

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 29 OF 2017

**The Weights and Measures Act**  
(Laws, Volume 23, Cap. 403)

**The Weights and Measures (Verification Fees)  
Regulations, 2017**

IN EXERCISE of the powers contained in section *forty-four* of the Weights and Measures Act, the following Regulations are made:

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| 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Verification Fees) Regulations, 2017.  | Title              |
| 2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—   | Interpretation     |
| “applicant” means a person who makes an application to the Director for the issue of a certificate with regard to the suitability for use in trade of any instrument of a design or pattern in accordance with sections 15 and 17 of the Act;   |                    |
| “international applicant” means a foreign person or company engaged in manufacturing, installing, repairing, adjusting, selling or exposing for sale of weighing instruments and measuring instruments used in trade;   |                    |
| “local applicant” means a person or company that is based in Zambia engaged in manufacturing, installing, repairing, adjusting, selling or exposing for sale, weighing instruments and measuring instruments used in trade;   |                    |
| “micro business enterprise” has the meaning assigned to it in the Zambia Development Agency Act, 2006;  | Act No. 11 of 2006 |
| “small business enterprise” has the meaning assigned to it in the Zambia Development Agency Act, 2006;  | Act No. 11 of 2006 |
| “special applicant” means a person, other than a local or international applicant, who notifies a metrologist of the particulars of an instrument or measure and requests that the instrument or measure be verified at the place where it is kept, and includes an instrument maker, repairer or seller; and |                    |

“verification station” means a place or an area specified in a notice where a person called upon to do so is required to produce an instrument in that use or possession or charge for use in trade for the purpose of its being verified.

Testing fees      3. The fees payable in respect of the testing of instruments are as set out in the First Schedule.

Adjusting and service fees      4. There shall be charged in respect of—  
(a) the adjustment of weights and measures, the fees set out in Part I of the Second Schedule;  
(b) the services mentioned in Part II of the Second Schedule, the fees set out in that Part;  
(c) the verification of an instrument for an applicant at premises other than the verification office or station, the attendance fees prescribed in Part III of the Second Schedule.

Travelling and subsistence fees in respect of special applicant      5. (1) Where a metrologist tests an instrument on the premises of a special applicant, the special applicant shall pay in respect of a journey made by the metrologist to the premises of the special applicant travelling and substance fees set out in Part III of the Second Schedule.

(2) The fees set out in Part III of the Second Schedule in respect of a special applicant shall not be charged if the special applicant provides suitable transportation for the journey.

(3) Where the premises of two or more special applicants are visited in one journey, the fees payable in accordance with subregulation (1) shall be apportioned between or among the applicants, as applicable.

(4) Where staff are required to attend at a distance exceeding 80 kilometres, such costs not exceeding the cost of the Agency of the service rendered, plus lodging and mileage shall be charged in addition to the fee prescribed for verification or adjusting assets.

Fees for the use and transport of test weights provided by Government      6. Where a metrologist tests a weigh-bridge on the premises of an applicant or special applicant with standard weights provided and carried by the government, there shall be charged in addition to any other fee prescribed in these Regulations—

- (a) the total transportation costs of moving the standard weights to and from the premises of the applicant or special applicant at the rates set out in Part III of the Second Schedule; and
- (b) a fee equal to the current daily remuneration and overtime for the transportation personnel.

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| <p>7. (1) Where any testing is carried out for the mutual benefit of the owners or users of an instrument on one hand and the Agency on the other hand, other than upon request made by the applicant, the fees payable are the testing fees, travel and subsistence fees and fees for carriage of standards set out for the applicants or special applicants.</p> <p>(2) Where any person uses standard weights to test an instrument other than a weigh-bridge the fees shown in regulation 7 (a) and (b) shall be charged.</p> <p>(3) Where any instrument is tested for a Government Department using standard weights, that Government Department shall pay the testing fees, travel and subsistence fees, or fees for the carriage standards set out for applicants or special applicants.</p> | <p>Fees for other cases</p>             |
| <p>8. Subject to the grant of prior authorisation by the Director, the fees payable by a micro or business enterprise are 50% of the applicable fees.</p>  | <p>Fees for small scale enterprise</p>  |
| <p>9. The fees set out in the Fourth Schedule are payable for inspections</p>  | <p>Inspection fee</p>                   |
| <p>10. The Weights and Measures (Assize Fees) Regulations, 1996, are revoked.</p>  | <p>Revocation of S.I. No. 1 of 1996</p> |

FIRST SCHEDULE  
(Regulation 2)

PRESCRIBED FEES  
(Regulation 3)

