

# MAURITIUS BAR ASSOCIATION



Members are advised that the following email, the contents of which was already communicated on 09 April ( see Covid-19 Communiqué #16), is being communicated to the Bar for the sole purpose of assisting counsel in the event that counsel is encountering any difficulty in obtaining a Memo from the police station to assist their client.

Varuna R Bunwaree Goburdhun  
Secretary of the Bar Council  
17 April 2020

**From:** Staff Officer <[staffofficer.mpf@govmu.org](mailto:staffofficer.mpf@govmu.org)>  
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**Subject:** Request from the Bar Council

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9<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

Secretary to the Bar Council,  
Mauritius Bar Association,  
4<sup>th</sup> floor, Court View Bldg  
Pope Henessy Street,  
Port Louis.

Madam,

Please refer to your email dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2020, on the above subject.

This Office wishes to inform you that following the outbreak of COVID-19 and the confinement/curfew order prevailing in the country, Work Access Permits are being issued to only those classified as **Essential Services**.

Referring to the Press Communiqué release by the Supreme Court of Mauritius, Office of the Chief Justice, it is understood that Bar-at-Laws may avail themselves of the use of WhatsApp on their smart phones from the place of residence to appear for a client for any bail motion.

As regards the need to assist clients giving statements at Police Station, a memo from the concerned In-Charge Police Stations/Units would be required to confirm the necessity to record such statement at this period of time and services of Barrister have been retained. Request of this nature would be considered only on a case-to-case basis.

The Mauritius Police Force wishes to renew its collaboration of its highest esteem to members of the Bar Council and hope that they all adhere to a national spirit of the current confinement/curfew order by staying safe at home.

**Office of the Commissioner of Police**

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