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## Press Release

In a key step towards making higher education universally accessible to students, Fiji National University has made it possible for students to lodge their study applications with the university online.

FNU's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Director, Anuj Chandra said this meant applications could be lodged from anywhere and at any time, using Fiji's growing internet connectivity.

Mr Chandra said ongoing students could also change course details and venue preferences for next year online.

He said this was a major step for the convenience of students and would do away with the need to travel to FNU campuses and centres.

"Other advantages are that the long waits at the Academic office will be reduced and the processing response will be faster," he said.

Mr Chandra said this was the first time for applications to be done online at the University.

"We all need to manage this change from filling in paper forms to online forms, so with the internal awareness, staff will be able to sort out issues as they happen."

He said to apply online, students will be required to fill in their personal details, secondary school examination, Index number, the year of exam, an email address for communications and the College of study with the first, second and third choices of programmes.

Students have the option to upload birth certificates and exam results.

He said once the application is submitted, students will receive an email response, either with an approved offer letter, or an acknowledgment that the application is under consideration where minimum entry requirements are not met.

Mr Chandra said applications will also be sent to the email addresses of nominated Academic and College staff for appropriate action.

"An email alert will be sent to the nominated College staff, informing that an applicant has not met the minimum exam results required, and the staff has to login to the module and either approve, offer an alternate programme or disapprove."

Continuing students can also use the online enrollment system to choose a new venue, the period of study and register for their programmes.

“Students are able to withdraw and register as they wish. Students are able to check the programmes they have registered in and generate invoices and also view their results,” he said.

As a holiday incentive for youngsters across Fiji, FNU has opened up its computer laboratories at its campuses across the nation to provide youth with free Internet access. Those using the facility can also apply online.