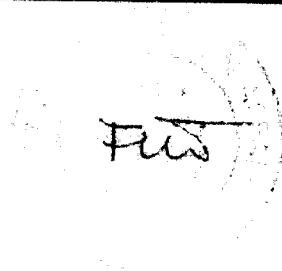




**NEW VISA IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES FOR MALAWI**



## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Government of Malawi through the Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security has introduced a new visa regime. This arrangement will not exempt any country where Malawians are required to pay visas except for;

- a. Nationals from the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) countries, except for those countries that subject Malawians to a Visa within SADC;
- b. Nationals from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) countries, except for those countries that subject Malawians to a Visa within COMESA;
- c. Diplomats accredited to Malawi;
- d. All Diplomatic and Service/Official Passport holders coming for official business, and
- e. Other ordinary Passport holders coming on official Government business.

## **2.0 TYPES OF VISAS IN MALAWI**

### **2.1 Transit Visa**

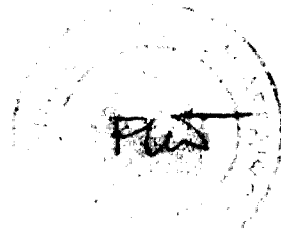
This is granted to a person for the purposes of passing through Malawi to a destination outside Malawi. Validity of transit visas in Malawi is 7 days.

### **2.2 Single Entry Visa**

This is granted to a person for purposes of entering Malawi once. The validity for a Single Entry Visa is 3 months.

### **2.3 Multiple-Entry Visa**

This is granted to a person for purposes of entering Malawi several times. The validity of this one is either 6months or 12months.



## 2.4 Gratis Visa

This is the visa which is issued for free to diplomats and government officials from countries that require a visa to enter Malawi.

## 3.0 VISA FEES FOR MALAWI EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2015

The following are the visa categories and fees;

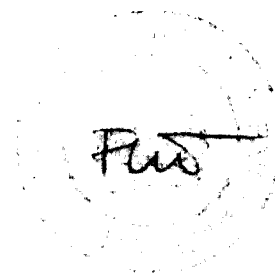
### 3.1 Visas issued within Malawi

CATEGORY	FEES (US DOLLARS)
Transit valid for 7 days	50
Single entry valid for 3 months	75
Multiple entry valid for 6months	150
Multiple entry valid for 12months	250
Gratis	Free

**NOTE:** Presently all the Visa fees are payable in United States Dollars. However, the Government is at an advanced stage to introduce an electronic Visa issuance system that will enable Visa electronic payments.

## 4.0 VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF RESIDENTIAL PERMITS IN MALAWI

In Malawi the holders of Temporary Employment Permits (valid for 2 years), Business Residence Permits (valid for 5 years), Students Permits (valid for 1 year), and Permanent Residence Permits are considered to be holders of long term permits. Whereas, holders of Visitors Permits or Business Visit Permits (valid for 30 days and can be extended for another 60 days) and Temporary Residence Permits (valid for 6 months) are considered to be holders of short term permits.



With regard to Visa requirements to enter Malawi, only holders of long term permits coming from countries that require a Visa to enter Malawi will **be exempted** from the Visa requirement when they exit the country and would like to come back because they are treated like returning residents. Whereas all holders of short term permits will be required to **have a Visa** once they exit Malawi and would like to come back.

**NOTE:** Visas are supposed to be obtained well in advance from the nearest Malawi Diplomatic Missions abroad