TESTING FEES

**1.0 Weighing Instruments**

1.1 A Weighing instrument other than an automatic weighing instrument or a specified spring balance:

| <i>Capacity</i>                                    | <i>Fee/Units</i> |
|--|------------------|
| (a) Less than 5 kilogram                           | 225              |
| (b) 5 kilograms or over but under 10 kilograms     | 300              |
| (c) 10 kilograms or over, but under 20 kilograms   | 375              |
| (d) 20 kilograms or over, but under 50 kilograms   | 450              |
| (e) 50 kilograms or over, but under 100 kilograms  | 525              |
| (f) 100 kilograms or over, but under 500 kilograms | 750              |
| (g) 500 kilograms or over, but under 2 tons        | 825              |
| (h) 2 metric tons or over, but under 5 tons        | 1500             |
| (i) 5 metric tons or over, but under 10 tons       | 1750             |
| (j) 10 metric tons or over, but under 20 tons      | 3750             |
| (k) 20 metric tons or over, but under 50 tons      | 5000             |
| (l) 50 metric tons or over and under 100 tons      | 7500             |
| (m) 100 metric tons or over                        | 11250            |

1.2 Laboratory scales and other delicate balances of a capacity of—

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| (a) less than 1 microgram                              | 500  |
| (b) 1 micro gram or more but less than 10 milligrams   | 625  |
| (c) 10 milligrams or more but less than 500 milligrams | 750  |
| (d) 500 milligrams or more but less than 1 gram        | 875  |
| (e) 1 gram or more but less than 100 grams             | 1000 |
| (f) 100 grams or more but less than 500 grams          | 1125 |
| (g) 500 grams or more but less than 1 kilogram         | 1250 |
| (h) 1 kilograms or more but less than 5 kilograms      | 1375 |
| (i) 5 kilograms or more but less than 10 kilograms     | 1500 |
| (j) 10 kilograms or more but less than 20 kilograms    | 1625 |
| (k) 20 kilograms or more                               | 1750 |

1.3 A Self-Indicating scale, including a spring self-indicating or a spring balance, other than a suspended spring balance listed in paragraph 2, shall be the fees specified above increased by 100 per centum.

1.4 The fees for an optical or electronic self- indicating price-computing counter scale or an optical or electronic digital heavy duty scale, shall be the fees specified above increased by 200 per centum.

1.5 A crane weigher or a suspended spring balance of a capacity of—

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| (a) less than 50 kilograms                               | 500  |
| (b) 50 kilograms, or more but less than 100 kilograms    | 625  |
| (c) 100 kilograms, or more but less 200 kilograms        | 1375 |
| (d) 200 kilograms, or more but less than 1,000 kilograms | 1750 |
| (e) 1,000 kilograms or over                              | 2500 |

1.6 An automatic conveyor type weigher 3000

| <i>Capacity</i>   | <i>FeeUnits</i> |
|---|-----------------|
| 1.7 An automatic weighing machine when the capacity of each individual unit is—   |                 |
| (a) less than 5 kilograms   | 1500            |
| (b) 5 kilograms or more but less than 100 kilograms   | 1750            |
| (c) 100 kilograms or more but less than 500 kilograms   | 2000            |
| (d) 200 kilograms or more but less than 1,000 kilograms   | 2250            |
| (e) 1,000 kilograms and more  | 2500            |
| <b>2.0 Weights</b>  |                 |
| (a) any high precision weight of 1 kilogram and under   | 500             |
| (b) any high precision weight of over 1 kilograms   | 1000            |
| (c) any weight under 5 kilograms  | 500             |
| (d) any weight of 5 kilograms but under 200 kilograms   | 1500            |
| (e) any weight of 200 kilograms and over  | 2000            |
| <b>3.0 Measures of Capacity</b>   |                 |
| 3.1 Any graduated measure   | 500             |
| 3.2 Any ungraduated measure of a capacity of —  |                 |
| (a) 500 millilitres or more but less than 1 litre   | 375             |
| (b) 1 litre or more but less than 10 litres   | 500             |
| (c) 10 litres or more but less than 20 litres   | 625             |
| (d) 20 litres or more but less than 50 litres   | 750             |
| (e) 50 litres or more but less than 100 litres  | 875             |
| (f) 100 litres or more but less than 200 litres   | 1000            |
| (g) 200 litres or more but less than 500 litres   | 1125            |
| (h) 500 litres or more but less than 1,000 litres   | 1250            |
| (i) 1,000 litres or more  | 1375            |
| 3.3 Precision measure of capacity for use as a working standard:  |                 |
| Any precision measure of a capacity of—   |                 |
| (a) less than 20 litres   | 2500            |
| (b) 20 litres or more but less than 50 litres   | 5000            |
| (c) 50 litres or more but less than 100 litres  | 7500            |
| (d) 100 litres or more  | 10000           |
| 3.4 (1 ) A vehicle tank or compartment when tested, of a capacity of—   |                 |
| (a) 500 litres  | 1000            |
| (b) Over 500 litres:  |                 |
| (i) for the first 500 litres  | 1000            |
| (ii) for each additional 500 litres or part thereof   | 300             |
| (c) The fee for replacement of a valid vehicle tank certificate shall be 50% of the fee in paragraph (4)(1).  |                 |
| (d) When a tanker certificate is issued, the certificate number of that certificate shall be reflected on the Verification fees receipt so issued to the owner of the vehicle tanker. |                 |
| 3.5 Calibration of a storage tank of a capacity of—   |                 |
| (a) Less than 5,000 litres  | 25000           |
| (b) 5,000 litres or more but less than 20,000 litres  | 37500           |
| (c) 20,000 litres or more but less than 40,000 litres   | 62500           |
| (d) 40,000 litres or more but less than 60,000 litres   | 87500           |
| (e) 60,000 litres or more but less than 100,000 litres  | 125000          |
| (f) 100,000 litres or more but less than 200,000 litres   | 200000          |
| (g) 200,000 litres or more but less than 500,000 litres   | 250000          |
| (h) 500,000 litres or more but less than 1,000,000 litres   | 375000          |
| (g) 1,000,000 litres or more  | 625000          |

