

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU
BILL FOR THE
RESERVE BANK OF VANUATU (AMENDMENT)
ACT NO. OF 2026

Explanatory Note

This Bill amends the Reserve Bank of Vanuatu Act No. 37 of 2025 (“the Act”).

Currently in the Act an employee of the Reserve Bank of Vanuatu (“the RBV”) will cease to be an employee if he or she is disqualified under section 42 of the Financial Institutions Act [CAP 254] (“the FIA”). Section 42 of the FIA provides for the definition of ‘disqualified person’, and it refers to the removal of the directors and officers of the FIA that were licensed by the RBV. This section is not meant to apply to the removal of the employees of the RBV.

The RBV has its internal process to remove and discipline its employees and to ensure the fitness and propriety frameworks are in place to ensure staff integrity.

Therefore, this Act is amended to remove this inconsistency.

A new section 23 is inserted to provide for the employment of staff of the RBV. While it is the current standard procedure in the RBV for the Governor to appoint the staff of the RBV, the new provision removes any doubts and makes it explicit for the Governor to make appointment of staff based on policies approved by the Board.

Minister of Finance and Economic Management



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An Act to amend the Reserve Bank of Vanuatu Act No. 37 of 2025.

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

1 Amendment

The Reserve Bank of Vanuatu Act No. 37 of 2025 is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF THE RESERVE BANK OF VANUATU ACT NO. 37 OF 2025

1 Section 23

Repeal the section, substitute

“23 Appointment of an employee

- (1) The Governor is to appoint an employee on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board.
- (2) The appointment of the employee must be based on merit and must follow a fair and transparent process.”