



The Schools' Registration Policy brings more transparency and equity



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Education Authority and School Registration Policy has been signed and approved by Honourable Jean-Pierre Nirua, Minister of Education and Training.

Dated September 2017, the Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) has established a school Registration Policy which will be used as a guideline for processing schools' applications to register.

The main purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for Communities, Education Authorities including the government to follow, ensuring equity through transparency of school registration application and decision making.

Under Part 3 and Part 4 of the Education Act No. 9 of 2014, it is clearly stated that in order for a school to operate, it must be declared as "registered to offer". This means that the school has met the requirements needed to be effectively registered and recognized.

Honourable Jean Pierre Nirua said that, "the Ministry is responsible for establishing and monitoring the standards of education for all children in Vanuatu".

Furthermore, he added that "all stakeholders in education are obliged to acknowledge the Ministry's role in setting the expected standards, administering and if necessary, enforcing procedural criteria's to achieve them".

The Policy and Planning Directorate is responsible for the processing of all schools' applications and, through the implementation of this School Registration Policy, the MoET has the strategy for its upcoming schools' rationalization plan. When developing this schools' rationalization plan, the School Registration Policy is therefore a major component.

As of today, registration applications that are yet to be processed will be considered from now on. There are 31 applications received by the MoET since 2015.

If you have any further queries regarding this policy, please do not hesitate to contact the Policy Planning Directorate of the MoET on 33500 (ext. 4453/4431), visit <https://moet.gov.vu/> or email mboesel@vanuatu.gov.vu.