

UNCLAIMED DEPOSITS ACT

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EDITORIAL NOTE: The words “Comptroller of Customs” have been deleted and replaced by the words “Director-General”, following the passing of Act 33 of 2004.

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Unclaimed Deposits Act.

2. Unclaimed money

(1) The Accountant-General shall, in the month of June each year, make a list of suitors’ money, stamp duty, redemption tax and proceeds of unclaimed goods sold by the Director-General of the Mauritius Revenue Authority, deposited in the Treasury which, on 1 January of that year, had remained unclaimed for 6 years.

(2) The list shall only include all accounts and sums, the total amount of which does not exceed 200 rupees, and specify the names of the parties on whose account they were deposited.

(3) A copy of the list shall be—

- (a) posted up in the Supreme Court building and at every District Court; and
- (b) published in the *Gazette*.

(4) The total amount specified in subsection (1) shall form part of the Consolidated Fund.

3. Right of parties

A suitor or party who was entitled to any money before its payment into the Consolidated Fund may claim it within 20 years of its deposit in the Treasury.

4. Saving

This Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation from the Curatelle Act or any prescription law.
