

**DAP blasts govt move to check students in politics**  
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PETALING JAYA – An assemblyman questioned the federal government's decision to bar university students from politics, accusing it of practising double standards.

Kampung Tunku assemblyman Lau Weng San criticised the government for being "a hypocrite" when it allowed teachers to engage in political activities but not university students.

The Cabinet had on Wednesday said that university students will not be allowed to get involved in political parties unless they obtain permission from their vice-chancellors.

He said the decision and reason provided were "shallow and totally unacceptable!"

Higher Education Minister Mohamed Khaled Nordin said Wednesday that provisions under the Universities and University Colleges Act, 1971, were adequate since students are allowed to participate in politics if permission is obtained from vice-chancellors, The Star reported. Lau, a DAP politician, said hopes to amend Section 15 of the Act were diminished when the Cabinet decided to maintain the policy which directly prohibits university students from being active in partisan politics.

"If the Cabinet is serious about disallowing university students from participating in politics, it should make sure the law is enforced and the offenders prosecuted."

Lau said some university students at present are engaging in political activities like he did when he was studying in Universiti Malaya.

He challenged the ministry to take action against those who were doing so without consent from their respective universities.

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