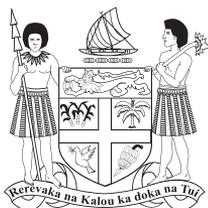


ACT NO. 34 OF 2025

I assent.

RATU N. T. LALABALAVU
President

[9 December 2025]

AN ACT

TO REPEAL THE REGISTRATION OF SKILLED PROFESSIONALS ACT 2016
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Registration of Skilled Professionals (Repeal) Act 2025.

(2) This Act comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Committee” means the Skilled Professionals Evaluation Committee established under section 4 of the repealed Act;

“professional body” means an association or body within a profession, whether or not established by a written law, which is responsible for the registration or licensing of individuals in a profession in Fiji;

“repealed Act” means the Registration of Skilled Professionals Act 2016; and

“skilled professional” has the same meaning as provided under section 2 of the repealed Act.

Repeal

3. The Registration of Skilled Professionals Act 2016 is repealed.

Revocation

4. The Registration of Skilled Professionals Regulations 2016 is revoked.

Savings and transitional

5.—(1) At the commencement of this Act, any asset of the Committee must be transferred to the Office of the Prime Minister.

(2) Any application approved by the Committee prior to the commencement of this Act remains valid until the relevant licence, permit or form of approval expires or is cancelled or revoked.

(3) Any application—

(a) to be registered or licensed as a skilled professional which is not processed by the Committee at the commencement of this Act must be referred to the relevant professional body; and

(b) for a permit to enter, work or reside in Fiji which is not processed by the Committee at the commencement of this Act must be referred to the Ministry responsible for immigration.

(4) Any fee paid for an application which is not processed at the commencement of this Act, must be transferred to the relevant professional body or the Ministry responsible for immigration, and any remaining amount must be reimbursed to the applicant.

(5) At the commencement of this Act—

(a) any application to be registered or licensed as a professional, or for a renewal or extension thereof must be made to the relevant professional body; and

(b) any application for a permit to enter, work or reside in Fiji must be made to the Ministry responsible for immigration in accordance with the Immigration Act 2003.

(6) Any appeal lodged against a decision of the Committee to the Prime Minister which is not processed at the commencement of this Act must be referred to the relevant professional body or the Ministry responsible for immigration, as applicable.

Passed by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji this 4th day of December 2025.