

Programme for the 2019 Submission of Applications for FIAP Distinctions

1. Introduction

1.1 This document is for people who reside within the PAGB geographical area, are members of a PAGB club and are 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 clubs belonging to the Scottish PF or Welsh PF or to people residing in the geographical areas those federations, 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 **FIAP LIFE CARDS** - **There is a very substantial change to the process of obtaining FIAP Life Cards.**

FIAP requires anyone applying for a Distinction to hold a FIAP Photographer’s Life Card. But now this will have to be done by you, using the FIAP Platform. There is a charge of €50 plus postage and PayPal charges (*through which, without exception, payment has to be made*). To do this you must go to:-

www.myfiap.net/user/register/fp

When you open this web site page you will find that there is a video explaining the process in detail.

No FIAP Life Card possessed (*usually only applicants for AFIAP*) then you must obtain your FIAP Life Card before I can start processing your application. The number on the card **MUST** be on your Application Dossier File, so you need to obtain it before trying to register (*as below*). You can apply for one as early as you wish; whether or not you are intending to apply for a distinction.

Already have a FIAP Life Card - You need take **NO** action until after you have received your new distinction, usually early June each year. Then, if you wish (*not compulsory*), you can apply via the above link for an updated card, which will cost €25 plus postage and PayPal charges.

1.4 Can I please ask 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 14th November 2018 until **Thursday 31st January 2019**

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, **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU HAVE APPLIED BEFORE**, and 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 and subject to the next para, I will forward you an “Applications Package”.

In line with para 1.3 above, those who do not already have a FIAP Life Card will have to have obtained one from FIAP and confirm the card number to me before they can be registered.

No registrations will be accepted after **31st January 2019**, regardless of any delay in notification of results, so please do not ask. No acceptances from salons with a 2019 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 2020 submission to apply.

- 2.2 Once you have received the “Applications Package”, complete the **whole (ie all 3 sheets)** of the FIAP Dossier file as early as practicable and submit a copy of it to me by email for checking, but not until:-

Thursday 15th November 2018

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:-

Thursday 3rd January 2019

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

Friday 31st March 2019

NB:- This timetable ensures that, for anyone who is looking to follow on from an award gained in 2018, 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 30/11/2018*) 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:-

Saturday 15th December 2018

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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