SDNP .mw ccTLD REGISTRY PREMIUM DOMAINS POLICY

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1. Purpose

The Malawi .mw ccTLD is operated by SDNP on a 3R registry model using EPP on the FRED registry platform.

The purpose of this document is to set out policy, rules, guidelines and rates on domains that have been classified as premium domains and to list, set out guidelines, processes and fees on such domains.

Fees for all other domains are covered in the "SDNP .mw ccTLD REGISTRY FEES POLICY" SDNP reserves the right to revise these fees from time to time.

2. Classification.

A domain is classified as premium if it fits any of the following criteria:

- i) The domain is a single character domain on any .mw zone.
- ii) A domain that is so classified by a legal entity.
- iii) A domain that is so classified by a registrant.

The current complete list of premium .mw domains is provided in Section 5 below.

3. Commencement

At the start of the implementation of this policy, all domains classified as premium will be transferred to a designated CARETAKER-REG registrar.

A premium domain may be transferred to another registrar if requested provided that the receiving registrar has the demonstrated capability to run premium domains in line with this policy

At the commencement of this policy, all domains classified as premium will be expired by the registry by 31 January 2026 unless renewed in line with this policy. The current registrant can renew the domain by contacting the CARETAKER-REG registrar which will then invoice the registrant or transfer the domain back to the original registrar for further management.

4. WHOIS Identification

To identify a domain as premium in the WHOIS, every premium domain shall have a PREMIUM-MW handle in the domain registration.

This handle must be maintained whenever a premium domain is transferred to another registrar.

5. Fees

The fees for registration and renewal for a premium domain as set out in this policy are base prices, the fee charged and/or paid may reflect market value at the time of the transaction.

The following domains are listed as premium.

	Description	Charge (USD)
i.	Single character domain on .mw zone, such as a.mw, b.mw,, z.mw, 0.mw, 1.mw,, 9.mw	400
ii.	Single character on a second level zone, such as a.ac.mw, b.org.mw, z.net.mw,	300
iii.	ai.mw, email.mw, io.mw, www.mw	200

6.Auction

Once a premium domain expires, it may become eligible for auction.

7. Transfers

Transfer of a premium domain from one registrar to another and/or from one registrant to another shall be charged at a fee of 40% of the price of the domain. This charge shall be paid by the recipient.

8.End