Objective

The Workers' Rights Act 2019 by its note 39 of 2020

http://labour.govmu.org/English/Documents/Legislations/THE%20WORKERS%20RIGHTS%20Act %202019/Workers'%20Rights%20(Portable%20Retirement%20Gratuity%20Fund)%20Regulations %202020.pdf enacts the terms as to the obligation for Mauritian companies to provide a mandatory pension plan for its Employees (the PRGF) as from 1st January 2020.

However, the Cabinet has decided on a memorandum for its implementation until january 2022 -IMPORTANT see end of document for retroactivity to these months.

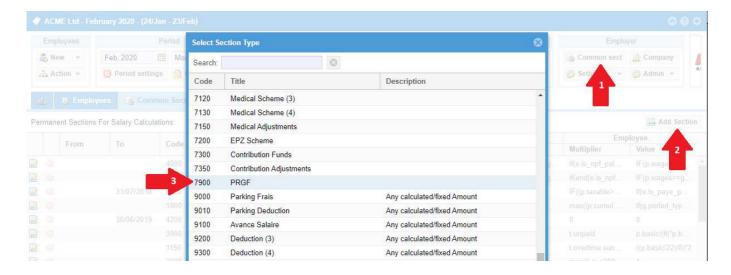
If you already contribute to a pension fund for Employees whose characteristics are at least equivalent to the prerequisites laid down and approved by the MRA, you do not need to contribute to the PRGF. In any other case (see Note 39 of 2020 link below), you must contribute to the PRGF.

How to do this?

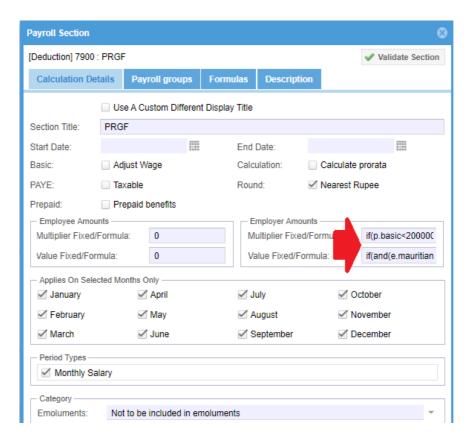
First of all, as the PRGF applies only to **Mauritian Employees**, check that the box "Mauritian" is checked in the file of each Employee concerned.



You must then, for all Employees, add a **new common payroll section** by going to the 'Employer' section then clicking on the [Common Sect] button, then click on the [Add Section] button and choosing section **7900 - PRGF**



The new payroll section is presented to you with already the calculation formula in place as well as the conditions of applicability (being Mauritian, contributor to the NPF, earning less than Rs 200,000...): you don't need to modify it!



On the other hand, the **contribution rate** (employers only) to the PRGF is a function of your type of activity and the turnover of your Company, and of the year (in order to ensure a progressiveness of the contribution) that is why you must adjust it in **Payroll Mauritius**.

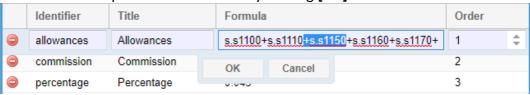
To do this, click on the "Formulas" tab of the Payroll 7900 section, the following window is displayed:



Double-click on the **Percentage** line (line 3) and, if necessary, change the contribution rate (default 4.5%) to a decimal value (e.g. 2.1% must be entered as 0.021) and confirm by clicking [OK].

Then adjust the payroll sections in Commissions (line 2) and Allowances (line 1) taken into account in the PRGF according to what you use.

<u>Note</u>: If there are payroll sections in the default formula that you do not use (for example, section 1150) you do not necessarily need to remove it, it will take the value zero and therefore not affect the calculation. However, if you wish to remove it to simplify readability, double click on the Allowances line and remove the **+s.s1150** sequence then validate by clicking **[OK]**.



