

# FIAP DISTINCTION GUIDELINES

Federation of Indian Photography | 2026

## 1. General Information

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Valid members of the Federation of Indian Photography (FIP), including members of FIP-affiliated corporate clubs with valid membership status, are eligible to apply for FIAP Distinctions for the year 2026.

Applications for Category A distinctions (NFIAP to EFIAP/d8) must be submitted to FIP exclusively via email and must be received no later than **31st October 2026**.

Email ID: [fiap.fipdistinctions@gmail.com](mailto:fiap.fipdistinctions@gmail.com)

## 2. FIAP Distinction Categories

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### 2.1 Category A

- Novice FIAP (NFIAP)
- Artist FIAP (AFIAP)
- Excellence FIAP (EFIAP)
- Excellence FIAP Bronze (EFIAP/b)
- Excellence FIAP Silver (EFIAP/s)
- Excellence FIAP Gold (EFIAP/g)
- Excellence FIAP Platinum (EFIAP/p)
- Excellence FIAP Diamond 1 to Diamond 8 (EFIAP/d1 to EFIAP/d8)

### 2.2 Category B

- Master FIAP (MFIAP)
- Grandmaster FIAP (GMFIAP)

### 2.3 Category C – Portfolio Distinctions

- Portfolio FIAP (PFIAP)
- Portfolio FIAP Bronze (PFIAP/b)
- Portfolio FIAP Silver (PFIAP/s)
- Portfolio FIAP Gold (PFIAP/g)
- Master Portfolio FIAP (MPFIAP)

All portfolio applications must be submitted through the official FIAP platform within the prescribed deadlines. Only valid FIP members, including members of FIP-affiliated corporate clubs with active membership status, are eligible to apply.

**Portfolio Submission Platform:** <https://fiap-portfolios.fotogenius.es/>

## 2.4 Category D – Services and Contributions

- Excellence FIAP for Services Rendered (ESFIAP)
- Honorary Excellence FIAP (HonEFIAP)
- Lifetime Achievement Award (LAFIAP)

## 2.5 Category E – Special Recognition

- Honorable Member FIAP (HMFIAF)

*Note: All rules, eligibility criteria, and requirements for FIAP distinctions are described in FIAP Document 047/2025 E, as included in this publication. Applicants are advised to refer to the relevant sections for complete guidance when preparing their application.*

## 3. Basic requirements for applying AFIAP and EFIAP

The following national distinctions are mandatory prerequisites:

- AFIAP applicants must hold AFIP (Artist of FIP) distinction.
- EFIAP applicants must hold EFIP (Excellence of FIP) distinction.

## 4. myfiap.net Platform Registration and FIAP Life Card

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### 4.1. FIAP Photographers Card (FIAP Life 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](http://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](http://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.

**4.2. 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 4.1. 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:** All payments, card generation, and shipping are processed through the myFIAP platform. FIP will receive all FIAP Photographer Cards (FIAP Life Cards) and distribute them to the respective applicants.

## 5. Preparation of Images & Files

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### 5.1 Image Technical Requirements

All images submitted for NFIAP, AFIAP, EFIAP, and EFIAP Levels must be in digital format with the following specifications:

- Minimum Resolution: 3600 pixels on the longest side
- File Format: JPG
- File Size: Not less than 2 MB and maximum 5MB

### 5.2 File Naming Conventions

All files must follow the strict naming conventions below:

- **Image Files:** UN Code\_Given Name\_Surname\_Title  
*Example: 356\_Barun\_Sinha\_Sunrise*
- **Excel Dossier File:** Distinction\_UN Code\_Given Name\_Surname  
*Example: EfiapGold\_356\_Barun\_Sinha*
- **Signed Page B scan (PDF):** UN Code\_Given Name\_Surname\_DossierB  
*Example: 356\_Barun\_Sinha\_DossierB*
- **FIP Form E:** FIPFormE\_Distinction\_Given Name\_Surname  
*Example: FIPFormE\_EfiapGold\_Barun\_Sinha*

### 5.3 Documents to be Submitted to FIP

- Soft copy of duly filled FIAP Dossier  
Available on <https://www.fip.org.in/fipweb/public/downloads>
- 5 Digital images
- Soft copy of duly filled FIP Form E
- Copy of last distinction certificates — FIP & FIAP (1024 px longest side, within 1 MB)
- Proof of distinction fee payment
- High-resolution PDF scan of signed Page B

