

**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.”.