

FIAP Distinctions - 2025

General

Valid FIP members and valid member of FIP corporate clubs are invited to apply for the AFIAP, EFIAP and EFIAP LEVELS distinctions.

AFIP is mandatory for AFIAP and EFIP or FFIP is mandatory for EFIAP.

The application should be submitted to FIP exclusively via email and must be received no later than **31st October 2025**.

Email ID: fiap.fipdistinctions@gmail.com

1. Basic Requirements

1.1. FIAP Photographers Card and FP (FIAP Photographer) Number

All FIAP Distinction applicants are required to have a myfiap login prior to applying for Distinctions. When setting up this login you will be allocated a FP number, which is your “FIAP Photographer” number. Your FP number is your user’s name for future login purposes. FIAP Distinctions applicants are also required to hold a FIAP Photographers Card prior to applying for Distinctions. This ID styled card identifies the photographer and includes a photo of them. Once a FP number and FIAP Photographers card are obtained, they are valid for life. Both the FP number and the FIAP card number are cited on applications for FIAP skill distinctions.

Procedure

- Photographers may access the profile creation page here:
<https://www.myfiap.net/user/register/fp>
- The creation of the profile is straightforward, and a tutorial video provided on top of the profile creation page (<https://youtu.be/imghsDi8UiQ>)
- The provided information will remain confidential and limited to FIAP use only, amongst others for the card generation and shipping
- Along with personal information, photographers also need to upload a recent high resolution portrait picture of themselves, to be used for FIAP life cards

IMPORTANT:

When creating their profile, photographers must indicate their current distinction(s):

- If they photographers and/or don't have a distinction yet, they leave this part blank.
- If they already have distinctions, they enter them in their profile. Note that if they are in the process of applying for a new distinction, they must still enter their actual distinction(s) in their profile, before the upgrade.

After submitting their profile on myfiap.net:

- Photographers WITHOUT distinctions will be notified by email (check spam filter) that their account is active, they will also obtain their user name (FP-XXXXXXX) required for login, and will be prompted to set their password. They may then login at any time with the provided username (FP-XXXXXXX) and personal password on the myfiap.net login page (www.myfiap.net) and order a FIAP life card online. Online payment, card production and shipping will be processed via the myfiap.net platform.
- Photographers WITH distinctions will be notified by email (check spam filter) that their account is pending approval. After validation by the FIAP distinction service, they will be notified that the account is active, obtain their username and set their password. They may then login at any time with the provided username (FP-XXXXXXX) and personal password on the myfiap.net login page (www.myfiap.net) and order a FIAP life card with their actual distinction online. Online payment, card production and shipping will be processed via the myfiap.net platform.

1.2. How to order a FIAP Photographers Card

- To order a FIAP Photographers Card, you must first register/set up a myfiap login as per point 1.1. Having set up your login you can either proceed to order a FIAP Card straight away via the applicable menu tab or you can login in at any time via: <https://www.myfiap.net/>
- When applicants order a FIAP Photographer Card the myfiap system will provide the FIAP Card Number immediately. Record this number carefully. The FIAP Card number, must be placed on your Distinctions application form. As you are given this number immediately, you can place it on your Distinctions application immediately. You do not need to wait for the card itself to arrive in the post. Follow link for Video tutorial - <https://youtu.be/imghsDi8UiQ>

Note: FIP will receive all Photographer cards (Life Cards) and distribute them to individuals.

2. THE AFIAP DISTINCTION

The distinction “Artist FIAP” (AFIAP) is the first artistic distinction that can be obtained. It is awarded to photographic artists whose artistic qualities, technique and production of work have been acknowledged through their participation in international salons under FIAP Patronage

2.1. The candidate for this distinction must:

- a) Have taken part with success in international salons under FIAP Patronage for at least 1 year; i.e. his first FIAP - recognized acceptance must have occurred at least 1 year ago.
- b) Have taken part with success in at least 15 international salons under FIAP Patronage in at least 8 different countries. In this respect a Circuit is to be considered as a single salon.

