



Quality Medicines for Malawi

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD RESOLUTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS INVOLVING PHARMACY PERSONNEL AND PHARMACY BUSINESS PREMISES

The Pharmacy and Medicines Regulatory Authority (PMRA) is informing stakeholders and the public that at its 87th Meeting of the Board of Directors held on 30th – 31st July 2026 in Lilongwe, the Authority considered and determined ten (10) disciplinary cases involving registered pharmacy personnel and licensed pharmacy business premises.

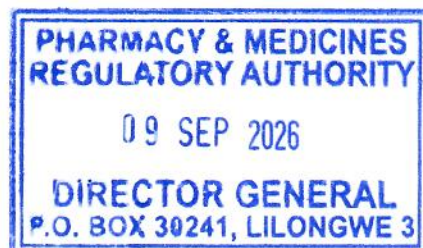
Pursuant to its mandate, under Section 4(g), to serve and protect the public interest, and the statutory requirement to publish notifications of removal from the register under Section 29 of the PMRA Act, No. 9 of 2019, the Authority hereby publishes the outcomes of the disciplinary hearings.

In line with its mandate under Section 36 of the Act, the Authority commenced disciplinary hearings against the listed practitioners and premises for offences ranging from professional misconduct, operating unlicensed pharmaceutical businesses, unauthorized stocking of restricted medicines, the unlawful sourcing and diversion of medicines and medical supplies from public health facilities and the tampering or fabrication of official records.

The Authority remains committed to upholding the integrity of the pharmacy profession and ensuring that the public is protected from conduct that undermines the provisions of the PMRA Act, 2019.

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DIRECTOR GENERAL
9th September 2026



Summary of disciplinary outcomes

No.	Name of Personnel / Premises	Issue	Board Resolution / Regulatory Action Taken
1	Mr. Pilirani Mpido Msambo (Managing Director of Lifecheck Private Clinic)	- Operating an unlicensed wholesaler pharmaceutical business; - Using unregistered personnel to dispense medicines; - Misrepresenting full-time presence in a Medicine store license application; - Sourcing medicines from unregistered dealers.	- Suspension of Lifecheck Dispensing Clinic licence for six (6) months. - May only reopen after suspension and upon identifying qualified registered pharmacy personnel as required by the PMRA Act. - Case referred to the Medical Council of Malawi (found operating without authorized medical practitioners).
2	Mr. Hossana Nkhata (Managing Director of Madimba Medicine Store)	- Stocking ART regimen 13A in Madimba Medicine Store; - Providing false information to justify the illegal acquisition of the alleged ART therapy; - Stocking prescription-only medicines.	Immediate revocation of the Madimba Medicine Store licence.
3	Ms. Elita Diston Ngwira (Pharmacy Technician for Balaka District Health Office)	- Concealing evidence of stolen medical products by tampering with RIV Books; - Plucking out original RIV forms; - Falsely indicating on copies of RIV form 004315 that medicines were collected when actual order was cancelled; - Improvising RIV form 004319 to cover up on seized medicines.	- Suspension of Ms. Elita Diston Ngwira for two (2) years. - Health Service Commission and Balaka District Council to be formally notified.
4	Mr. Ignasio Chisaka (Pharmacy Technician for	Mismanaging medicines and allied substances from the public hospital where he was	Removal of Mr. Ignasio Chisaka from the Pharmacy Technicians register.

	Balaka District Health Office)	working as a Pharmacy Technician; • Prior court conviction for unlawful handling of medicines.	
5	Mr. Brighton Nyirenda (Pharmacy Assistant for SV Medicine Store)	• Knowingly initiating and facilitating unlawful sourcing of medicines from Kasungu District Hospital outside lawful systems; • Participating in coordinated arrangements for unauthorized acquisition and intended illegal distribution of medicines; • Unlawfully moving medicines outside regulated systems; • Conduct likely to undermine public confidence, compromise medicine accountability structures, and bring the profession into serious disrepute.	Suspension of Mr. Brighton Nyirenda for three (3) months.
6	Mr. Ecton Kumundayayi (Pharmacy Assistant for Kasungu District Health Office)	• Unlawfully removing medicines from Kasungu District Hospital outside lawful institutional systems; • Participating in unlawful diversion and intended illegal distribution of medicines. • Independently adding medicines including Ciprofloxacin, Diclofenac, and Insulin for intended unlawful sale and personal financial gain; • Abusing his professional position and access to public medicines; • Conduct likely to undermine public confidence, compromise medicine accountability, and	Suspension of Mr. Eckton Kumundayayi for twelve (12) months.

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7	Mr. Kingston Mabutowo (Pharmacist for Lilongwe District Health Office)	• Participating in, authorizing, facilitating, or failing to prevent unauthorized movement and unlawful handling of medicines and surgical items from Lilongwe District Health Office; • Failing to ensure movement was supported by transfer records, dispatch approvals, or traceable accountability systems; • Participating in or failing to prevent unauthorized transportation of public medicines using a government vehicle; • Conduct likely to compromise accountability structures and bring the profession into serious disrepute.	Suspension of Mr. Kingston Mabutowo for three (3) months.
8	Mr. Obed Hauli (Pharmacy Assistant for Kasungu District Health Office)	• Participating in the unauthorized removal and unlawful handling of medicines from Kasungu District Hospital; • Participating in coordinated arrangements for unlawful sourcing and movement of medicines; • Conduct likely to compromise public pharmaceutical structures and bring the profession into serious disrepute.	Suspension of Mr. Obed Hauli for one (1) month.
9	Mr. Prince Albert (Pharmacy Technician for Chizani Medicine Store)	• Unlawfully stocking prescription-only medicines beyond the scope permitted under a medicine store licence; • Possessing medicines labelled as property of the Government	• Immediate revocation of Chizani Medicine Store licence. • Removal of Mr. Prince Albert from the Pharmacy

		of Malawi, suspected of being unlawfully diverted; • Failing to produce procurement records, invoices, receipts, or traceability documentation; • Unlawfully removing an official PMRA seal and resuming operations without authorization; • Maintaining medicines under grossly inadequate and unsanitary storage conditions; • Conduct likely to bring the profession into serious disrepute.	Technician register.
10	Mr. Wongani Luhanga (Pharmacy Assistant for Lilongwe District Health Office)	• Participating in unauthorized movement and unlawful handling of medicines and surgical items from Lilongwe District Health Office; • Causing medicines and surgical items to be loaded into a government vehicle without transfer records, dispatch approvals, or authorization documents; • Participating in arrangements for unauthorized transport outside regulated systems; • Conducting activities likely to compromise medicine accountability structures.	Removal of Mr. Wongani Luhanga from the Pharmacy Assistant register.