

SDNP .mw ccTLD REGISTRY FEES POLICY

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1. Purpose

SDNP has upgraded the Registry on the Malawi .mw ccTLD from a 2R model to a 3R EPP model and hence is upgrading its policy framework as well. The upgrade process, where most aspects are already operational, is expected to be completed by end of 2015.

The purpose of this document is to set out policy, rules, guidelines and rates on fees charged by SDNP for registering, certifying and renewing of .mw domains, registrars and related infrastructure, entities, services and operations that are needed for running the Malawi .mw country code top level domain (.mw ccTLD).

SDNP reserves the right to revise these fees from time to time.

It is the aim at SDNP to have a smooth transition as it develops and updates its registry and infrastructure.

2. Scope

Fees for domain registration and renewal stated in this document apply to all domains registered with or renewed at the .mw registry by any person or entity satisfying the eligibility requirements as stated in the SDNP .mw Domain Registration policy.

While SDNP maintains an open policy as stated on eligibility in the SDNP .mw Domain Registration policy, SDNP reserves the right to categorize any domains as premium

or for auction. SDNP will produce and provide specific guideline for processing domains that have been classified as such and the same rules will apply to anyone eligible in an open manner.

3. Registrars

As SDNP upgrades the .mw registry from a 2R model to a 3R model, there will be need to recruit and accredit registrars.

Any new or aspiring registrar will need to lodge a formal application to become a registrar on the .mw Registry. SDNP will charge fees to receive, process and accredit registrars on the .mw Registry as listed here in this policy. SDNP requires that registrar accreditation be renewed once every year at a fee.

Registrars are required to maintain a positive deposit balance at SDNP of a value that would be adequate to renew at least 5 domain names.

4. Fees Currency

In order to more properly, more efficiently and more stably serve the Malawian and global Internet community based on its open eligibility criteria for registering domain names on the .mw upgraded 3R registry, SDNP will maintain the basic currency for fees payable to be in US dollars.

The exchange rate will continue to be based on the ruling UN Treasury rate on a month to month basis.

SDNP will continue to maintain both a Malawi Kwacha and a dollar or other designated foreign currency account as a minimum.

Payments must be made inclusive of all bank charges.

5. Fees Taxes

All fees listed here are inclusive of value added tax (VAT).

6. Method of payment

Payments to SDNP for domain name operations on the .mw ccTLD must be made by any method approved in Malawi by the Reserve Bank of Malawi.

SDNP recommends that all payments should be deposited directly into its SDNP bank accounts at the National Bank of Malawi, Chichiri Branch, Blantyre, Malawi or at any branch of National Bank of Malawi with account numbers and bank details as shown on SDNP invoices or website.

For those outside Malawi or with bank accounts foreign to Malawi, SDNP recommends that payments be made by bank wire transfer using SWIFT details on SDNP invoices or website.

As payment systems in Malawi evolve under the oversight of Reserve Bank of Malawi, it is expected that online payment will become available for making payments to SDNP. However, online credit card payments and such other online payment methods

are not yet available on the Malawi payment system. The Registry website will maintain updates on available methods for paying for domains registration services.

7. Price list

The fees shown in the following price list apply to .mw domain registrars outside Malawi SDNP that register and manage domains directly on the .mw registry.

In order to carryout and manage a smooth transition from the current 2R registry model to a 3R registry model, SDNP will install a registrar platform which will be used to manage existing domains and transfer existing domains from the current single registrar in the 2R model to multiple registrars in the 3R registry model.

At the end of the transition SDNP intends to only run the registry. All requests to register new domains or renew existing domains will be handled by registrars after the transition process and registrants will not be allowed nor able to submit domain registration requests directly to SDNP.

If any person, organization or registrant is thinking of or planning to register a .mw domain name or will be a holder or registrant of a .mw domain name, he or she will need to check with a registrar to find out what fees the registrar will charge for registering and renewing a .mw domain name.

Service	Charge (USD)
1 Registering a new .mw domain	90, for first two years, covers domain activation charge of \$10 and 2-year renewal

2	Registrar accreditation application fee	125, once off
3	Registrar accreditation certification fee	250, first year
4	Registrar technical platform registry connection ability and service test	50, once off
5	Registrar accreditation renewal	150, per year
6	Registrar deposit needed to start to register and maintain transactions on domains including renewal in specific zones including .mw TLD and SLD like ac.mw, co.mw, gov.mw, etc	500, minimum - this is a minimum , registrars are encouraged to provide a deposit that of adequate size to handle their .mw domains transactions pn each zone including the .mw TLD and each SLD. New domain registrations and renewal of existing domains will be charged to or deducted from this deposit. Registrar requests will be blocked at the registry if this amount goes to zero or below. Registrar needs to put adequate amounts on the deposit to handle its transactions at the registry and specify amount to be allocated to each zone.
7	Renewal of domain name	40, covers one year
8	Registrar transfer	25, per domain

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10	Bulk registrar transfer	15, per domain with minimum of 5 domains
11	Registry lock	125, per domain
12	Bulk transfer on full registrar take over	0, - free if new registrar is fully taking over another registrar that has lost accreditation
13	Primary or secondary DNS server on SDNP domain name service	5, per domain per month per DNS server paid once a year billed to registrant as in WHOIS

8.Default

An event of default as defined in the Registrar Accreditation Agreement will be declared by SDNP on the Registrar if the Registrar deposit consistently remains at zero or below for a period of three months or more and stated consequences may follow such a declaration as agreed.