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Dear Sir

Re: Higher Education

The recent circular (C67) dated 13/10/2015, by Ministry of Education where it says it will not recognize certain qualifications attained by teachers from certain Universities is preposterous.

The Ministry must note that there are many teachers who have enrolled at Uni Fiji, USP and FNU to complete their Post Graduate Master. Some on the verge of completing their Masters, having spent thousand of dollars.

The competent authority to scrutinize and approve all University programmes is Fiji Higher Education Commission.

It is for FHE Commission to monitor and enforce the guideline for Uni Programmes.

The teachers who have enrolled and are completing their Masters are doing so on the understanding that it is an approved programme from FHEC.

It is inappropriate for Ministry of Education to announce now that the "five" courses are "not pitched at the appropriate level" that they do not provide the required level of rigorous independent research training and that one University does not have appropriately qualified staff to teach the programme.

A large number of promotions have been done by the Ministry in the last few months based on the same qualifications.

Ministry of Education should recognize the qualifications of those who are already pursuing the courses. If the rules are to be changed they should apply to those enrolling hereafter.

Why penalize the teachers?

Yours sincerely

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