GOVERNMENT NOTICE 10

METROLOGY ACT

(No. 10 OF 2016)

METROLOGY (MEASURING INSTRUMENTS VERIFICATION AND CALIBRATION FEES) REGULATIONS, 2021

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 30 of the Metrology Act, I, ROY AKUJUWE KACHALE-BANDA, Minister of Industry, make the following Regulations—

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Metrology (Measuring Instruments Verification and Calibration Fees) Regulations, 2021.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"applicant" means a person who has an instrument, weight or measure referred to in section 18 (3) of the Act, who notifies an inspector in writing of the particulars of such instrument, weight or measure and the place where it is ordinarily kept and requests that such instrument, weight or measure be verified at that place;

"verification station" means a place specified in a notice issued in accordance with section 18 (1) of the Act its being verified;

"special applicant" means a person other than an applicant who notifies the Malawi Bureau of Standards of the particulars of an instrument, weight or measure that is not required to be verified in terms of the Act and the place where it is kept and requests that such instrument, weight or measure be verified.

Fees for verification, calibration, etc

3. Malawi Bureau of Standards shall charge, in respect of verifying or calibration of instruments, weights or measures, such fees as determined by Malawi Bureau of Standards from the and contained in the First Schedule hereto.

Additional fees

4. Malawi Bureau of Standards shall charge special fees, as Malawi Bureau of Standards may determine from time to time, where instruments or measures are verified or calibrated on the premises of special applicant.

Recovery of costs

5. Where an inspector verifies an instrument, weight or measure on the premises of an applicant or a special applicant, Malawi Bureau of Standards shall recover from the applicant or special applicant, in respect of each journey necessarily made by the inspector to the premises, all the costs incurred.

Weighbridge

6. Where an inspector verifies a weighbridge on the premises of an applicant or special applicant, Malawi Bureau of Standards shall charge, in addition to any other fee prescribed, equal to the cost incurred in transporting the weights to the premises of the applicant or special applicant, an the case may be.

Compensation for idle time

7. Where in the course of verification of any instrument, weight or measure, the applicant or special applicant or the person acting on his behalf, fails to carry out a service which it is duty bound to do under the Act resulting in non-productivity on the part of the inspector, Malawi Bureau of Standards shall charge non-productive fee as determined by Malawi Bureau of Standards in addition to the fees prescribed in regulation 3.

FIRST SCHEDULE

INSTRUMENTS, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES USES IN TRADE BY INDUSTRY

Part 1: Testing Fees

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1. Weighing Instruments	
(*a*) weighbridge	700,000 00
(*b*) platform Machine	7,296 14
(*c*) spring Balance	6,866 95
(*d*) counter	6,008 58
2. Automatic weighing coupled to a conveyer belt	34,334 76
3. A continuous weigher coupled to a conveyer belt	34,334 76
4. Weights—	
(*a*) 10kg or over	3,004 29
(*b*) under 10kg	3,004 29
5. Capacity measures—	
(*a*) graduated glass	2,575 11
(*b*) un-graduated and graduated capacity measure	2,575 11
(*c*) vehicle tank or compartment	
(*d*) with fixed quantity indicator	30,000 00
(*e*) without fixed quantity indicator	35,000 00
(*f*) a fixed storage tank	128,755 36
6. Measure of length	3,433 47
7. Measuring instruments—	
(*a*) bulkflow meter	180,000 00
(*b*) fabric measuring instrument	4,291 85
(*c*) fuel dispenser	25,000 00
(*d*) optic	2,575 11
8. energy meter	25,000 00
9. water meter	25,000 00
10. tax meter	25,000 00

Part II: Adjusting fees

1. A weight	2,145 92
2. A counterpoise weight	2,145 92
3. A measure of capacity	2,145 92

Part III: Miscellaneous

1.	Denominating a weight or measure	1,287 55
2.	Affixing a stud or inserting a plug	1,716 74
3.	Balancing a counter scale	1,287 55

SECOND SCHEDULE

INSTRUMENTS, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES USES OTHER THAN INDUSTRY

Part 1: Testing Fees

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1.	Weighing Instruments	
	(*a*) platform Machine	2,145 92
	(*b*) spring Balance	1,716,74
	(*c*) counter	2,575 11
2.	Measure of length	515 02
3.	Measure of Capacity	1,545 06

Part II: Adjusting fees

1.	Weights	686 70
2.	Measure of Capacity	2,145 92

Part III: Miscellaneous

1.	Denominating a weight of measure	1,287 55
2.	Affixing a stud of plug	429 18
3.	Balancing a counter scale	429 18

THIRD SCHEDULE

CALIBRATION FEES

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1.	Equipment for mass determination	
	(*a*) Class I type	24,500 00
	(*b*) Class II type	24,500 00
	(*c*) weights	
	(i) below 10kg	24,500 00
	(ii) 10kg and above	24,500 00
2.	Volumetric Equipment	
	(*a*) proving tank 300L	200,000 00
	(*b*) proving tank 300L	300,000 00
	(*c*) master meter	250,000 00
3.	Length measure	19,000 00
4.	Vernier calliper	19,000 00

5.	Micrometer screw gauge	19,000 00
6.	Dial gauges	19,000 00
7.	Other dimensional instruments	19,000 00
8.	Thermometer	19,000 00
9.	Temperature controller	19,000 00
10.	Pressure gauge	19,000 00
11.	Tachometer	19,000 00
12.	Stop watch	19,000 00

FOURTH SCHEDULE

SPECIAL FEES

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1.	Application fee..	6,000 00
2.	Man hour productive (per hour)	3,500 00
3.	Man hour non-productive (per hour)	3,500 00

FIFTH SCHEDULE

DOCUMENTS

1.	Report	5,500 00
2.	Certificate	8,000 00
3.	Syllabus	5,000 00
4.	Licence of competency renewal	15,000 00

SIXTH SCHEDULE

PREPACKAGE INSPECTION FEES

1.	Cement	50,000 00
2.	Bottled Drinks	20,000 00
3.	Cooking Oil	20,000 00
4.	Sauces	20,000 00
5.	Bread	5,000 00
6.	Flour	50,000 00
7.	Fertiliser	50,000 00

Made this 21st day of January, 2021.

R. A. KACHALE-BANDA
Minister of Industry

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