

Support Services

The following services are available to all start-ups on a fee basis:-

- Photocopy facilities
- Telephone
- Fax

Application

Eligibility

The eligibility criteria for admission of start-ups at the ICT Incubator Centre are as follows: -

- Companies registered as per the Company's Act 2001.
- Start-ups must have been in operation for less than one year prior to application.
- Priority will be given to the following areas:
E-business, Internet content development, software development, bio-informatics, multimedia and IT Consultancy

Application Process

The application form duly filled should be submitted along with a comprehensive Business Plan to the National Computer Board. The application form is available on the ICT Incubator Centre website at <http://incubator.intnet.mu>

Maximum stay period

A start-up can benefit from the facilities and services offered by the ICT Incubator Centre for a maximum period of three years.

Supporting documents

The application should be accompanied by the following documents: -

- a) A Comprehensive Business Plan
- b) Profiles of promoter(s), including C.V's with qualification and experiences of work.
- c) Documents pertaining to the registration of the Company - Incorporation certificate, Memorandum including shareholding
- d) Investment certificate (if any)
- e) Any other relevant information

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National Computer Board

ICT Incubator centre
Nurturing ICT Start-ups



National Computer Board ICT Incubator Centre

ICT is fast becoming the 5th pillar of the Mauritian Economy. The government has put in place a number of incentives and facilities to promote this sector, and much emphasis is laid on Entrepreneurship Development.

In this context, the National Computer Board has set up its ICT Incubator Centre in January 2003 with the objective to promote entrepreneurship in the ICT sector. This initiative was undertaken on the basis of a feasibility study conducted by Professor Dalrup from GFA Consulting, Germany in 2001, and the recommendations made in the Government Budget Speech of the year 2001/2002.

The ICT Incubator Centre was officially launched by the Honourable, D.Jeeha, Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunications in April 2003.

The ICT Incubator Centre provides infrastructural, logistics and business support to start-ups in the ICT sector and covers a surface area of 5,534.24 sq ft. It can accommodate nine start-ups.

Vision

To be a centre of excellence where ideas and entrepreneurship are transformed into successful and viable business ventures.

Mission

To boost entrepreneurship in the ICT sector and to provide start-ups with the necessary business advisory services and financial support with viable business ventures.

Objectives

The objectives of the ICT Incubator Centre are to: -

- Promote entrepreneurship in the ICT sector
- Boost job creation in the ICT sector
- Develop linkages with other institutions
- Market its start-ups

Why should you consider the ICT Incubator Centre?

- Office facilities at preferential rates
- Regular Business support and training programmes for building capacity of start-ups
- Guidance to financing and venture capital sources

Services and Facilities

Start-ups are charged a fixed monthly fee (inclusive of VAT) for the rental of office space and the associated logistics on the following basis: -

Period	Monthly Charge (Rs)
Year 1	6,000
Year 2	7,500
Year 3	8,625

The charges exclude telephone, fax and photocopying services, which are billed on a usage basis.

An initial refundable deposit equivalent to four month rent has to be made by each start-up upon joining the Centre and the rent is payable one month in advance.

Office Space

Each office occupies on average a surface area of 20 m². It is equipped with one table, one chair, power sockets, network points, air conditioning and lighting.

Internet Access & Email

The ICT Incubator Centre is equipped with Internet access through an ADSL - 512 Kbps connection, which is shared via Virtual Private Network (VPN). Each start-up gets a personalised email address after joining the Centre.

Security

The ICT Incubator Centre provides a 24-hour security access facility to start-ups.

Meeting Room

Meeting room and multimedia facilities including LCD and laptop are available on request at the Centre.

Business Support

The Incubator Management Team provides business support and advice to start-ups at the Centre. Training programmes are organised regularly at the Centre for capacity building of start-ups.

Informative sessions are organised by the National Computer Board with key support institutions such as the Board of Investment, Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd amongst others.

Regular meetings are organised with start-ups by the Incubator Management Team on issues related to enterprise development and marketing.



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