

# Malawi

## Tobacco Control Policies

Malawi is not a Party to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

**Smoke Free Places:** There are no restrictions on smoking; smoking is allowed in indoor public places, indoor workplaces, and on public transport.

**Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship:** There are no restrictions on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship; all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship is allowed.

**Tobacco Packaging and Labeling:** Tobacco product packaging and labeling is not regulated; health warnings and messages are not required.

**Tobacco Taxation and Prices:** The World Health Organization recommends raising tobacco excise taxes so that they account for at least 70 percent of retail prices. Tobacco excise taxes in Malawi are well below these recommendations.

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENTS COMPLETE SMOKING BAN			
Health-care facilities	No	Private offices	No
Primary and secondary schools	No	Public transport	No
Universities	No	Restaurants	No
Governmental facilities	No	Bars and Pubs	No
Can subnational jurisdictions enact more stringent smoking restrictions?	Uncertain		
BANS ON TOBACCO ADVERTISING, PROMOTION, AND SPONSORSHIP			
Domestic TV and radio	No	Promotional discounts	No
Domestic magazines and newspapers	No	Non-tobacco products or services with tobacco brand names	No
Outdoor advertising	No	Tobacco products with non-tobacco brand names	No
Outdoor advertising (e.g., billboards, posters)	No	Paid placement in media	No
Retail product display	No	Financial sponsorship, including corporate social responsibility	No
Internet advertising	No	Publicity of sponsorships	No
Free distribution	No		
HEALTH WARNINGS ON SMOKED TOBACCO PRODUCTS			
Text warnings describe health impacts	No	Number of published warnings at any given time	0
Warnings include a picture or graphic	No	Warnings required to rotate	Not Required
% of principal display areas covered (front and back)	0%	Warnings are written in the principal language(s)	No
Front	0%	Ban on misleading packaging and labeling	No
Back	0%	Health warnings on smokeless tobacco products	No
TOBACCO TAXATION AND PRICE			
PRICE OF MOST SOLD BRAND, PACK OF 20 CIGARETTES		TAXES ON MOST SOLD BRAND (% OF RETAIL PRICE)	
In country currency	530.00 MGA	Total taxes	56%
In US dollars	0.71 USD	Total excise	42%

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