

Programme for the 2018 Submission of Applications for FIAP Distinctions

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This document is for members of PAGB clubs wishing to apply for a FIAP Distinction. It sets out the timetable for applications and how to obtain an “Applications Package”, which contains guidelines for submitting your application. Apart from MFIAP (see para 4) the process and timetable is basically the same. NB:- *It does not apply to members of the Scottish PF & Welsh PF who have their own FIAP Liaison Officers, through whom applications should be made.*
- 1.2 Information on preparing your records and the relevant criteria is available on the FIAP pages of the PAGB web site at:- <http://www.thepagb.org.uk/fiap/fiap-distinctions/>
- 1.3 **There is one substantive change for 2018 .**
FIAP requires anyone applying for a Distinction to hold a **FIAP Photographer’s Life Card**. On 1st issue there is a charge of £50 for this card; any subsequent updates following the award of a distinction are then FOC.
This fee must now be paid in advance, at the time of Registration.
- i) *With a few exceptions this will involve only those applying for AFIAP. It does not apply to those who already have a FIAP Photographers Card. If you gained a distinction within the last 15 or 16 years you should have one.*
- ii) *The fee is not refundable, but you will receive the card regardless of the success of your application.*
- 1.4 Can ask please that, **without exception**, everybody conforms to the time table and conditions below?

2. AFIAP / EFIAP / EFIAP Levels – Time Table

- 2.1 Prospective applicants, who have achieved the criteria (** see note below), should contact me to register by EMAIL, at davecoates@btinternet.com, at any time from:-

Wednesday 1st November 2017 until **Wednesday 31st January 2018**

PLEASE DO NOT seek to register unless you have achieved the criteria and that the relevant salon Files have been submitted to FIAP (see note below).** The process is not designed to deal with speculative requests in the hope or expectation of reaching targets before the deadline date.

**** Note :-** *Achieving the criteria means that, not only have you achieved the required results, BUT ALSO that FIAP have received the relevant “Salon Report Files” from the salons. This can be checked on the FIAP Patronage website:- <http://patronages.fiap.net/salons.html> by using the facilities there.*

To register, please email me with your details, which REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU HAVE APPLIED BEFORE should include, a) your full name & address including post code, and telephone number(s), b) the application you intend applying for c) confirmation that you have achieved the criteria as described above. Once this is received, I will forward you the appropriate “Applications Package”.

In line with para 1.3 above, those who do not already have a FIAP Life Card will have to post a cheque for £50 payable to PAGB to me (at 34, Normanby Road, Northallerton, DL7 8RW) before they can be registered. In these cases the “Applications Package” will be sent once the cheque is received.

No registrations will be accepted after **31st January 2018**, regardless of any delay in notification of results, so please do not ask. No acceptances from salons with a 2018 FIAP Salon Number will be accepted, regardless of when those results are received. If you have not achieved your target by the above date, you must wait until the 2019 submission to apply.

- 2.2 Once you have received the “Applications Package”, complete the **whole** of the FIAP Dossier file as early as practicable and submit a copy of it to me by email for checking, but not until:-

Wednesday 15th November 2017

Once your Dossier file has been approved and sent back to you, you can complete your application fully. However, to enable my family to enjoy Christmas without piles of applications around the house, please do not forward completed applications until on or after:-

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

2.3 The closing date for fully completed applications to reach me is:-

Saturday 31st March 2018

NB:- This timetable ensures that, for anyone who is looking to follow on from an award gained in 2017, there will be the necessary 12 months gap between applications to apply for the next award in this submission.

3. AFIAP / EFIAP / EFIAP Levels - Applications Packages

3.1 To assist you, I have prepared “*Applications Packages*”, for the various awards. They contain all the information for completion of an application, including the FIAP Life Card where necessary.

3.2 The “Applications Package” contains a 3 page Excel FIAP Dossier File. You should use this document to prepare your submission. The guidance in the package covers all the problems that I can envisage.

3.3 If you still have queries, please contact me by email (*but not before 16/11/2017*) and I will try to resolve them. Please note that if the answer is already in the package or any of available downloads on the PAGB web site, any reply may simply refer you to those documents.

4. MFIAP Applications

4.1 Because the criteria, the method of assessment and the timetable for this award are totally different from all the other awards, the instructions differ from those for the other awards.

4.2 Applicants must have held EFIAP for at least 3 years from the date on their EFIAP Certificate. Additionally, if you have previously applied unsuccessfully for MFIAP then you must allow a further 3 years to elapse before you can re-apply. You will be required to produce a Portfolio of 20 prints that is essentially a project in itself. The requirements are somewhat arcane and the “Applications Package” for MFIAP is designed to assist you with the process.

4.3 If you feel that you might be interested in preparing work for an MFIAP Distinction contact me at the earliest stage, before starting on your entry. Contact me by email, with your full name, address including Post Code and telephone number, and I will forward you an “Applications Package”.

4.4 PLEASE NOTE:- Due to the nature of an MFIAP application I cannot advise you on the content or quality of the photographic part of your application. That is entirely down to you.

4.5 I would appreciate confirmation of whether you are going ahead with an application well in advance of its submission and I will try to assist wherever possible with preparation of the administrative side of your application. Simply contact me by email with any queries during the process.

4.6 You should aim to have your application completed and with me no later than:-

Friday 15th December 2017

Any later, because of the work load with other applications and the Festive season, I cannot promise to get it to FIAP in time.



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