REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACT NO. 9 OF 2014

Education Regulation (Amendment) Order No. 110 of 2023

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 81 of the Education and Training Act No. 9 of 2014, I, the Honourable RALPH REGENVANU, Acting Minister of Education and Training, make the following Order.

1 Amendments

The Education Regulation Order No. 44 of 2005 is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 12th **day of** JUNE **, 2023.**

Honourable RALPH REGENVANU
Acting Minister of Education and Training

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF EDUCATION REGULATION ORDER NO. 44 OF 2005

1 Definitions

Insert in their correct alphabetical positions:

""**Director General**" means the Director General of Education and Training;"

2 Clause 21A

Repeal the clause, substitute

"21A Types of fees to be charged for senior secondary education

(1) All Government and non-government assisted schools must not charge fees at any of its schools that are in excess of the prescribed fees under table D of Schedule 1 for any of its students enrolled for senior secondary education.

(2) The Government is to pay, in the form of grant, for each student enrolled for senior secondary education in each Government and non-government assisted school per year, the following:

(a) a tuition fee not exceeding VT42,000; and

(b) an operational fee not exceeding VT8,125; and

(c) subject to subclause (6), an exam fee for each subject that a student is enrolled in for Years 12, 13 and 14.

(3) The tuition fee prescribed under paragraph (2)(a) is to cover the following:

(a) effective instruction; and

(b) medical fee; and

(c) textbooks; and

(d) stationery; and

(e) educational resources (library, science lab, Information and Communications Technology (ICT)); and

(f) furniture; and

(g) excursions or field trips; and

(h) registration, student Identity Cards, transfer fee; and

(i) sports fee.

(4) The operational grant prescribed under paragraph (2)(b) covers the following:

(a) minor maintenance including facilities, equipment, teaching and learning resources; and

(b) transportation cost for administration work and other students emerging needs; and

(c) ancillary and administrative staff, teacher aide pending approval from the Director of the Education Services Division based on Provincial Education Office and Education Authority assessment; and

(d) development and review of school manual and policy; and

(e) security personnel, fencing and surveillance camera.

(5) The exam fee prescribed under paragraph (2)(c) covers the following:

(a) all costs relating to preparing, undertaking and administrating an exam in Year 12, Year 13 and Year 14; and

(b) all costs for sitting an exam in Year 12, Year 13 and Year 14.

(6) The Government is to pay an exam fee for each student enrolled for senior secondary education at the following rates;

(a) in the case where the school charges an annual fixed exam fee – the Government is to pay the full annual fixed exam fee for each student; or

(b) in the case where the school charges an exam fee per subject – the Government is to pay the exam fee for up to 6 subject only for each student."

2 Subclauses 21C(4) and (5)

Repeal the subclauses, substitute

"(4) Upon being informed under subclause (3), the Director of the Education Services is to submit the request to the Director General or the Director of Finance & Administration for his or her approval.

(5) The Director General or the Director of Finance & Administration may approve or reject the request made by a Government or non-Government school under subclause (2)."

3 Subclause 21C(7)

Repeal the subclause, substitute

"(7) Government and non-Government schools may be required to reimburse all parents that have paid additional fees charged without prior approval of the Director General or the Director of Finance & Administration."

4 Clause 21E

Repeal the clause, substitute

"21E Boarding fees

(1) All Government and non-government assisted schools may charge an amount not exceeding VT45, 000 as boarding fees for each student enrolled for primary education, or junior secondary education or senior secondary education per year.

(2) The boarding fees is to be charged only for students residing in the school for the duration of the school year.

5 After Clause 21I

Insert

"21J Payment of approved fees for all schools

(1) The parents of a student enrolled in a school must take responsibility to complete approved fees for his or her child for an academic year, in the current year;

(2) The parents of a student enrolled in the school must complete outstanding payment of the approved fees in that school before:

(a) the student's academic certificates or results are released; and

(b) the student progresses to the next level of education.

(3) Schools must not exclude students for non-payment of approved fees during the academic year."

6 Schedule 1, Tables A, B, C, D, E, F and G

Repeal the tables, substitute

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TABLE A TYPE OF FEES TO BE CHARGED AT KINDERGARTEN							
No.	**Type of Fees**	**TORBA**	**SANMA**	**PENAMA**	**MALAMPA**	**SHEFA**	**TAFEA**
1	Tuition Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Caution Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Development	To be justified by schools and subject to prior approval by the Director General or Director Administration & Finance.					
4	Others	To be justified by schools and subject to prior approval by the Director General or Director Administration & Finance.					

TABLE B TYPE OF FEES TO BE CHARGED AT PRIMARY, YEARS 1 to 6							
No.	**Type of Fees**	**TORBA**	**SANMA**	**PENAMA**	**MALAMPA**	**SHEFA**	**TAFEA**
1	Tuition Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Caution Fee	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
3	Development	To be justified by schools and subject to prior approval by the Director General or Director Administration & Finance.					
4	Others	To be justified by schools and subject to prior approval by the Director General or Director Administration & Finance.					

TABLE C TYPE OF FEES TO BE CHARGED AT JUNIOR SECONDARY, YEARS 7, 8, 9 AND 10							
No.	**Type of Fees**	**TORBA**	**SANMA**	**PENAMA**	**MALAMPA**	**SHEFA**	**TAFEA**

1	Tuition	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Operating	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Caution	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Boarding	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
	Note	Any additional fees that are to be charged in addition to the fees stated above (Tuition, Operating, Caution & Boarding) must be justified by schools and subject to prior approval by the Director General or Director Administration & Finance.					
4	Exam	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Development	To be justified by schools and subject to prior approval by the Director General or Director Administration & Finance.					
6	Others	To be justified by schools and subject to prior approval by the Director General or Director Administration & Finance.					

TABLE D
TYPE OF FEES TO BE CHARGED AT SENIOR SECONDARY, YEARS 11, 12, 13 & 14

No.	Type of Fees	TORBA	SANMA	PENAMA	MALAMPA	SHEFA	TAFEA
1	Tuition	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Operating	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Caution	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
4	Boarding	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
	Note	Any additional fees that are to be charged in addition to the fees stated above (Tuition, Operating, Caution & Boarding) must be justified by schools and subject to prior approval by the Director General or Director Administration & Finance.					
5	Exam - French	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Exam - English	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Development	To be justified by schools and subject to prior approval by the Director General or Director Administration & Finance.					
8	Others	To be justified by schools and subject to prior approval by the Director General or Director Administration & Finance.					

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