

PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED REGISTRATION FEES FOR DATA CONTROLLERS AND DATA PROCESSORS OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE

1. The Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA), in its capacity as the designated Data Protection Authority, is responsible for the implementation of the Data Protection Act 2024.
2. Pursuant to Section 41(1) of the Data Protection Act, the Authority is mandated to register all Data Controllers and Processors of Significant Importance.
3. Any natural or legal person processing or intending to process personal information of more than 10,000 Data Subjects who are resident in Malawi or personal information of significance to the economy, society, or security of Malawi is a Data Controller or Processor of Significant Importance and must therefore register with the Authority.
4. The Authority intends to set registration fees for Data Controllers and Data Processors of Significant Importance stated below and hereby invites the public and all concerned stakeholders to submit written comments on the proposed fees. The comments must be submitted to **dg@macra.mw** by **24th July 2026**, with a copy to **info@dpa.mw**.

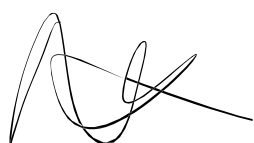
Proposed Registration Fees

Tier	Proposed Range of Revenue (MK)	Proposed Annual Registration Fees (MK)
1.	Less than MK20,000,000	50,000.00
2.	20,000,000-50,000,000	100,000.00

3.	50,000,001 - 100,000,000	700,000.00
4.	100,000,001 – 500,000,000	1,000,000.00
5.	500,000,001 - 1,000,000,000	2,500,000.00
6.	1,000,000,001 – 10,000,000,000	4,000,000.00
7.	10,000,000,001 – 50,000,000,000	5,000,000.00
8.	Above 50,000,000,000	7,000,000.00
9.	Government Ministries and Departments, Public Schools and Hospitals	50,000.00
10.	Religious and Charitable Organizations	50,000.00

5. While international practice varies, many regulators determine registration fees based on factors such as organizational size, annual turnover, the nature of processing activities, and the level of regulatory oversight required.
6. For Malawi, the Authority intends to adopt a predominantly turnover-based approach. This ensures proportionality and fairness, with larger organizations bearing a greater regulatory burden than smaller entities. Additionally, this fee structure will be easy to administer.
7. Further, the Authority intends to conduct stakeholder consultation on the proposed registration fees on 13 July 2026 at Mount Soche Hotel, Blantyre from 9:00 a.m. Any person intending to attend the meeting should confirm attendance by contacting the Authority at info@dpa.mw.

Dated 9th July 2026.



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DIRECTOR GENERAL