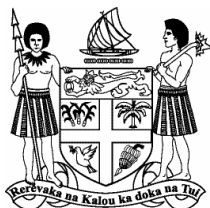


**ACT NO. 36 OF 2020**

I assent.

J. K. KONROTE

President

[4 September 2020]

**AN ACT****TO AMEND THE PASSPORTS ACT 2002**

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

*Short title and commencement*

**1.**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Passports (Amendment) Act 2020.

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

(3) In this Act, the Passports Act 2002 is referred to as the “Principal Act”.

*Long title amended*

**2.** The Principal Act is amended in the long title by—

(a) deleting “FRESH”; and

(b) deleting “PASSPORTS” wherever it appears and substituting “TRAVEL DOCUMENTS”.

*Section 1 amended*

**3.** Section 1(1) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “Passports” and substituting “Travel Documents”.

*Section 2 amended***4.** Section 2(1) of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in the definition of “peacekeeping duty”, deleting “and”; and
- (b) inserting the following new definition—

““Permanent Secretary” means the permanent secretary responsible for immigration; and”.

*Section 4 amended***5.** Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in the heading, deleting “unmarried minors” and substituting “children”;
- (b) deleting subsections (1) and (2) and inserting the following new subsection—

“(1) In this section, “child” means an individual who has not reached the age of 18 years.”;

- (c) deleting “an unmarried minor” wherever it appears and substituting “a child”; and
- (d) in subsection (4), deleting “minor” wherever it appears and substituting “child”.

*Section 9C amended*

**6.** Section 9C of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “Department of Immigration” wherever it appears and substituting “Fijian Immigration Department”.

*Section 9E amended*

**7.** Section 9E of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “\$10,000 or to a term of imprisonment of 2 years, or to both” and substituting “\$50,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or both”.

*Section 11 amended*

**8.** Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “of \$1,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months” and substituting “not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or both”.

*Section 12 amended*

**9.** Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “of \$2,000 and to imprisonment for 12 months” and substituting “not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or both”.

*Section 13 amended*

**10.** Section 13(3) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “of \$1,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months” and substituting “not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or both”.

*Section 14 amended*

**11.** Section 14(2) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “of \$2,000 and to imprisonment for 12 months” and substituting “not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or both”.

*Section 15 amended*

**12.** Section 15(3) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “, on conviction, to a fine of \$10,000 and to imprisonment for 5 years” and substituting “on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or both”.

*Section 16 amended*

**13.** Section 16 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection (1), deleting “to a fine of \$1,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months” and substituting “on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or both”; and
- (b) in subsection (2), deleting “of \$1,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months” and substituting “not exceeding \$50,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or both”.

*Amendments to office of Director of Immigration*

**14.** The Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in section 17(3)(d), deleting “Director of Immigration” and substituting “Fijian Immigration Department”; and
- (b) deleting “Director of Immigration” wherever it appears and substituting “Permanent Secretary”.

*Consequential amendments*

**15.** The laws listed in the Schedule are amended as set out in that schedule.