with Owners
- (xxii) List of horses (Minimum 15)

3. Business Skills for Stable Holders

- (i) Stable Licence Holders are effectively business operators and must:
- (ii) Understand and comply with the Rules of Racing;
- (iii) Show solid business acumen and financial literacy;
- (iv) Demonstrate effective media communication skills; and
- (v) Manage owners' expectations and maintain professional relationships

4. Staff Management

Running a training establishment requires managing a team. Applicants must:

- (i) Exhibit effective leadership and people management skills;
- (ii) Understand and implement workplace safety and employment standards; and
- (iii) Provide training and direction to stable staff

Grooms working in the stable will be required to be registered with the Authority where Registration Badges/Cards issued for Grooms shall be valid for three (3) years, and those issued for Veterinarian and other professionals shall be valid for one (1) year as specified on the badge/card.

Stable Licence Holders will be required to notify the Authority of any change of grooms in your yard and return their registration badge/card to the Authority within 14 days delay.

5. Integrity

The applicant's character and conduct are scrutinised. Past disciplinary history, involvement in racing controversies, or any record of unethical conduct may negatively impact the application. The GRA must be confident that the applicant will uphold the rules and values of the sport.

6. Financial Viability

The applicant must be financially sound and able to support the operations of a racing stable. This includes having:

- (i) Sufficient working capital
- (ii) Financial resources to maintain horses and staff
- (iii) A business plan indicating sustainability and long-term commitment

7. Conclusion

The GRA's licencing policy is designed to ensure that only **competent, responsible, and financially viable** individuals are granted licences in Mauritius. By applying these standards, the Authority aims to protect the integrity of racing, promote the welfare of horses, and support the long-term success of the sport.