Car import duty rates

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Duty on an imported car is worked out on its value (CIF): customs duty, then excise by engine size and age, then VAT, plus a fixed charge.

Charged on every car

Charge	Rate
Customs duty, on the value	25%
Excise, on the value plus duty	see below
VAT, on the value, duty and excise	17.5%
Fixed charge MRA adds	MK35,000

Excise by engine size and age (from the year of make)

Engine	Up to 8 years	9 to 12 years	13 years and older
Up to 1,499cc	0%	30%	60%
1,500 to 1,999cc	15%	45%	75%
2,000 to 2,499cc	35%	60%	90%
2,500 to 3,000cc	45%	70%	100%
Over 3,000cc	55%	80%	100%

- Advance income tax is left out, as MRA's own calculator leaves it out.

Sources. Malawi Revenue Authority motor vehicle duty calculator (October 2026); Customs and Excise (Tariffs) Order 2023-2024: https://www.mra.mw/duty
Work out your own figures with the calculator: https://taptiptools.com/malawi/car-import-duty-calculator