By default, the proposed sections are:

s.s1100 + s.s1110 + s.s1150 + s.s1160 + s.s1170 + s.s1180 + s.s1190 + s.s3100 + s.s3100 + s.s3110 + s.s3120 + s.s3

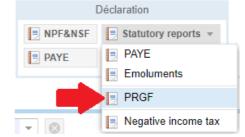
Once you have made your adjustments, click on the [Validate Section] button.

<u>IMPORTANT</u> If you have already calculated your pay slips for the month, you should re-calculate them for that month to take into account the PRGF calculation.

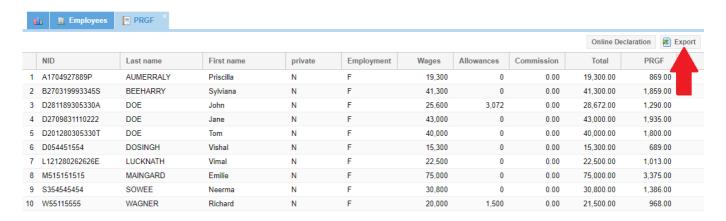
How do I report to the MRA?

Payroll Mauritius automatically generates the expected CSV standard file. You will then only have to deposit it on the MRA website.

To do this, go to the 'Declarations' section then click on the **[Statutory reports][v]** button and choose the **"PRGF"** option.



The screen showing you the Employees concerned and the calculations made is presented to you:



Generate the CSV file by clicking on the **[Export]** button; the CSV file is then uploaded to your workstation; you only have to click on the **[Online Declaration]** button to identify yourself and submit this file following the MRA documentation

https://www.mra.mu/download/PRGF Current Guidelines.pdf

<u>Additional note</u>: you can use the "Basic/Contributions" payslip format ('Employer' section, [Company] button, "Payroll" tab, heading 'Print template') to have a template allowing you to display the employer's contributions, and thus the PRGF on the payslip given to the Employees!

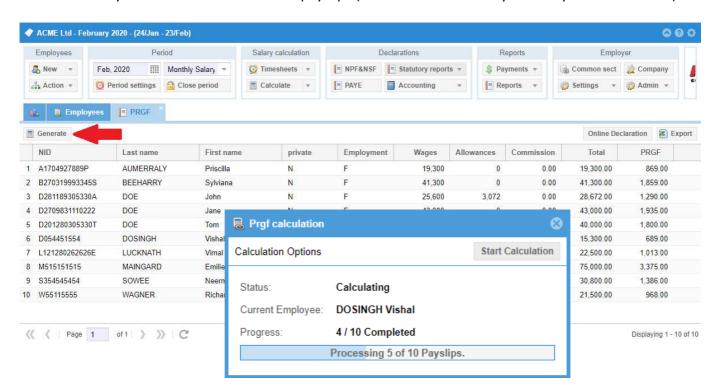


How to manage the previous months (retroactivity)?

The objective is to manage the necessary retroactivity **as from january 2020 to décember 2021** without recalculating pay slips and thus remain consistent with the pay slips given to Employees and the deposits made to the MRA (PAYE) and NPF.

In order to manage this, <u>you need to go to each of these months</u> in **Payroll Mauritius** on the PRGF windows to generate a corresponding computation : start by <u>January 2020</u> period.

However, as the payslips have already been calculated, you should click on the **[Generate]** button to recalculate only the PRGF and add it to the payslips (which will then allow you to deposit to the MRA).



After calculation, DO NOT click on [Export] button (to generate the CSV file), you are going to change the pay period to February 2020 and repeat the procedure until december 2021.

In december 2021, once click [Generate] you will be able to generate a sole .CSV file for the 24 past months by clicking onto the button :

<u>MRA Note</u>: Employers are required to use the Direct Debit facility put in place by MRA to pay their PRGF contributions. To avail of the Direct Debit facility, employers should fill-in a <u>direct debit form</u> downloadable from MRA website. The form duly filled-in and signed by authorised signatories should reach the MRA at least 15 days before the due date for payment.
