



FTRA Press Release

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Fiji Teachers Registration Authority (FTRA) – The Teacher Licensing Body of Fiji

Expired Teacher Registrations

As of 05th November 2021, there are 538 teachers employed by the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts with expired FTRA Registration. As per the Fiji Teachers Registration Act 2008 [FTR 10] **Must Register to Teach** clearly states *“No person shall be permitted to teach at a school in Fiji unless the person is a holder of a Certificate of Registration”*.

All these teachers have been reminded via emails by FTRA twice, but teachers have not respond to the emails. FTRA has also called teachers to remind them that their registration license has expired. A final 30-day notice period has been served to these teachers to renew their Teacher Registration license. Failure to renew their teacher registration license will result in deregistration, which simply mean that these teachers will not be able to teach in any schools.

For some teachers the 30-day Final Notice Period has expired and these teachers will be deregistered with effect from 09 November 2021. The Ministry will be informed and will be required to terminate the contracts of these teachers.

Since 2009, various teachers have been granted registrations under the Limited Authority to Teach (LAT) and Provisional categories, followed by renewals under the same category expiring on 31st December 2021. Registrations were approved and granted to teachers who did not meet the MQR in certain discipline areas facing shortage of teachers with an expectation that these teachers will upgrade their qualification within the specified timeframe.

It is now 12 years and unfortunately, some teachers have not upgraded their academic qualifications, therefore, there will be no further registrations granted under the Limited Authority to Teach or Provisional categories. MEHA can now replace these teachers with fully qualified teachers registered with FTRA who have not been employed.

It is the role of FTRA to ensure that quality teaching is provided to students through qualified registered teachers and will take actions against those teachers who either do not renew their Teacher Registrations prior to expiry or upgrade their qualifications.

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