

Madagascar Taxation Summary 2021

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1. Introduction

1.1 Tax year

The Madagascar income tax year of assessment is the calendar year ending 31 December.

1.2 Revenue Service

The Madagascar Revenue Authority is called Direction Générale des Impôts. Their website can be located at <http://www.impots.mg/en>

1.3 Official currency

The official currency of Madagascar is the Malagasy Ariary(MGA).

1.4 Official language

The official languages of Madagascar are French and Malagasy.

2. Tax Residency

2.1 Resident

Individuals resident in Madagascar are liable for tax in Madagascar on their worldwide income and are subject to withholding tax on salaries, known as 'Impôt sur les Revenus Salariaux et Assimilés (IRSA).

Individuals meet the residency provisions if:

- they have a dwelling in Madagascar at their disposal either as owners, usufructuaries or tenants
- their principal residence is in Madagascar

2.2 Non-Resident

Non-residents are only taxable on locally sourced income unless foreign sourced income is transferred to Madagascar.

3. Gross income

Employment income includes salary, wages, leave pay, overtime pay, allowances, bonuses, commissions, personal cost reimbursements and all benefits in kind.

4. Fringe Benefits

Benefits in kind are valued as per the rates below:

- Company car – 15% of actual costs including monthly insurance, maintenance and repairs and fuel paid or accounted for by the employer
- Housing – 50% of the actual rental value including security, electricity, housekeeping etc.
- Phone – 15% of the monthly cost incurred by the employer is regarded as being for personal use and is therefore included in taxable income

The cumulative value of benefits in kind cannot exceed 20% of the employee gross cash earnings, being gross cash less exempt income.

5. Exempt income

The below income items are exempt from tax:

- The first 20 hours of overtime
- Notice of termination for dismissal
- Termination benefits for economic reasons
- Damage and interest in unfair dismissal through a court decision
- Housing made available to displaced employees
- Traveling expenses for annual leave granted to displaced workers
- Expenses incurred for the transport of night shift workers
- Medical expenses borne by the employer directly on behalf of the employee
- Canteen allowance per day limited to MGA 2.000 for temporary employees and MGA 6.000,00 for permanent employees

6. Deductions

The below are deductible for tax purposes:

- Employee contributions to CNaPS are fully tax deductible
- Retirement contributions are also deductible, limited to 10% of the employee's gross cash earnings
- Employee contributions to health insurance are fully tax deductible
- Alimony payment for dependent kids supported by a court order are fully tax deductible

7. Rebates

Employees are entitled to a tax reduction of MGA 2 000.00 per dependent per month. This rebate does not override the requirement for a minimum tax withholding of MGA 2 000.00 per month; i.e. the minimum tax cannot be less than MGA 2 000.00.

8. Tax table

8.1 Monthly filing-Normal employees

Taxable income per month (MGA)	Tax rate %	Tax payable (MGA)
0.00-350,000	0%	2,000
350,001-400,000	5%	2,500
400,001-500,000	10%	10,000
500,001-600,000	15%	15,000
Above 600,001	20%	Excess of threshold

There is a minimum monthly tax of MGA 2 000.00 payable for employees earning less than the threshold of MGA 350 000.00. This does not apply to negative income earners.

There is no special tax rate for expatriates.

8.2 Monthly filing-Special Tax Regime employees

Certain employees, the list of which is decided upon by the Minister responsible for tax regulations, earn income at a unit-rate rather than an hourly-rate. Unit-rate remuneration is used for task-based temporary workers, usually in the industrial sector, whose remuneration is based on the number of units produced or specific operations carried out by the worker as opposed to number of hours worked.

These employees are taxed monthly on their gross remuneration as per the below table:

Taxable income per month (MGA)	Tax rate %
0.00-700.00	2%
700.01-2,000.00	4%
2,000.01-Above	10%

Traditionally, these employees are not under a contract of employment and hence will not receive other benefits and remuneration; just a wage income based on output.

8.3 Monthly filing-Retired employees

Finance Law 2021 incorporates a change to Article 01.03.02. that states that income received by retired employees that is in excess of a year's salary will be taxable.

