

FIAP Distinctions - 2023

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.

Soft copies of your application must reach FIP within **15th September 2023** only through email: 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 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](http://www.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](http://www.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](http://www.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](http://www.myfiap.net) 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 anytime via: <https://www.myfiap.net/>
- When applicants order a FIAP Photographer Card the [myfiap](http://www.myfiap.net) 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

2.1. 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

2.2. 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-recognised 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.

Note: In the year 2023, the relaxation of print criteria will continue. Acceptances of "print" salons are not mandatory.

2.3. 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 - recognised 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

3.1. 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

3.2. 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.

Note: In the year 2023, the relaxation of print criteria will continue. Acceptances of "print" salons are not mandatory.

3.3. 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.

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4. THE EFIAP LEVELS

4.1. In order to honour 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.

4.2. 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

4.3. 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.

4.4. 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.

4.5. 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.

5.1. 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.

- 5.1. Holders of the photographic distinctions AFIAP, EFIAP and MFIAP may also be nominated for the ESFIAP distinction if they fulfil the criteria.
- 5.2. 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).
- 5.3. Applications for the ESFIAP distinction are handled free of charge.
- 5.4. The applications for ESFIAP are examined by the FIAP Board of Directors at one of its ordinary meetings.

6. THE Hon. EFIAP DISTINCTION.

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. The Hon. EFIAP distinction is awarded by the FIAP Board of Directors. A unanimous vote of the members of this Board is required.
- 6.3. 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.
- 6.4. 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).
- 6.5. Applications for the Hon. EFIAP distinction are handled free of charge.
- 6.6. 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 + First name + underscore + Name + underscore + Title of the work. Example: 356_Barun_Sinha_Sunrise
 - b) Dossier File naming:
Distinction sought + underscore + UN Code of the Federation + underscore + First name + underscore + Last Name . Example: Efiapgold_356_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/fipwebT/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) Distinction Fee payment details (Screen shot of transaction or Transaction ID and date of payment)

Note: We will provide the PDF format of the Page A & B of the dossier once the application is verified. Applicants are requested print the same and send to FIP after signing on Page B.

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, Kolkata

Note: We do not accept Cheques/DD

Note: The Fee and postage charges of FIAP photographer's card (FIAP Life Card) is paid directly to FIAP via the myfiap platform through PayPal payment system at the time of ordering the card. This is separate to the Distinctions application fee which is paid via Federation of Indian photography.

Postal address for sending hard copies.

Dr. Barun Kumar Sinha, Hony Secretary General.

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9. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- For AFIAP/EFIAP/EFIAP Levels, applications NOT to be sent to FIAP directly. FIAP document 011/2016E-8.6. Within reasonable limits national federations have the right to add national requirements for the AFIAP and EFIAP distinctions. If the required number acceptances are reached, the application for the distinction has to be forwarded to FIAP, without any supplementary judging of the works.
- When a distinction application is rejected, the applicant must wait for at-least one year before submitting a new application.
- Prior to FIAP approval and FIP notification, a Distinction cannot be used.
- FIAP uses a computer program to cross check the result totals in your application spreadsheet against the requirements for that level, e.g. number of salons, number of different

images etc. FIAP also checks the results cited on applications against the FIAP Database. It is very important that you are accurate and consistent with all details, (e.g. Spelling, Salon names, Country names & Patronage no's). An extra space before a title or spelling, patronage no's could be enough for a computer program to tally your form inaccurately. You will need access to a computer with Microsoft Excel installed to be able to complete these forms. It is important not to use 3rd party software as some corrupt the formatting on these forms.

- Applicants for EFIAP Bronze and onwards will not be able to use any results towards their application that were gained before the date on their EFIAP certificate, which is December 31 for Indians.
- EFIAP & EFIAP Levels applicants Select images such that they are not similar in any way to those you submitted for previous flap 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 it was achieved on Dossier A. Choose an award that fulfils the requirements for the specific Distinction.
- Official salon names and FIAP Patronage numbers can be sought/checked via the official FIAP Salon list. <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.
- Do not alter columns, rows, fonts, fonts color or alter/add any formatting headings.
- Each judging/salons of a circuit has a different patronage number. Write the correct patronage 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: 2022/001).
- Title of the works in the Dossier A & Dossier C must be in the Alphabetical order.
- Do not send anything which is not asked for.
- Refer the specimen copy for more clarification (Available on the FIP Website).
- We usually replies within 72 hours. Repeat reminders not necessary.

Distinctions In charge:

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