



# ESSAY CONTEST 2026

Discuss how competition law enforcement by the Competition Commission can contribute to addressing the rising cost of living in Mauritius

## Background

The Competition Commission (CC) is a statutory body, established in 2009 to enforce competition law in Mauritius. The main function of the Competition Commission is to investigate and remedy restrictive business practices such as abuse of monopoly situation, cartels and harmful mergers. In addition to enforcement activities, the Competition Commission also undertakes advocacy initiatives to raise awareness on competition law enforcement and benefits of market competition.

The aims of the essay contest are to:

- impart knowledge and understanding of the competition law to students.
- raise awareness on the role of Competition Commission in enforcing competition law.
- inculcate a culture of competition among the younger generation.

## About the contest

Rising cost of living is a global concern and is equally relevant to Mauritius. High prices affect household's affordability of essential goods and services. Businesses also face higher cost of inputs.

While the CC does not directly regulate the price of goods and services, it influences market dynamics through its enforcement actions and advocacy initiatives such as

market studies, policy advice and sensitisation campaigns.

The topic for this essay contest is thus:

**Discuss how competition law enforcement by the Competition Commission can contribute to addressing the rising cost of living in Mauritius.**

Participants are expected to examine the various enforcement and advocacy tools that the CC uses to promote competitive markets enabling consumers and businesses to benefit from competitive prices, thereby contributing to alleviate the burden of rising cost of living.

By engaging with this topic, we expect students to develop an understanding of how competition law works in Mauritius and the role of CC in promoting competitive markets and contributing to consumer welfare.

## Guidelines

### Eligibility

The essay contest is open to teams of 3 participants from:

- (i) Grade 12 students of public and private secondary schools, and
- (ii) Tertiary students enrolled in an undergraduate programme

in the Republic of Mauritius.

Participants from a particular team should be from the same school/institution.

Immediate relatives of staff of the CC are not eligible to participate in this competition.

### Number of words

Level	Number of words
Secondary Students	1500-2000
Tertiary Students	2500-3000

### Format

The essay must be typed in Font type Calibri, Font Size 11 and Line Spacing of 1.15. The page number should appear at the bottom of each page.

All materials used as references in the preparation of the essay must be listed on a separate page titled "References." The word count excludes references.

Participants should ensure that the essay submitted is of their own work and is not

subject to any plagiarism nor done with the assistance of AI.

### Facilitators

Schools and universities are encouraged to designate a facilitator to guide and provide assistance to the participating team.

### Selection of winners

A jury panel will be appointed for the selection of the best essays. Decision of the jury shall be final.

### Registration

To participate in the contest, participating team should complete the online registration form by **latest 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. The registration form is available on the Competition Commission's website.

Minors are required to sign the parental consent form and upload it with the registration form.

Late submissions will not be accepted.

### Briefing Session

A virtual briefing session on Zoom will be organised on **13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. The meeting link to the participants will be sent by email in due course.

### Submission

Schools and universities may have multiple teams. However, only one essay is allowed per team and should be submitted:

In **soft copy** by email on: [contest@competitioncommission.mu](mailto:contest@competitioncommission.mu), with subject marked as:

### Essay Contest 2026\_Team number

E.g. Essay Contest 2026\_Team 1

The team number allocated to each team will be submitted in due course.

The essays submitted should not contain the names of participants.

The participants should ensure that the submission is in **pdf version**.

The essay should reach the CC **by latest 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. Essays which are found to be incomplete or lately submitted will be disqualified.

### Awards

The best entries will be awarded as follows:

	Secondary Students (Rs)	Tertiary Students (Rs)
<b>1st Prize</b>	50,000	60,000
<b>2nd Prize</b>	25,000	30,000
<b>3rd Prize</b>	10,000	15,000

A certificate of participation will be given to all the participants and facilitators.

The CC may publish essays for advocacy purposes, on digital medias or newspapers, with due credit given to the authors.

The award ceremony will be organised for the remittance of certificates and awards to participants. The confirmed date and venue will be communicated in due time.

### Important dates to note:

Milestones	Tentative Dates (2026)
<b>Registration closing date</b>	09 March
<b>Briefing session</b>	13 March
<b>Deadline for submission</b>	30 April
<b>Award ceremony</b>	24 June

The CC reserves the right to alter the dates at any stage.

Participants who fail to comply with the conditions set out above may be disqualified.

### Contact us:

**Competition Commission,**  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hennessy Court,  
Pope Hennessy Street,  
Port Louis

**Tel:** (230) 211 2005

**Fax:** (230) 211 3107

### E-mail (contest):

[contest@competitioncommission.mu](mailto:contest@competitioncommission.mu)

### Email (general):

[info@competitioncommission.mu](mailto:info@competitioncommission.mu)

**Web:** [www.competitioncommission.mu](http://www.competitioncommission.mu)