

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## REGISTRATION OF SKILLED PROFESSIONALS ACT 2016

The Registration of Skilled Professionals Act 2016 was passed by the Fijian Parliament, in February this year and came into effect on 21 March 2016.

The Act establishes a Skilled Professionals Evaluation Committee ('Committee'), which is chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Industry, Trade and Tourism. The Committee is responsible for evaluating the applications of skilled professionals seeking employment in Fiji and may issue directives regarding the registration of that individual.

The purpose of the Committee is to evaluate the need for skilled professionals in Fiji and provide a mechanism to expedite the registration of such skilled professionals in Fiji, where a work permit is required.

This new Act creates an avenue to fast-track the registration process for such skilled professionals to work in Fiji. The law is necessary to enable Fijians and Fijian businesses and organisations to have access to more skilled professionals, which will provide services that are scarce or high in demand to all Fijians.

Applications by individuals seeking to work in Fiji can be made to the Committee in the prescribed form. The form and a checklist is available on the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism website: www.mit.gov.fj.

Companies wanting to hire skilled professionals and/or Individuals who are interested in working in Fiji are encouraged to apply to the Chairperson, Skilled Professionals Evaluation Committee:

Postal Address:

P. O. Box 2118

Government Buildings

Suva Fiji

Or hand delivery:

Level 3 Civic Tower Victoria Parade

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Or email to:

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Shaheen Ali Chairperson

**Skilled Professionals Evaluation Committee**