

FIAP Bulletin for October 2023
and
FIAP Distinctions Notice for Applications in 2024

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FIAP Distinctions 2024

FIAP Distinctions are the honours offered by the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP). With the exception of the Master Photographer of FIAP Distinction, and Service to Photography Distinctions, these Distinctions all recognise achievements in international competitions (Salons/Exhibitions) that have run under FIAP Patronage. They are completely separate from APS Honours which are the recognition honours offered by the Australian Photographic Society. Both FIAP Distinctions and APS Honours can be sought but have different requirements and a different lodgement process. Unlike the APS Honours, all FIAP Distinctions applications from a country must be lodged all together just once per year. A country can choose when to do this lodgement but will usually maintain consistent timing between years to enable applicants to apply for subsequent levels in consecutive years and still meet the required 12 months between applications.

Applicants for FIAP Distinctions must apply via the FIAP Operational Member organisation in their own country unless they are living long term elsewhere. In Australia, the FIAP Operational Member is the Australian Photographic Society. The application preparation, verification and lodgement process is all done via the Australian Photographic Society but the final decision whether or not to award the Distinction rests with FIAP.

We are now on the early approach to the 2024 FIAP Distinctions application period. Those hoping to apply in 2024 should be checking if they meet the requirements for the relevant Distinction noting that these must be applied for in sequence without jumping any levels. There is still time to send entries to salons to cover requirements that you might not have yet met. Please remember that applications in 2024 see the resumption of the requirement for AFIAP and EFIAP applicants to have four photos and twelve photos respectively that have achieved a print acceptance. These two levels are cumulative so if you had print acceptances on your AFIAP application, these can also be shown and counted on your EFIAP application.

The Australian lodgement time for FIAP Distinctions commences on the 1st January 2024 and closes strictly on the 28th February 2024. The only exception to this is the MFIAP applications which are due sooner, on the 15th December 2023.

Below this FIAP Bulletin is the main Distinctions notice for the 2024 application round. Please read this carefully and please place yourself on the applicant register when you are fairly certain that you will be applying as per the information in the main notice. The link to register is in the notice but I have also provided it here:

<https://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/registration-document-downloads>

The application documents are currently being revised and will be online by the 10th November. The main FIAP document 011/2016 that lists the criteria for each level remains the same for 2024 applications.

MFIAP Distinctions Applications for 2024

Anyone planning to apply for MFIAP needs to contact me as soon as possible! My email address is at the top of this bulletin, otherwise you can message me via the contact page in the FIAP area of the APS website.

These applications must be lodged with me by the 15th December 2023. I need to discuss your application with you well before this date to help ensure your application is well prepared.

FIAP World Cup for Clubs

FIAP have released the entry information document for the 2023 World Cup for Clubs. This event is a massive worldwide interclub competition. It was the event that inspired the Australia Cup for Clubs that APS organise. Last year 224 clubs from 48 countries participated, a couple of which were Australian clubs. We have lots of clubs with many talented photographers. It would be great to see more Australian clubs competing in this event.

Any photo club can enter. The entry is open subject with NO requirement for coherence between images in a club's entry. It is simply your club's 20 best photos with a maximum of 2 per person. Photos that have been entered in this competition previously cannot be entered again and photographers can only represent one club. Photographers whose photos receives an "Acceptance" or an award in this event can count these towards their FIAP Distinctions. Clubs that are ILFIAP members can enter for free and gain points towards Club Distinctions.

The entry document has been uploaded to the FIAP area of the APS website on the "Other FIAP Docs and Forms" page, where you will also find the regulations document:

[https://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/other-fiap-documentation?category\[0\]=101&category_children=1](https://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/other-fiap-documentation?category[0]=101&category_children=1)

but you can go direct to the WCC Entry website here:

<https://fiapworldcup.fotogenius.es/fiapworldcup/2023/>

Entries close on 3rd December 2023

Please share this information with your clubs. Be part of this prestigious competition and, in the process, you will be helping your members gain their FIAP Distinctions.

FIAP Cards – Buy Before The Discount Ends

This is a reminder that the 50% discount that has applied to the purchase of a person's first FIAP Card during the pandemic period, ends on the last day of December 2023. This discount does not apply to the postage cost.