- c) Have obtained at least 40 acceptances with at least 15 different works in international salons under FIAP Patronage.
- d) Include in his works a minimum of 4 different works, which have each received at least one acceptance in “Print” salons under FIAP Patronage.

2.2. Candidates for AFIAP distinction must submit:

- a) A completed application using forms prescribed by FIAP which is available on FIP/FIAP website.
- b) 5 photographic works of the candidate in form of a digital file. All the submitted works must have obtained 3 FIAP - recognized acceptances in different salons. In this respect a Circuit is considered to be a single salon.

See section 7 for further details.

3. THE EFIAP DISTINCTION

The distinction “Excellence FIAP” (EFIAP) is awarded to photographic artists who, apart from having excellent techniques, have significant numbers of their works often accepted in many international salons under FIAP Patronage

3.1 The candidate for this distinction must:

- a) Be the holder of the AFIAP distinction. An application for the EFIAP distinction can be made not less than 1 year after the award of the AFIAP distinction, based on the date of the diploma.
- b) Have taken part with success in at least 30 international salons under FIAP Patronage in at least 20 different countries. In this respect a Circuit is considered to be a single salon.
- c) Have obtained at least 250 acceptances with at least 50 different works in international salons under FIAP Patronage.
- d) Include in his works a minimum of 12 different works, which have each received at least one acceptance in “Print” salons under FIAP Patronage.

3.2 Candidates for EFIAP distinction must submit:

- a) A completed application using forms prescribed by FIAP which is available on FIP/FIAP website.
- b) 5 photographic works of the candidate in form of a digital file. These works must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for his/her AFIAP distinction. All the submitted works must have obtained at least 3 FIAP-recognised acceptances in different salons and at least 2 works must have obtained an award. These 2 awards must be from different countries and a Circuit is considered to be a single salon.

See section 7 for further details.

4. THE EFIAP LEVELS

In order to honor photographic artists who, after having received the EFIAP distinction, continue to actively participate in international salons under FIAP Patronage and, by so doing, help to promote photography with their new artistic production, FIAP has instituted seven additional EFIAP levels.

4.1 The candidate for “EFIAP Levels” Distinctions must:

- a) Be the have been the holder of the EFIAP Distinction (or previous EFIAP Levels Distinction) for at least one year from the date of the diploma for that previous distinction.
- b) And since the date on the applicant’s diploma for the EFIAP Distinction have obtained in total at least in international salons under FIAP Patronage:

For the EFIAP/b 200 acceptances, with 50 different works in 5 different countries
For the EFIAP/s 300 acceptances, with 100 different works in 10 different countries
For the EFIAP/g 500 acceptances, with 150 different works in 15 different countries
For the EFIAP/p 700 acceptances, with 250 different works in 20 different countries

After the date of being award the EFIAP/p distinction or since 1st January 2015, whichever is the later, have obtained:

For the EFIAP/d1 50 awards with 15 different works in 5 different countries
For the EFIAP/d2 100 awards with 30 different works in 7 different countries
For the EFIAP/d3 200 awards with 50 different works in 10 different countries

4.2 The candidate for an “EFIAP Level” distinction must submit:

- a) A completed application using forms prescribed by FIAP which is available on FIP/FIAP website.
- b) A number of photographs, which have received awards after the date of the EFIAP distinction diploma, as indicated here under:

EFIAP Bronze: 4 photographs awarded in 4 different countries and different salons
EFIAP Silver: 5 photographs awarded in 5 different countries and different salons
EFIAP Gold: 6 photographs awarded in 6 different countries and different salons
EFIAP Platinum: 7 photographs awarded in 7 different countries and different salons
EFIAP Diamond 1: 5 photographs awarded in 5 different countries and different salons
EFIAP Diamond 2: 6 photographs awarded in 6 different countries and different salons
EFIAP Diamond 3: 7 photographs awarded in 7 different countries and different salons

These photographs must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for other distinctions. In this respect a Circuit is considered to be a single salon.

