## **EXTRAORDINARY**

# GOVERNMENT OF FIJI GAZETTE SUPPLEMENT

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FIJI NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND DECREE 2011 (DECREE No. 52 OF 2011)

# Fiji National Provident Fund (Housing Finance Assistance) Regulations 2013

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 143 of the Fiji National Provident Fund Decree 2011 and following consideration of the advice from the Board, I hereby make these Regulations—

#### Short title and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fiji National Provident Fund (Housing Finance Assistance) Regulations 2013, and shall come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette*.

### Interpretation

- 2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—
  - "Board" has the meaning given to it under the Decree;
  - "Decree" means the Fiji National Provident Fund Decree 2011;
  - "FNPF member" has the meaning given to it under the Decree;
  - "landowning unit" includes a mataqali;
  - "lease" includes a sub-lease; and
  - "communally-owned land" means any area of land that is held on a communal basis by a landowning unit or held in trust in accordance with a written law or held in ownership by a group of persons.

# Housing Finance Assistance

- 3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the Decree, this regulation applies to a withdrawal for Housing Finance Assistance.
- (2) The Board shall only provide assistance to an FNPF member for the construction, renovation or extension of a dwelling house if it is satisfied that the withdrawal shall be used to construct, renovate or extend a dwelling house that is—
  - (a) on land that has a registered title or lease, as the case may be; and
  - (b) occupied or shall be occupied by the member.

- (3) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (2), the Board shall also only provide assistance to an FNPF member for the construction, renovation or extension of a dwelling house on communally-owned land if it is satisfied that the withdrawal shall be used to construct, renovate or extend a dwelling house that is—
  - (a) on land that -
    - (i) is communally-owned land or has a registered title or lease, as the case may be; and
    - (ii) is, for the benefit of the member, held on a communal basis by a landowning unit or held in trust in accordance with a written law or held in ownership; and
  - (b) occupied or shall be occupied by the member.
  - (4) An application for Housing Finance Assistance shall be—
    - (a) made on the form provided by the Board; and
    - (b) accompanied by such supporting documents as the Board may need to satisfy itself in respect of any matter under this regulation.

MADE this 16th day of September 2013.

J. V. BAINIMARAMA

Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Strategic Planning, National Development, Statistics, Public Service, People's Charter for Change and Progress, Information, iTaukei Affairs, Provincial Development, Sugar Industry, Lands and Mineral Resources