

Frequently asked questions on Media Accreditation Process

1. How can one apply for PIB accreditation?

Applicants are required to fill an online form and submit documents as may be specified from time to time.

Link: <https://accreditation.pib.gov.in/>

2. Can someone residing outside Delhi and vicinity apply for accreditation?

No, accreditation is granted only to those media-persons who reside in Delhi/vicinity (Noida, Greater Noida, Faridabad, Bahadurgarh, Gaziabad or Gurugram).

3. What is the duration of accreditation granted?

Accreditation is granted for a period of one calendar year.

4. Who is a working journalist as per Central Media Accreditation Guidelines (CMAG 2022)?

As per CMAG 2022, 'Working Journalist' means a working journalist as defined in the Occupational, Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code 2020 engaged in news gathering/news bureau of a news organisation.

- Correspondent/Cameraperson: 5 years' experience as a full-time working journalist

- Freelance: 15 years' experience as full-time journalist
- Foreign Journalist (Correspondent/Cameraperson): 5 years' experience as a full-time working journalist with valid J-Visa

5. What are the eligibility conditions for freelance working journalist?

Freelance working journalist, who are not employed by any news media organization must meet the following eligibility conditions:

- Minimum 15 years of professional experience as full-time working journalist/cameraman in news organization **AND**
- Held PIB card for at least 5 years.

6. Who is responsible for laying down the procedure to apply for accreditation?

The Principal DG, PIB (Principal Director General, Press Information Bureau) is responsible for laying down the procedure to apply for accreditation.

7. Can PIB request additional information or documents during the accreditation process?

Yes, PIB reserves the right to request any additional information and documents they deem necessary to ensure the credibility and authenticity of the information provided in the application. An email and SMS regarding the same will be sent to the applicant.

8. When can PIB call for additional information and documents?

PIB may request additional information and documents at any stage before granting accreditation or during the process of renewing accreditation.

Eligibility Conditions for Veteran Journalists

9. What are the eligibility conditions for Veteran Journalist?

Accreditation card under this category will be given to a freelance journalist subject to the following conditions:

- a) Attained the age of 65 years and
- b) Working journalist for at least 30 years and
- c) Publicly acclaimed distinguished career as a journalist

Eligibility Conditions for Digital News Publisher

10. What are the eligibility conditions for granting accreditation as a Digital News Publisher?

Accreditation card under this category will be given subject to the following conditions:

1. News publishers must provide required information to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting under Rule 18 of the IT Rules, 2021.
2. The website must be at least one year old and continuously operational under the same name for a minimum of one year. The domain name should be registered for the next two years.
3. The website's average monthly unique visitor* count of the last six months should be reported and certified by CAO-approved/empanelled auditors.
4. Journalists must have a minimum of 5 years' experience in media organizations and be appointed by the digital news publisher for full-time news content creation.
5. The website should have a registered office in India, with correspondents based in Delhi/NCR. The Editor of the news portal should be an Indian national.

Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and for further information, you can refer to Schedule I (Point E) of CMAG 2022.

***To be eligible for 01 accreditation, a minimum of 10 lakh unique visitors per month for the last 6 months is required.**

Tracking Status of Application online

11. How can the applicant track their application?

The applicant can easily track their application by logging into their account on the accreditation website.

Link: <https://accreditation.pib.gov.in/newcode/statusid.aspx>

Renewal Process

12. What is the Renewal process for PIB Card holders?

All the card holders will have to apply for online renewal of the PIB card annually (usually in the month of Oct-Nov), and the renewal application will be considered in accordance with the extant Guidelines.

As decided by CMAC in its 7th Meeting, during annual renewal, the Veteran journalists should furnish any of the following as proof of their continued active journalistic work being done during the year:-

- i. Atleast 10 byline clippings
- ii. If writing Book, copy of the agreement from the book publisher
- iii. If active member of policy think tank, submit copy of analysis/contract letter/report alongwith paper written during the period.
- iv. If on an advisory role in news organisation, certified copy from editor in chief of the organisation.
- v. If associated with Media/Journalism education as Guest lecturer etc., it must be supported with proper certificate from the concerned.

Loss/ Damage of Card

13. Which documents have to be submitted for issuance of duplicate PIB card due to loss/damage of card?

Cardholder must submit the following documents for a duplicate card:

- Copy of Police report/FIR
- Challan of Rs. 50 deposited with SBI, North Block, New Delhi
- Written Request for replacing the lost/damaged card

ADVISORY: PIB must be informed immediately if the card has been lost.

Suspension/Withdrawn of Card

14. What are the conditions under which accreditation is liable to be suspended/withdrawn?

The accreditation is liable to be suspended/withdrawn as per clause 6.8 of Central Media Accreditation Guidelines (CMAG 2022).

Link:

<https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/userfiles/file/CentralMediaAccreditationGuidelines2022.pdf.PDFNA9X.PDF>