- c) In each year only one EFIAP level can be applied for and each level - Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond 1, Diamond 2 or Diamond 3 - must be achieved in this sequential order.
- d) Distinctions “EFIAP Levels” and MFIAP are cumulative. An author, who holds these two distinctions, can use the initials of both distinctions after his/her name.

See section 7 for further details.

5. THE ESFIAP DISTINCTION.

- a) The distinction “Excellence for Services Rendered” (ESFIAP) is awarded to those persons who have given exceptional service over a long period for the benefit of FIAP.
- b) Holders of the photographic distinctions AFIAP, EFIAP and MFIAP may also be nominated for the ESFIAP distinction if they fulfil the criteria.
- c) Applications for the ESFIAP distinction must comprise a completed dossier with a curriculum vitae and a detailed description of the services rendered by the candidate. The application should be made with the form prescribed by FIAP. The text must be written in one of the official FIAP languages. The application must be sent to the FIAP Distinction Service by electronic mail (fiapdistinctions@gmail.com).
- d) Applications for the ESFIAP distinction are handled free of charge.
- e) The applications for ESFIAP are examined by the FIAP Board of Directors at one of its ordinary meetings.

6. THE Hon. EFIAP DISTINCTION.

- a) The “Honorary Excellence FIAP” (Hon. EFIAP) distinction is the highest honour the International Federation of Photographic Art can award to the holder of the ESFIAP distinction. The number of living holders of this distinction is limited to a number set by the FIAP Board of Directors.
- b) The Hon. EFIAP distinction is awarded by the FIAP Board of Directors. A unanimous vote of the members of this Board is required.
- c) Any extraordinary contribution of an international nature to the development of photography or of photographic art will be taken into account as will be any exceptional service that has contributed to the progress of FIAP.
- d) The application for a Hon. EFIAP distinction should comprise a complete curriculum vitae and a full description of the services that justify the candidacy. A form prescribed by FIAP should be used. The application, written in one of the official FIAP languages, should be sent to the FIAP Distinction Service by electronic mail (fiapdistinctions@gmail.com).
- e) Applications for the Hon. EFIAP distinction are handled free of charge.

- f) The applications for Hon. EFIAP are examined by the FIAP Board of Directors at one of its ordinary meetings.

7. Preparation of Images & Files

- a) AFIAP, EFIAP, EFIAP Levels Images submitted to FIAP with these Distinctions applications are sent as Digital files.
- b) Image files must be sized to at least 3600 pixels on the longest dimension and must be JPEG, compression 10. Within 4mb

7.1 Name of the files.

- a) Images File naming:
UN Code of the Federation + underscore + Given name + underscore + Surname + underscore + Title of the work. Example: 356_Barun_Sinha_Sunrise
- b) Dossier File naming:
Distinction sought + underscore + UN Code of the Federation + underscore + Given name + underscore + Surname. Example: Efiapgold_356_Barun_Sinha
- c) PDF scan of the signed hard copy of Page B file naming:
UN Code of the Federation + underscore + Given name + underscore + Surname + underscore + Dossier B. Example: 356_Barun_Sinha_Dossier B
- d) FIP E form File Naming:
FIP Form E + underscore + Distinction sought + underscore + Given name + underscore + Surname. Example: FIP Form E_Efiapgold_Barun_Sinha.

7.2 List of files to be sent to FIP (AFIAP, EFIAP and EFIAP Levels).

- a) Soft copy Duly Filled FIAP Dossier.
Download on following link. <https://www.fip.org.in/fipweb/public/downloads>
- b) Digital Images as per distinction criteria. (3600px Longest Side, with in 4mb)
- c) Soft copy of duly filled FIP Form E (Available at FIP Website).
- d) Photo copy of last distinction (Both FIP & FIAP) File Size – 1024px longest size, within 1 MB.
- e) Hard copy of the FIAP Dossier Page A & B, with signature on the Page B. (See note below).
- f) Proof of Distinction Fee paid: screenshot or payment details with date.
- g) The high-resolution PDF scan of the signed hard copy of Page B excel file.