**4.0 Measure of Length**

- 4.1 Measure of length of—
- (a) 3 metres or less 250
  - (b) More than 3 metres 500
- 4.2 A fabric-measuring instrument with or without a price computing unit—
- (a) able to measure less than 50 metres 750
  - (b) able to measure more than 50 metres or over 1000

**5.0 Bulkflow Meters**

- 5.1 Type—
- (a) a bulk-flow meter with manual billing system 7500
  - (b) a bulk-flow meter with automatic or set stop mechanism 7500
  - (c) a bulk-flow meter of 90 millimetre bore or less 7500
  - (d) a bulk-flow meter with automatic set stop billing mechanism 7500
  - (e) a bulk-flow meter with temperature compensation device 8750
  - (f) a bulk-flow meter of more than 90 millimetre bore 11250
  - (g) a master meter of over 90 millimetre bore 15000
  - (h) a master metre of more than 90 millimetre bore 18750
  - (i) a proving loop 20000
  - (j) a turbine meter 22500
  - (k) a data recording pulsate or print-out device 22500
  - (l) a remote read-out device 23750
- 5.2 A liquid fuel or lubricating-oil measuring instrument other than a bulk meter—
- (a) incorporating a flow meter 1000
  - (b) incorporating a flow meter and price computer 1250
  - (c) incorporating blending system 2000
  - (d) electronic digital read-out fuel pump 2500
- 5.3 (a) An instrument for measuring spirituous liquor for consumption on the premises 750
- (b) beer measuring instrument 750
- 5.4 A water meter—
- (a) domestic water meter 150
  - (b) an industrial water meter 8000
  - (c) Water meter test bench 24,000
- 5.5 An Electricity meter—
- (a) domestic electricity meter 250
  - (b) an industrial electricity meter 20000
  - (c) electricity meter test bench 60000

SECOND SCHEDULE  
(Regulations 4, 5 and 6)

PRESCRIBED FEES

PART I

ADJUSTING FEES

|  |      |
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| 1. Any high precision weight of 1 kilogram and under | 500  |
| 2. Any high precision weight of over 1 kilograms     | 1000 |
| 3. Any weight under 5 kilograms                      | 500  |
| 4. Any weight of 5 kilograms but under 200 kilograms | 1500 |
| 5. Any weight of 200 kilograms and over              | 2000 |
| 6. A poise   | 500  |
| 7. Any measure of capacity—                          |      |
| (a) 500 millilitres or more but less than 1 litre    | 375  |
| (b) 1 litre or more but less than 10 litres          | 500  |
| (c) 10 litres or more but less than 20 litres        | 625  |
| (d) 20 litres or more but less than 50 litres        | 750  |
| (e) 50 litres or more but less than 100 litres       | 875  |
| (f) 100 litres or more but less than 200 litres      | 1000 |
| (g) 200 litres or more but less than 500 litres      | 1125 |
| (h) 500 litres or more but less than 1,000 litres    | 1250 |
| (i) 1,000 litres or more                             | 1375 |

