



The Investment Screening Process

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Rationale for the One Stop Service Centre

The OSSC was instituted as a one stop roof where investors can acquire relevant permits and licenses for their businesses in a more efficient manner.

It is comprised of representatives from

- Department of Registrar General
- Malawi Revenue Authority
- Ministry of Lands
- The Department of Immigration and Citizenship Services
- MITC

The Investment Approval Committee

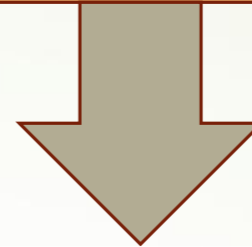
The Investment Appraisal Committee is comprised of Internal staff from the following sections:

- Investment Promotion and Facilitation
 - Planning and Research
- Trade Promotion and Facilitation
 - Finance and Administration

Steps in the Screening Process

Step 1

Investor Application received, pre-screened and processed by Investment Promotion Department against a pre-determined criteria. Includes further consultation with applicant/investor for adequate submissions



Item	Y/N	Comments
1. Application letter		
2. Investment Certificate Application form		
3. Detailed Business Proposal		
4. Copy of Certificate of Incorporation		
5. Memorandum and Articles of Association		
6. Scanned Passport Information for promoters		
7. Sectoral Ministry/Department clearance licence(s)		
8. MITC Internal Prescreening Results		
9. MITC Internal Project Assessment		
10. Other attachments (specify)		


The Screening Steps (continued)

Step 2

Investment application is forwarded to SCM for Investment Appraisal

Step 3

Investment Approval Committee approves/rejects/pends

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- Minimum investment capital (currently at \$50,000.00 – revised threshold awaiting gazetting)
 - Priority Sector (agriculture and agro-processing, tourism, energy, mining, manufacturing, infrastructure and services)
 - Job creation for the locals
 - Project viability (value addition, transformative, inclusiveness, business linkages for local SMEs)
 - Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan
 - Technology Transfer to the locals



Step 4

SCM advises ISM about approved applications and their requirements for facilitation and aftercare services

Step 5

SCM isolates immigration issues and sends to Immigration Services Specialist under a memo for processing

Step 6

SCM isolates MRA issues and sends to Revenue Services Specialist under a memo for processing

Step 7

SCM isolates Land issues and sends to Land Services Specialist under a memo for processing

Step 8

- Immigration Services Specialist makes a decision and relays decision to HQ to grant the permit
- Tax Services Specialist makes a decision and relays decision to HQ for consideration
- Lands Services Specialist makes a decision and relays decision to HQ who grant Land

Coordination with other stakeholders

Environmental Impact Certificate and/or Management Plan

For all agricultural and manufacturing projects and indeed any other project that emits waste, the Department of Environmental Affairs is informed and brief is submitted. EAD follows up

Electricity and Water Connectivity

There are Desk Officers in these institutions through whom applications are channeled for expedited connectivity

Labour issues and Standardization

The MITC Aftercare Service works with Ministry of Labour and MBS for Labour and Standard issues respectively

There is continuous consultation with relevant Line Ministries depending on the nature and sector of Investment



Thank you for your
attention



Questions and Discussion