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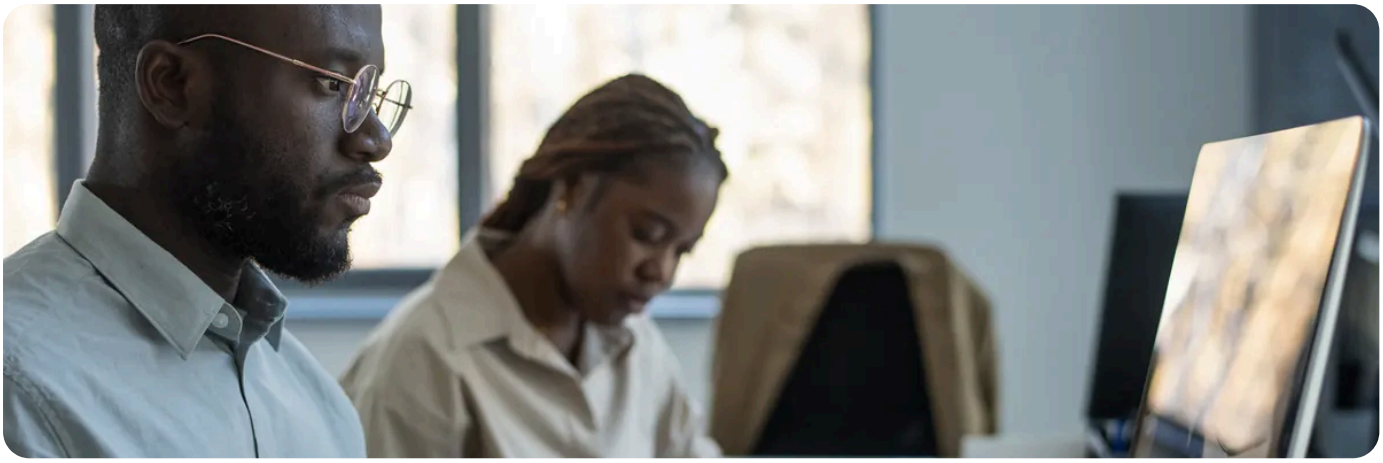
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Besides the Buy credits tab, you can buy AI credits through the API, paid with the account credit balance in Kz. The price is the same as in Meu Interweb. It is useful, for example, for a program of yours to top up credits when the balance runs low.

Before you start

1. A `prod_` key with `billing:purchase` and `ai:write`. `billing:purchase` is a dangerous permission, off by default: only give it to the key that buys. See **creating a key**.
2. Credit on the account, in Kz. This purchase can only be paid with that balance.
3. A complete account profile. Otherwise the API answers `409` with `profile_incomplete`.

1. See the prices

```
curl "https://api.interweb.ao/v1/ai/credits/prices" -H "Authorization: Bearer $INTERWEB_API_KEY"
```

Field	What it is
`currency`	The account currency.
`minimum` and `maximum`	How many credits you can buy at once. The minimum is 1,000.
`tiers`	The volume tiers: from how many credits (`from`) each price per credit (`unit_price`) applies.

Field	What it is
`tax_added`	Whether tax is added on the invoice.

2. Buy

Send `quantity` to `POST /v1/ai/credits/purchase`, with the `Idempotency-Key` header, which is required. Replace the example value with your own: a UUID works well. On Linux and macOS:

```
curl -X POST "https://api.interweb.ao/v1/ai/credits/purchase" \
-H "Authorization: Bearer $INTERWEB_API_KEY" \
-H "Content-Type: application/json" \
-H "Idempotency-Key: 6f1d2c3a-8b4e-4f7a-9c21-1d2e3f4a5b6c" \
-d '{"quantity": 1000}'
```

The response is `202` and includes, among others, `status`, `credits`, `unit_price`, `invoice_id`, `amount` (the total with tax), `subtotal` and `tax`. The credits go into the balance with the payment. If the invoice does not match the price, the purchase is undone and nothing is charged.

Errors for this purchase

Response	When	What to do
`402 insufficient_credit`	The account balance in Kz is not enough. `details` has `credit_missing` and `add_funds_url`.	Add funds and repeat with the same `Idempotency-Key`.
`403 spending_limit_exceeded`	The purchase goes over the key spending limit.	Use a key with a higher limit or wait for `resets_at`.
`403 insufficient_scope`	The key lacks `billing:purchase` or `ai:write`.	Create a key with both.
`409 profile_incomplete`	The account profile is incomplete.	Complete your profile in Meu Interweb.
`409 idempotency_conflict`	The same `Idempotency-Key` with a different body, or the first purchase is still running.	Wait a little, or use a new value if it is a different purchase.
`429 rate_limited`	More than 5 purchases per minute.	Wait the seconds in `Retry-After`.

Test first with a `sandbox_` key.
In the Sandbox nothing is created or charged: `amount` comes without tax and `tax` is `null`. Then switch to the `prod_` key.

Use a new `Idempotency-Key` for each purchase, and the same one when you repeat the same purchase after a network failure: that way you never buy twice. Credits do not take a `promo_code`.

RECOMMENDED

Rather buy on the page? See the tiers on the Buy credits tab.

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- **AI credits: how to buy them, the volume tiers and what each request uses**
- **Checking your AI credit balance: the page, GET /v1/ai/balance and aio balance**
- **Creating an API key: name, mode, permissions, validity, IP list and spending limit**
- **Before a large batch of AI requests: checking the balance and the price first**
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