



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago  
**MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE ECONOMY**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **\$4B Public Sector Back-pay**

The Minister of Finance and the Economy wishes to correct some misconceptions which may have arisen as a consequence of an article which appeared on page A5 in the August 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 issue of the Guardian newspaper and headlined “\$4b in backpay come November”

1. The \$4B back-pay covers payments to many categories of Public Sector workers and not just nurses and RHAs. This includes, Teachers, the Civil Service, the Protective Services and employees of the following:

Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies not subject to the Statutory Authorities Act, but in respect of which the Personnel Department had traditionally exercised or had responsibility for the classification and compensation of offices:

Board of Industrial Training  
Caribbean Fisheries Training and Development Institute  
Legal Aid and Advisory Authority  
Mayaro Civic Centre  
Point Fortin Civic Centre  
Sangre Grande Civic Centre  
Tobago Council for Handicapped Children  
Trinidad and Tobago Association of Local Government Authorities  
Trinidad and Tobago Association in Aid of the Deaf  
Trinidad and Tobago Association for Retarded Children

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Public sector entities whose employees have traditionally enjoyed similar terms and conditions as officers in the Civil Service:

Naparima Bowl  
Queen's Hall  
Princess Elizabeth Centre  
Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association/Association for the  
Visually Impaired  
Trinidad and Tobago Association Bureau of Standards  
Trinidad and Tobago Association Racing Authority

Public Sector entities whose employees were transferred from the Civil Service or Statutory Authorities and are paid salaries in accordance with salary ranges outlined in the Civil Service Classification and Compensation Plan:

North Central Regional Health Authority  
Eastern Regional Health Authority  
North West Regional Health Authority  
South West Regional Health Authority  
Tobago Regional Health Authority  
National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology)  
National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation

2. Some public sector workers would have received their back-pay at the end of July 2015 while others will receive theirs at the end of August 2015.
3. Back-pay for the RHAs will be paid in November 2015.
4. Subsequent to completion of these negotiations, CPO Stephanie Lewis went on pre-retirement leave. Beresford Riley is now the Acting CPO.

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