People planning to apply for FIAP Distinctions must hold a FIAP Card when they lodge their Distinctions application, and most people buy their card around the time they apply for their first FIAP Distinction. However, you also need to hold a FIAP Card if you plan to go to a FIAP Congress or FIAP Photo Meeting. Once you hold a FIAP Card the card is automatically replaced each time you get a new FIAP Distinction and shows the Distinction on the card.

I strongly recommend that people wishing to obtain a FIAP Card, either for the future or if they plan to apply for their first FIAP Distinction in Jan/Feb 2024, set up a myfiap account and purchase their card via that account asap.

Very occasionally, people who have registered for a myfiap account have had trouble with spam protection interfering with the notifications from the account they have set up, preventing them from receiving their FIAP Profile number (FP number) which is needed to login in the future. This can be resolved but can take time. I anticipate that there will be a large number of people worldwide setting up a myfiap account before the end of the year in order to purchase their card before the discount ends. So don't leave this to the final weeks of December when resolving any account set up issues might take a lot more than a week or two.

In the FIAP area of the APS website, there is a detailed information page about FIAP Photographer's Cards and how to order one. Here is the link:

<https://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/fiap-lifecard-myfiap-login>

FIAP Distinctions Presentations for 2023 and Talk by FIAP Patronage Director – Recording now available

The recording of this event is now available on the APS YouTube channel, and this is also embedded into the APS website such that you can watch this via this page:

<https://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/fiap-distinction-presentation-with-q-a>

Those present at this event, may like to watch and pause the recording in order to take screenshots of their own presentation.

The official FIAP presenter for this event was the FIAP Patronage Director, Romain Nero. He did a talk at the conclusion of the presentations about the Salon Patronage statistics and also talked about some of the changes coming in 2024. A question and answer time was then held. If you wish to fast forward to just Romain's talk, go to the 55 minute mark in the recording.

FIAP DISTINCTIONS APPLICATIONS FOR 2024

If you expect to apply for FIAP Distinctions 2024, you need to register!!

Important dates:

15th December 2023 – Closing date for MFIAP applications and FIAP Service Distinctions nominations.

1st January 2024 – AFIAP/EFIAP & EFIAP Levels Distinctions application lodgements commence. No earlier please.

28th February 2024 – Closing date for lodgement of AFIAP/EFIAP & EFIAP Levels Distinctions applications

1st April 2024 – date on the 2023 Distinctions certificate – this is important for those who applied for EFIAP or EFIAP/p in 2023 and intend to apply for their next level in 2024.

Registration for Distinctions

ALL those intending to apply for FIAP Distinctions in 2024, please register via the form on the APS website asap:
<https://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/registration-document-downloads>

Registration does not commit you to proceeding but ensures you are on the APS FIAP Liaison Officer's mail list of likely applicants. Registered applicants will receive important updates and reminders. They will also be contacted if their application hasn't arrived. This register does NOT get carried between years so applicants who registered for 2023 or earlier will need to re register if applying in 2024. Those who do not register can still apply but run the risk of missing important information that may result in their application not meeting requirements. Please only register once. You will receive an automated confirmation email. A follow up information email will be sent by the FIAP Liaison Officer for the APS at a later date.

Anyone intending to apply for MFIAP is asked to contact me urgently as applications are due by 15th December.

Information Documents and Application Forms

The proposed new FIAP Distinctions requirements announced by FIAP in January 2021, DO NOT apply.

The existing regulations document 011/2016 applies in full for 2024, except for MFIAP applicants.

- **AFIAP and EFIAP applicants ARE required to have a specified number of photos with print acceptances.**
- **MFIAP applicants for 2024 send their portfolios as digital files, not prints.**

The final 2024 documents will be progressively uploaded to the website and will all be available by the 10th November, at which stage the 2024 year will be shown at the top of the downloads page. If you have registered already, or just wish to obtain the documents, use the blue link near the top of the registration page to bypass registering and proceed to the documents download page. Only the following documents will be different to those from 2023

- FE1 – Guidelines for Australian Applicants is being revised,
- the example forms have been improved
- there is a new document for past submitted photos (have option to use your own version).