PART II

FEES FOR MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

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| 1. Denominating a weight or measure   | 500   |
| 2. Affixing a solder pad, stud plug or seal   | 500   |
| 3. Permit for use of an un-verified instrument - twice the testing fees   |       |
| 4. Examination of instrument for approval under section 15 in addition to the appropriate fees, plus attendance fee, travelling allowance etc;  | 10000 |
| 5. (i) Examination for and issue of service licence to a local applicant  | 7500  |
| (ii) Examination for and issue of a service licence to a foreign applicant  | 25000 |
| 6. Renewal of Service Licence   | 7500  |
| 7. Replacement of a die   | 5000  |
| 8. Inspection of net content at—  |       |
| (i) small or medium enterprise  | 1500  |
| (ii) large enterprise   | 2250  |
| 9. Where an instrument has not been re-verified since the last verification, a fee equal to the current verification fee for such an instrument shall be charged for each period the instrument had not been submitted for reverification in addition to the current verification fees. |       |

PART III  
ATTENDANCE FEE

1. Within the area of an urban council 800
2. Outside the area of an urban council, but not more than 20 kilometres from its boundary 800
3. Outside an urban council, but not more than 40 kilometres from its Boundary 1000
4. Where staff are required to attend at a distance exceeding 80 kilometres, such costs not exceeding the cost to the Agency of the service rendered, plus lodging and mileage shall be charged in addition to any fee as set out for verification or adjusting asset out herein. The mileage shall be charged as follows

(a) 4 X 4 vehicles

$$\text{Mileage cost per kilometer} = \frac{\text{Fuel price} \times 1.1 \times 2}{5}$$

(b) Saloon vehicles

$$\text{Mileage cost per kilometer} = \frac{\text{Fuel price} \times 1.1 \times 2}{10}$$

(b) Test truck

$$(i) \text{ Mileage cost per kilometer} = \frac{\text{Fuel price} \times 1.1 \times 3}{1}$$

PART IV  
TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE FEES IN RESPECT OF SPECIAL APPLICANT

1. Where a contractor, scale-maker, erector, repairer, fitter or any person contracts to hire the testing equipment belonging to the Government, without the attendance of a metrologist, a charge of 3000 fee units per day, hire charge for the first five days and 4000 fee units per day, shall be charged in addition to any subsequent test fees.
2. Where the journey is made by air, road or rail, a fee equal to the cost of a return economy air fare, or first class return bus or train fare from the verification office at which the metrologist is stationed to the airport, bus station or railway station nearest to the premises, plus any costs incurred by the metrologist in travelling from the airport, bus station or railway station, as the case may be, to the premises.
3. A fee of 1,700 fees units or the cost of accommodation, whichever is greater, where the metrologist obtains sleeping accommodation away from the situation of the verification office at which the metrologist is stationed.

PART V  
HIRE CHARGES AND DELAY CHARGES

Where a contractor, scale-maker, erector, repairer, fitter or any person contracts to hire the testing equipment belonging to the Government, without the attendance of a metrologist, a charge of 3000 fee units per day, hire charge for the first five days and 4000 fee units per day, shall be charged in addition to any subsequent test fees.

PART VI  
WEIGH BRIDGE

1. When a contractor, scale-maker, erector, repairer or any person acting for a Local applicant or Foreign applicant fails to complete the submission and verifying of a single weighbridge in a full working day a delay charge of 2,000 penalty fee units per day shall be charged for each day the work is not completed
2. A full working day is a period of eight hours whether continuous or not on consecutive days.
3. The hirer shall have the services of a competent driver and crane handyman and shall insure both equipment and staff for all risks during the period they are engaged on the hirer's premises.



FOURTH SCHEDULE  
(Regulation 4)

PART I  
INSPECTION FEES

1. For goods manufactured, produced, made or packed in Zambia, fees shall be charged as follows:

| <i>Category</i>  | <i>Lot size</i> | <i>Sampling</i> | <i>No. of product<br/>denomination</i> | <i>Fees units</i> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| Goods manufactured,<br>produced, made or<br>packed in Zambia | 0-100           | 00%             | Each                                   | 500               |
|  | 101-500         | 50              | Each                                   | 2000              |
|  | 501-3200        | 80              | Each                                   | 4000              |
|  | 3201            |                 |  |                   |
|  | and above       | 125             | 1-5 Each                               | 6000              |
|  |                 |                 | 6-10 Each                              | 4000              |
|  |                 |                 | 11 and above.<br>each                  | 2000              |

1. For purpose of charging fees, all items which are above 50g or 50ml but not exceeding 200g or 200ml shall be compounded to form single package approximately or equal to 1000g or 1000ml as single package for purpose of determining lot size.

2. For imported goods, fees shall be 0.2% of Free On Board of imported goods.

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