



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC OFFICERS' DECLARATIONS

Press Release

SUBMISSION OF 2025/2026 ANNUAL DECLARATIONS BY LISTED

PUBLIC OFFICERS: 1ST APRIL, 2026 – 30TH APRIL, 2026

The Director of Public Officers' Declarations (the Director) hereby gives Notice to all Public Officers listed in the First Schedule to the *Public Officers (Declaration of Assets, Liabilities and Business Interests) Act (Cap 1:04)*, and have previously submitted either Initial Declarations or Annual Declarations, as the case may be, that each one of the said officers is required to submit, to the Director, a dully completed, signed and commissioned Annual Declaration form, **starting from 1st April, 2026 to 30th April, 2026**. This declaration covers the Government financial year that runs from **1st April, 2025 to 31st March, 2026** as **Period of Declaration**.

Pursuant to section 14(3) (a) of the above-cited Act, Annual Declarations are submitted within thirty (30) days after the commencement of each fiscal year. In this regard, the statutory time period within which a listed public officer is required to submit his or her Annual Declaration form runs from 1st April to 30th April each year. Furthermore, every listed public officer may wish to note that ***submission of Annual Declarations is not conditional upon the officer's retention of or receipt from the Office of the Director of Public Officers' Declarations (ODPOD), a copy of his or her previous declaration (s).***

Nevertheless, in keeping with section 14(6) of the Act, a listed public officer should retain a copy of any declaration submitted to the Director for the officer's personal records.

In the same vain, a public officer who has assumed a listed position and has never submitted any declaration before is being required to submit the Initial Declaration form no later than three (3) months after assuming his or her duties as a listed public officer. Blank forms for Initial and Annual Declarations can be downloaded from the ODPOD's website, www.declarations.gov.mw.

As part of the **Personal Particulars** (on the first page, under item 1 of the Declaration Form), a listed public officer is further being asked to indicate his or her **National Identity Number** (Citizen Identification Number) against his or her surname.

However, in order to avert logistical challenges which listed public officers may encounter in submitting the declaration forms, apart from personally depositing them at the ODPOD's offices located in Lilongwe, listed public officers may also submit their declaration forms through institutional Declarations Desk Officers (DDOs) or any other official who is designated at the institutional level to handle declarations on behalf of the ODPOD.

The Director further wishes to remind listed public officers that subject to the Constitution and any other written law, a listed public officer who, without reasonable cause, fails to submit the required declaration shall be liable to be dismissed from public office.

For further information on this matter, the ODPOD can be contacted through Mrs. Tiyamike Phiri on the mobile phone number **0 995 121 423** or by sending an email to info@declarations.gov.mw or by visiting the **ODPOD offices located at The Malawi Conference of Catholic Bishops (MCCB) Catholic Secretariat Office Complex, Area 11, Off Chimutu Road, City Centre, Lilongwe.**

Dated this 9th day of March, 2026

Signed

Michael M. Chiusiwa
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC OFFICERS' DECLARATIONS