New Document - Past Submitted Photos List

There is a new APS requirement commencing as of FIAP Distinctions applications in 2024!

All applicants for EFIAP Distinctions and above are now asked to collate a list on a single document of the 5-7 photos they submitted to FIAP with all their previous applications. These are the photos that were listed on page A of your applications; the 5-7 photos which you actually sent as a photo file to FIAP when you sent each application (not all the titles listed in your results on page C).

This list must note each photo's exact title, the year and the Distinction level for which they were submitted to FIAP. It must also include a small picture of this photo, approximately 4cm high. This can be a document you create yourself or you may use the template that will be provided in the documents download page. Once you have established this photo list, it is a simple matter to update it each year you apply.

This document is to be sent directly to the FIAP Liaison Officer (FLO) when you send your photos and scan of your signed form. It is not a document that is sent to FIAP. It is a new administrative tool to help the FLO ensure the photos you are submitting in 2024 are not the same or similar to those you have previously submitted to FIAP and thus it will help ensure applications don't fail. When your 2024 application has been finalised, update this document with the 2024 photos you have submitted so it is ready for your next application.

It is recommended that AFIAP applicants commence this record document when their 2024 application has been finalised so that they too have it ready to go with their next application.

Fee Reduction for FIAP Cards Ends 31st December 2023

The fee reductions FIAP provided for Distinctions and the purchase of a person's first FIAP Card, to assist photographers worldwide during the pandemic, end at the conclusion of 2023.

Your Distinction application fees for 2024 will be automatically charged at the correct price on the APS website (DO NOT pay your Distinctions application fees until after 1st January 2024 and preferably not until your application has been lodged and checked). This cannot be paid ahead. It must be paid as per the 2024 price.

A person's first FIAP Card, however, can be purchased at any time. AFIAP applicants need to have a FIAP Card when they apply for their Distinction. AFIAP applicants are strongly advised to purchase their cards in 2023 to take advantage of the 50% discount before this discount finishes at the end of 2023.

- Purchase of a person's first FIAP Photographers Card was reduced during the pandemic from 50 to 25 Euros (plus postage). This discount concludes at the end of 2023.

The FIAP cards are purchased direct from FIAP. You need to set up a myfiap account to which you login. Within your myfiap account, you order and pay for your card.

AFIAP applicants, DO NOT leave this till the last minute as sometimes there are problems with emails from your myfiap account being caught in spam protection, which means you are unable to progress with your card purchase until it can be rectified. This can take weeks to resolve and there will be a high demand with many people setting up myfiap accounts and ordering cards before the end of this year. I recommend you set up your myfiap account and purchase your first FIAP card before the end of November!!

The FIAP Distinctions application fees are paid via APS, together with an admin fee AFTER the 1st Jan and ideally after your application has been finalised by the FIAP Liaison Officer when your eligibility to apply is confirmed.

MYFIAP Account

All applicants for FIAP Skill Distinctions must have a myfiap account. This is done once and retained for life. Your myfiap account can be set up at any stage. First time FIAP Distinctions applicants, applying for AFIAP will need to also purchase a FIAP Photographers Card. See further details on the APS website or in document FEA1.

<https://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/fiap-lifecard-myfiap-login>

Where Application Items Must Be Sent

****Other than AFIAP applicants ordering their FIAP Photographers Card, it is essential that applicants DO NOT send any Distinctions application items or fees direct to FIAP!! All other items, and fees, are processed and sent to FIAP by the APS.**

In section 2 of the main applicant guidelines document, FEA1, there is a step by step lodgement process that clearly indicates what to send where. Please follow those instructions in the sequence indicated.

Address for the Signed Page B of the Application Form that is lodged via post:

Bronwen Casey
73 Morey Rd,
Beaumaris, Vic, 3193

Questions

All questions regarding FIAP Distinctions should be directed to Bronwen Casey, the FIAP Liaison Officer for APS, via:

Email: flo@a-p-s.org.au

Ph (03) 9589-1914

Please carefully read the documents first as the answers to most of the commonly asked questions can be found there.

Important Links

FIAP website: <https://www.fiap.net/en>

List of Salons with FIAP Patronage: <https://www.myfiap.net/patronages>

FIAP area of the APS website: <https://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/about-fiap>