## 6. Application Deadlines

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### 6.1 Category A (NFIAP to EFIAP/d8)

- Deadline: 31st October 2026

### 6.2 Category B (MFIAP, GMFIAP)

- Deadline: 25th December 2026

### 6.3 Category C – Portfolio Distinctions

Applications may be submitted three times per year, with deadlines on the following dates:

- 15th January
- 15th May
- 15th October

Uploads open approximately two weeks prior to each session. Maximum 15 applicants per session per country. Portfolio Submission Platform: <https://fiap-portfolios.fotogenius.es/>

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## 7. Distinction Fees

### 7.1 Category A (AFIAP, EFIAP, EFIAP Levels)

- **Fee: ₹10,000/-** (inclusive of handling charges)
- **Mode of Payment:** Online transfer only. Cheques/DD are NOT accepted.
- **NFIAP Distinction:** Handled free of charge — no fee applicable.  
*Note: For NFIAP applications, applicants must hold a FIAP Life Card and have an active myFIAP profile.*

### 7.2 Bank Details

- **Beneficiary Name:** Federation of Indian Photography
- **Account Number:** 50381789520
- **IFSC Code:** IDIB000S549
- **Bank:** Indian Bank, Salt Lake GD Market Branch, Kolkata
- **Mode of Payment:** Online transfer only

### 7.3 Additional Fee Notes

- The FIAP Life Card, if required, must be purchased separately, and the applicable postage charges must be paid via PayPal on the myFIAP platform, directly to FIAP.
- **Category C (Portfolio Distinctions):** Fees must be paid directly on the FIAP submission platform. <https://fiap-portfolios.fotogenius.es/>

## 8. Important Guidelines

- All applications must comply with FIAP **Document 047/2025 E**.
- Applications for NFIAP, AFIAP, EFIAP, and EFIAP Levels must be submitted through FIP only.
- If rejected, reapplication is allowed only after one year.
- 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.
- FIAP provides salon acceptance data through the myFIAP profile under the “My Salon Participations” page. Applicants are advised to use this data as a reference when preparing their application, as it helps reduce errors and ensures consistency with the FIAP validation system. **myFIAP Profile:** <https://www.myfiap.net>
- **Reset of Awards and Use of Previous Works after EFIAP/p (EFIAP Diamond Levels) Statement (FIAP Document 047/2025 E):**

*“At this stage (after EFIAP/p), all previously received awards will be reset except for those awards obtained one year before having received the EFIAP/p (date of certificate). Those can be used unless they have already been utilized for the EFIAP/p distinction. Starting from EFIAP/d1 authors are obliged to use new photographs.”*

### **Clarification:**

Upon attaining EFIAP/p (EFIAP Platinum), all previously obtained awards are considered reset and are not eligible for further use. Awards obtained within one year prior to the EFIAP/p certificate date may be used, provided that the corresponding image titles were not already used in the EFIAP/p application. From EFIAP/d1 onwards, applicants are required to use new photographs, and image titles used in any previous distinction applications must not be reused.

**For EFIAP/d2 and subsequent Diamond levels,** applicants may continue with the application records from their previous Diamond submission. Results recorded in earlier Diamond applications may be retained in Page C, even where they relate to photographs used prior to the Diamond level. However, no additional results may be claimed for such images (image titles).

- Avoid submitting identical or substantially similar images that have been used in previous distinction applications.
- Images submitted (i.e., the photographs included in your FIAP application) must meet the required minimum number of acceptances and awards for the distinction being applied for. Where an award is required for a submitted image, only one award per

image should be listed in Dossier A, along with the country in which it was achieved. The selected award must meet the requirements of the specific distinction.

- Ensure consistent naming conventions across all submitted documents. Do not alter, modify, or restructure the official FIAP Excel dossier format.
- Follow alphabetical order wherever specified in the FIAP dossier requirements, especially in Page C of the Excel dossier, in the “Title of the Work” column.
- 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).
- Submit only the documents required as per the guidelines; avoid including unnecessary files.
- 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.
- It is recommended to first complete the application using the Draft version (available on the FIP website), and only after verifying that all details are correct, transfer the data to the Final dossier.
- If you experience any difficulty in completing the FIAP Excel dossier, please refer to the official video tutorial available at the following link

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4\\_e49F9POM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4_e49F9POM)

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