

Press Statement

For Immediate Release

Petroleum Pump Prices Revised

Saturday, 31st December 2022

The Energy Regulation Board (ERB) has reduced the pump prices of petroleum products by K1.40/litre for petrol, K0.94/litre for diesel and K0.47/litre for kerosene. Further, the ERB has adjusted downwards the posted airfield price (PAP) of Jet A-1 at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport (KKIA) by K0.60/litre.

At the last review which yielded the December 2022 fuel prices, the average price of petrol, diesel and kerosene in the Arab Gulf international market was US\$94.45/bbl, US\$127.60/bbl and US\$118.97/bbl, respectively compared to US\$78.67/bbl, US\$106.13/bbl and US\$103.64/bbl, respectively for the current price review. The movements represent reductions of 16.71%, 16.82% and 12.88% for petrol, diesel and kerosene respectively.

The fall in oil prices at the end of November was owing to central banks aggressively raising interest rates to counter surging inflation, triggering fears of a global economic slowdown. Additionally, China's COVID-19 restrictions also diminished demand for finished petroleum products.

During this price review period, the exchange rate depreciated from K16.48/US\$ to K17.61/US\$, representing 6.86% depreciation. The depreciation was mainly attributed to the demand pressures from the private sector importing consumer goods for the festive period.

In line with the ERB pricing mechanism, the combined effect of the changes in the two factors (exchange rate and international oil prices) has resulted in the downward adjustment in the prices for petrol, diesel, kerosene and jet A-1, which were all above the 2.50% wholesale price trigger band.

Based on the fore-going, the following are the determined changes in the national uniform pump prices for January 2023:

Retail Pump Prices and Posted Airfield Price for January 2023

PRODUCT	NATIONAL UNIFORM PUMP PRICES AND POSTED AIRFIELD PRICES			% CHANGE
	CURRENT	NEW	ABSOLUTE VARIANCE	
	K/Litre	K/Litre	K/Litre	
PETROL	25.89	24.49	(1.40)	(5.41)
LOW SULPHUR DIESEL	27.38	26.44	(0.94)	(3.43)
KEROSENE	20.45	19.98	(0.47)	(2.30)
JET A-1 (at KKIA)	23.23	22.63	(0.60)	(2.58)

The price of jet A-1 for major airports has also been determined as follows:

PAPS Prices at Airport

Airport	KKIA	Mfuwe	HMKIA	SMKIA
PAP (K/Litre)	22.63	23.84	22.63	23.44

These price changes take effect midnight, tonight.

By Order of the Board



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