8. THE DISTINCTION FEE.

AFIAP, EFIAP, EFIAP Levels – ₹10,000/- inclusive of handling charges. Payment should be made through Online transfer to the following account:

Beneficiary Name: Federation of Indian Photography
Account No: 50381789520
IFS Code: IDIB000S549
Bank: Indian Bank, Salt Lake GD Market Branch, Kolkatta

Note: We do not accept Cheques/DD

The FIAP photographer's card (FIAP Life Card) order and postage are paid via PayPal on the myfiap platform directly to FIAP. This is distinct from the Distinctions fee, which is paid to the Federation of Indian Photography.

9. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- AFIAP, EFIAP, and EFIAP Levels applications must not be sent directly to FIAP. As per FIAP document 011/2016E-8.6, national federations may set additional national requirements within reason.
- If a distinction application is rejected, the applicant must wait at least one year before submitting a new application. The application fees will not be refunded or carried forward.
- Prior to FIAP approval and FIP notification, a Distinction cannot be used.
- FIAP uses a computer program to validate your application spreadsheet against criteria like salon count, titles, and countries, and cross-checks with the FIAP Salon File Database. Precise and consistent details such as spelling, titles, country names, and patronage numbers are essential, as even small errors or special characters can lead to mismatches. Forms must be completed using Microsoft Excel, as third-party software may distort the formatting.
- Applicants for EFIAP Bronze and above cannot use recognition number results obtained before the EFIAP certificate date, which is December 31 for Indian applicants. For example, if EFIAP is awarded in 2024, any 2024 or earlier results with recognition numbers are ineligible for EFIAP Bronze or higher. The same rule applies to EFIAP Diamonds, based on the date of the EFIAP Platinum certificate.
- EFIAP & EFIAP Levels applicants Select images such that they are not similar in any way to those you submitted for previous FIAP distinction. Similarity is one of the major causes of rejection of distinction application.
- Images submitted (the photos you are sending to FIAP) must have the required, minimum number of results and awards that applies to the Distinction sought. Where an award is required for a submitted image, only list one award for that image, and the country in

which is was achieved on Dossier A. Choose an award that fulfills the requirements for the specific Distinction.

- Official salon names, FIAP Patronage numbers and Country name can be verified through the official FIAP Salon list at the following link: <https://www.myfiap.net/patronages>
- Given name and Surname in the Dossier page A and file name of the pictures and excel file should be the same.
- Complete name, Surname, given name On Page A - Administrative Dossier must be written in the Proper Case, but not in all capital or small letters.
- Complete the Dossier A page first. The other pages are coded to auto fill the same details on other pages. Do not attempt to alter these details on the other Dossier pages as it is the auto fill coding you will modify.
- Avoid modifying columns, rows, fonts, text color, or adding any formatting headings.
- Each judging/salon of a circuit has a different patronage number. Write the correct patron- age number for each judging of circuits. Don't club all patronage numbers.
- Do not add any text in the Patronage no (FIAP No) Column. The format of the patronage no is Year and No. (Example: 2024/001).
- Title of the works in the Dossier A & Dossier C must be in the Alphabetical order.
- We at FIP scrutinize applications according to FIAP guidelines. However, we will not match the acceptances with the salon file database and are not responsible for any discrepancies if applications are rejected during the FIAP validation process. In case of discrepancies, FIAP may request the published catalogue as proof.
- Do not send anything which is not asked for. (See section 7.2)
- Refer the specimen copy for more clarification (Available on the FIP Website)
- We usually reply within 72 hours. Repeat reminders not necessary.

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