Where a retired employee is receiving income from an employer, and such income exceeds the salary for the 12 months prior to retirement, the entirety of such income will be taxable.

Salary is basic salary plus cash allowances, excluding benefits-in-kind and company contributions.

9. PAYE Administration and Compliance

9.1 Monthly filing

Personal income tax withheld from employees will be paid over to the relevant tax authority by the 15th of the month following withholding.

9.2 Annual filing

There is no annual filing requirement in Madagascar.

10. Social security

The social security fund in Madagascar is known as the National Fund for Social Welfare (CNaPS).

10.1 Who qualifies as an employee?

Every person receiving a wage shall be liable to contribute to CNaPS, with the exception of non-residents.

10.2 Who qualifies as an employer?

Every person or organisation who pays a wage to an employee.

10.3 What is the base income for contribution?

Gross cash earnings, excluding all benefits in kind, reimbursement of expenses, salissure indemnité(soiling allowance) and familie indemnité(family allowance). The minimum base is the legal minimum wage of MGA 200 000.00(i.e. employees earning less than the minimum wage must contribute to CNaPS at this base); the maximum base is eight times the legal minimum wage of MGA 1 600 000.

10.4 Employer obligations for CNaPS purposes

The Employer must register with the National Fund for Social Welfare (CNaPS) within 15 days of opening the company or hiring of the first paid employee.

10.5 Employee obligations for CNaPS purposes

The employee must furnish the employer with their CIN(Carte d'Identité Nationale) number.

10.6 Contribution rates

Employee - 1% of base income; *contribution* subject to a monthly ceiling of MGA 16 000
 Employer - 8% or 13% of base income; *contribution* subject to a monthly ceiling of MGA 208 000, classified as per below:

8% ER portion (agricultural sector) composed of:

- 4.5% for Old Age, Disability, and Survivors pension
- 1% for Occupational accidents and diseases
- 2.5% for Family Allowances

13% ER portion (non-agricultural sector) composed of:

- 9.5% for Old Age, Disability, and Survivors pension
- 1.25% for Occupational accidents and diseases
- 2.25% for Family Allowances

10.7 Filing requirements

The CNaPS declaration and accompanying payment is to be submitted quarterly within 1 month following the end of the quarter.

10.8 Retirement age

The retirement age for social security contributions is 60 years. Should an employee attain this age whilst still employed, they may elect to not continue contributing to the social security.

11. Other payroll related statutory contributions

11.1 Health insurance

A private organisation is required to register their employee on a medical health scheme or a corporate health organization such as OSTIE, AMIT or FUNHECE.

Contributions to the organization are *usually* 1% for the employee (contribution subject to a monthly limit of MGA 16 000) and 5% for the employer (contribution subject to a monthly limit of MGA 80 000) respectively. [Note: There are other funds whose contribution is more than 1% and 5% respectively. Nonetheless, the maximum contribution must not exceed such % applied against the maximum base of MGA 1 600 000. E.g. where the % is 2% and 7% respectively, the maximum contributions are limited to 32 000.00 and 112 000.00.]

The income base for this contribution is gross cash earnings, excluding all benefits in kind, reimbursement of expenses, salissure indemnité(soiling allowance) and familie indemnité(family allowance), subject to the legal minimum wage of MGA 200 000.00 and maximum base of eight times the legal minimum wage.

The health insurance declaration and accompanying payment is to be submitted quarterly within 1 month following the end of the quarter.

11.2 Fonds Malgache de Formation Professionnelle (FMFP)

All employers registered with CNaPS are liable for a training fund contribution to FMFP.

Contributions to the organization are 1% of gross cash earnings, excluding all benefits in kind, reimbursement of expenses, salissure indemnité(soiling allowance) and familie indemnité(family allowance). Contribution is subject to a monthly limit of MGA 16 000.

The FMFP declaration and accompanying payment is to be submitted quarterly within 1 month following the end of the quarter.

12. Africa Support

Contact Africa Support for any queries on Madagascar legislation.

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13. Madagascar compliance information

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