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The short answer: the API reads your invoices, credit, orders and quotes, downloads the PDF, **pays invoices from your account credit**, changes the cycle of the next renewal and records cancellation requests. It only charges your credit: to pay any other way, use Meu Interweb or the `url` of each invoice.

The permissions

To	Permission
Read invoices, orders and quotes, see cycles and get the upgrade link	`billing:read`
Change the cycle of the next renewal	`billing:write`
Pay with credit	`billing:pay` (sensitive)
Request the cancellation of a service	`services:cancel` (sensitive)

Reading invoices and downloading the PDF

`GET /v1/invoices` returns your invoices, most recent first, in pages; `?status=unpaid` shows only unpaid ones. `GET /v1/invoices/{id}` also returns the lines.

Field	What it is
`total`	The invoice total, including what was paid with credit.
`credit_applied`	What was paid with credit.
`balance_due`	What is still to pay.

`GET /v1/invoices/{id}/pdf` returns the PDF in `content`, in base64. Sometimes it cannot come through the API: `pdf_available` is `false`, `reason` says why and `url` leads to the invoice in Meu Interweb. Your credit and transactions are in `GET /v1/billing/credit` and `GET /v1/billing/transactions`.

Paying an invoice with credit

```
curl https://api.interweb.ao/v1/invoices/3127/pay -X POST \
-H "Authorization: Bearer $RLX_API_KEY" \
-H "Idempotency-Key: 0f8fad5b-d9cb-469f-a165-70867728950e"
```

1. **Always send** `Idempotency-Key`: retrying with the same key does not charge again.
2. **If the credit is not enough**, it answers `402` and nothing is charged.
3. **The total counts towards the key's spending limit.** If it goes over, it answers `403 spending_limit_exceeded`, before charging.
4. **Check** `status` and `amount_charged`. If the invoice had been paid in the meantime, `amount_charged` is 0.

To top up your credit, or pay with another method, see **how to pay your invoice**.

Changing the cycle of the next renewal

1. **See the cycles on sale and the price of each** with `GET /v1/services/{id}/billing-cycles`. Nothing changes here.
2. **Request the change** with `PUT /v1/services/{id}/billing-cycle`, with the `cycle` and the price you saw in `expected_amount`. If the price has changed, it answers `409 price_changed` and nothing is altered.

The change applies to the next renewal: nothing is charged now and the due date stays the same. It cannot be changed through the API if that service has an unpaid invoice (`invoice_open`), on a VPS or server (`vps_not_supported`) or on a service with its own price (`custom_price`). In those cases `can_change` is `false` and `blocked_reason` says why.

Orders, quotes, upgrades and cancellations

Operation	What it does
`GET /v1/orders`, `/v1/orders/{id}`	Your orders and what each one contained.

Operation	What it does
`GET /v1/quotes`, `/v1/quotes/{id}`	The quotes sent to you, with the proposal and lines.
`GET /v1/services/{id}/upgrade-link`	The link to Meu Interweb, where you pick the new plan and see the amount before paying.
`POST /v1/services/{id}/cancellation`	Records the cancellation for the end of the paid period, never immediately. It takes `reason` and, in `confirm`, the service domain (or the plan name).

Cancellation is not immediate:
The service stays active until the `service_ends_at` date, and unpaid invoices for that service may be cancelled. A service with no paid period running, such as a free one or one in arrears, answers `409 no_period_end`: in that case, talk to support.

A practical idea:
A daily script lists invoices with `?status=unpaid`, compares the `balance_due` with the credit from `GET /v1/billing/credit` and pays the ones that fit, using a key that only has `billing:read` and `billing:pay` and a sensible spending limit.

RECOMMENDED

Want to pay invoices from your own system? See the API page and test with a Sandbox key, which tells you whether the payment would go through without charging.

See the API page →

SEE ALSO

- Sensitive API permissions and the spending limit: paying, buying, reinstalling, cPanel access →
- Idempotency-Key in our API: repeating a purchase, payment or ticket without doing it twice →
- Paginated lists in our API: page, per_page and reading every page without wasting requests →
- How to pay your invoice →

Our API's error codes: what each one means, and which ones are worth retrying →

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