



MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

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ENFORCEMENT OF THE BUSINESS LICENSING (LICENCE FEES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2024

The Ministry of Trade and Industry would like to inform the business community and the general public that Government made an **amendment, effective 31st May, 2024** to the First Schedule of the Business Licensing (Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulation, 2024. The amendment includes new business licensing fees and introduction of licenses to Poultry and Sugar Distributors.

The Ministry is responsible for implementation of the business licensing regime under the **Business Licensing Act CAP. 46:01** of the Laws of Malawi. The Act provides that no person shall conduct a regulated or unregulated business in Malawi without obtaining a business licence, or otherwise than in accordance with the Business Licence Act.

The Ministry, therefore wishes to remind all business operators to obtain their business licenses. Furthermore, the Ministry would like to request the Sugar

and Poultry distributors to obtain their distribution licenses through the Ministry. Failure to comply to this regulation will be meted with the long arm of the law which includes sealing of the shops as well as impoundment of the vans transporting the poultry. Attached are the requirements that are needed when applying for a business license.

The following are procedures and requirements for application

under the **Business Licensing Act (Retailers, Wholesalers, Distributors, Travel wholesalers):**

1. The applicant must submit an application form
2. Upon submission, applicants must attach the following documents
3. MRA Tax Registration Certificate (TCC)
4. Certificate of Registration/Incorporation
5. Passport Copy or National ID, in case of Poultry Distributors
6. Business Resident Permit (BRP) or Permanent Residence Permit (PRP)
7. For renewals applicant need to submit copy of the previous licences
8. The licence is valid for one year
9. The applicant pays 30,000 as application fee and licence fee of:
 - i. 220,000 for Retailers, Wholesalers, Distributors, Travel Agents, Auctioneers, Agent;
 - ii. 250,000 for Travel Wholesalers;
 - iii. 50,000 for Poultry Distributors

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