

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the general requirements for applying for a MSME Loan from Merchant Finance?

- Completed application form & CIRA Consent form.
- Evidence of business, company or firm registration.
- Valid Tax compliance certificate
- Company/ business/Individual TIN.
- Company Resolution (if applicable)
- Financial Statement for the last financial year
- Cash flow forecast for the next 2 years.
- 2 Valid Photo ID.
- Bank and Credit statements for the last 6 months.
- Recent valuation of security from one of MFL's approved panel of valuers.
- Any other documents that may be required by Merchant Finance.

What is the Small and Medium Enterprise Sustainability Package?

- The "MSME Package" is specifically designed for existing Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) whose annual turnover or total asset is less than \$1.25 million.
- MSME loans can be used for business expansion purposes, starting a new business, meeting working capital requirements, enhancing cash flow, purchasing raw materials, goods, or stock, buying or upgrading equipment/ machinery, paying off- rent/salary, hiring, and training staff, etc.

How much can I borrow for an MSME Loan?

- A minimum loan amount is set at \$2,000, while the maximum loan amount can reach up to \$500,000.

What is Merchant Finance's interest rate?

- A loan with a 9.49% interest rate on a reducing balance basis
- An establishment fee of 1% is charged on the requested loan amount for all MSME loan and is collected prior to settlement.

What is the loan term?

- The loan term can extend up to 7 years.

What are some of the loan features?

- Flexible financing options for MSMEs
- Competitive interest rates
- Access to RBF MSME Credit Guarantee Scheme.
- Tailored repayment terms
- Support for business growth and expansion

How do I go about obtaining a loan?

- Visit any of our MFL branch to discuss your interest and MSME loan request.
- Submit all the necessary documents to enable the assessment of your loan.
- Merchant Finance will assess your application and determine whether to approve or decline it based on your ability to meet our MSME Loan requirements.
- If approved, you will then need to meet all approval conditions including signing an offer letter and the loan agreement including security documentation where required.
- Once all approval conditions are met, Merchant Finance will proceed with the settlement and the disbursement of the loan.
- Where required, funds may also be disbursed progressively according to the stages as per the loan agreement.

How can I apply for a loan?

- You can visit any of the MFL branches or email/contact our Marama Finance team.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Existing small and medium enterprises that have been in operation for a minimum of 2 years.
- Startup business on exceptional basis.
- Ownership – locally owned or joint ventures with at least 51% local shareholding.