## ACT NO. 31 OF 2015



I assent.

J. K. KONROTE President

[23 November 2015]

# **AN ACT**

#### TO AMEND THE TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP AND LOANS DECREE 2014

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji-

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Tertiary Scholarship and Loans (Amendment) Act 2015.

(2) This Act shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Gazette.

(3) In this Act, the Tertiary Scholarship and Loans Decree 2014 shall be referred to as the "Decree".

#### Section 2 amended

2. Section 2 of the Decree is amended in the definition of "student" by-

- (a) deleting "or" in paragraph (b);
- (b) deleting "." in paragraph (c); and

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- (c) inserting the following new paragraphs after paragraph (c)—
  - "(*d*) is an employee earning an annual income of not more than \$25,000 and seeks to attain academic qualification or upgrade existing qualifications at an eligible institution either as a part-time or full-time student; or
  - (e) is an employee working in the public service and seeks to attain academic qualification or upgrade existing qualifications at an eligible institution."

#### Schedule 2 amended

- **3.** Schedule 2 to the Decree is amended—
  - (a) in paragraph 1 by deleting "previous" and inserting "preceding the current year" after "year"; and
  - (b) by inserting the following new paragraphs after paragraph 7—
    - "8. Tertiary Education Scheme (TES) for students with special needs This scheme shall apply to students with special needs.
    - 9. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme (TELS) for Technical College students

This scheme shall apply to students enrolled in Technical Colleges.

10. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme (TELS) for post-graduate students This scheme shall apply to students enrolled in post-graduate programmes in subject areas approved by Cabinet."

Passed by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji this 20th day of November 2015.