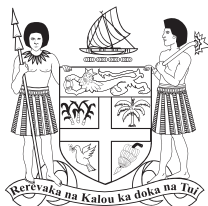


ACT NO. 17 OF 2025

I assent.

R. N. T. LALABALAVU
President

[21 July 2025]

AN ACT

TO AMEND THE TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS SERVICE ACT 2014

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Tertiary Scholarships and Loans Service (Budget Amendment) Act 2025.

(2) This Act comes into force on 1 August 2025.

(3) In this Act, the Tertiary Scholarships and Loans Service Act 2014 is referred to as the “Principal Act”.

Section 2 amended

2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by—

(a) after the definition of “at-risk student”, inserting the following new definition—

““Board” means the Tertiary Scholarships and Loans Service Board established under section 4;”.

- (b) in the definition of “eligible institution”, deleting “Service” and substituting “Board”;

Section 4 amended

3. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in the heading, deleting “*Composition of the Service*” and substituting “*The Board*”; and
- (b) deleting subsections (1) to (3) and substituting the following—

“(1) The affairs of the Service are conducted by the Board as the governing and executive body of the Service with the capacity to perform the functions and powers under this Act or any other written law.

(2) The Board must consist of 7 members appointed by the Minister responsible for finance in writing subject to the approval of the Prime Minister.

(3) The Minister responsible for finance must appoint a Board member as Chairperson.

(4) A person who is a Board member immediately before 1 August 2019, continues in office on the terms on which he or she was appointed.”.

Section 4A amended

4. Section 4A of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in the heading, deleting “Service” and substituting “Board”; and
- (b) deleting “Service” and substituting “Board”.

Section 5 amended

5. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in paragraph (c), after “;” deleting “and”;
- (b) in paragraph (d), deleting “.” and substituting “; and”; and
- (c) after paragraph (d), inserting the following new paragraph—

“(e) carry out accountable administration of scholarships and bond monitoring.”.

Section 6A amended

6. Section 6A of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection (1), deleting “Service” and substituting “Board”; and
- (b) deleting subsection (3), and substituting the following—

“(3) A delegation is revocable at will by the Board and does not derogate or limit the Board’s power to act in any manner.”.

Section 7 amended

7. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “Service” and substituting “Board”.

Section 8 amended

8. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in the chapeau, deleting “Service” and substituting “Board”; and
- (b) in paragraph (a), deleting “Service” wherever it appears and substituting “Board”.

Section 9 amended

9. Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “Service” wherever it appears and substituting “Board”.

Section 10 amended

10. Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection (1), deleting “Service” wherever it appears and substituting “Board”;
- (b) in subsection (4), deleting “Service, 3” and substituting “Board, 4”;
- (c) in subsection (6), deleting “Service” and substituting “Board” ;
- (d) in subsection (7), deleting “Service” wherever it appears and substituting “Board”; and
- (e) in subsection (8), deleting “Service” and substituting “Board” .

Section 11 amended

11. Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by —

- (a) in the heading, by deleting “Service” and substituting “Board” ; and
- (b) deleting “Service” wherever it appears and substituting “Board”.

Section 12 amended

12. Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “Service” wherever it appears and substituting “Board”.

Section 14 amended

13. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following—

“(1) The Board may, after consultation with the Minister, appoint a suitably qualified person as the Chief Executive Officer of the Service in accordance with the terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board.”.

- (b) in subsection (2), deleting paragraphs (a) to (e) and substituting the following—

“(a) is responsible to the Board for the administration and management of the functions and affairs of the Service;

- (b) may, with the approval of the Board, prepare internal policies and strategies addressing internal affairs important for the operation of the Service;
- (c) may, by instrument in writing, delegate to any employee all or any of the Chief Executive Officer's functions and powers, except the power of delegation under this section;
- (d) must perform any other function relating to this Act that the Board, in writing, confers on him or her; and
- (e) must report to the Service as required by the Board.”.

Section 15 amended

14. Section 15 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by deleting “subject to the approval of the Service” and substituting “subject to the approval of the Board”.

Section 18 amended

15. Section 18 of the Principal Act is amended after subsection (3) by inserting the following new subsection—

- “(4) A person must pay an administrative fee as determined by the Service if the person—
- (a) requests information of his or her guarantor on the Immigration Controversial List; or
 - (b) submits a request on travel and bond clearance within 24 hours of the intended travel.”.

Passed by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji this 18th day of July 2025.