

**ACT NO. 32 OF 2021**

I assent.

J. K. KONROTE  
President

[30 July 2021]

**AN ACT****TO AMEND THE OFFSHORE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 2012**

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

*Short title and commencement*

**1.**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Offshore Fisheries Management (Budget Amendment) Act 2021.

(2) This Act comes into force on 1 August 2021.

(3) In this Act, the Offshore Fisheries Management Act 2012 is referred to as the “Principal Act”.

*Section 35 amended*

**2.** Section 35 of the Principal Act is amended after subsection (1) by inserting the following new subsection—

“(1A) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a licence issued to the owner or operator of a Fiji fishing vessel by the Permanent Secretary shall, unless earlier cancelled or suspended under section 38, be valid for a period of 20 years provided that the owner or operator applying for the licence is a Fijian citizen or person ordinarily resident in Fiji.”.

*Section 78 amended*

**3.** Section 78 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection (1), deleting “landing, transshipment, bunkering or provisioning” and substituting “landing or transshipment”; and
- (b) in subsection (5), deleting “landing, transshipment, bunkering or provisioning” and substituting “landing or transshipment”.

*Amendment to references to Marine Act 1986*

**4.** The Principal Act is amended by deleting “Marine Act 1986” wherever it appears and substituting “Ship Registration Act 2013”.

Passed by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji this 30th day of July 2021.