

RENEWAL- 2027 (FAQs and Documents Required)

1. WHO CAN APPLY FOR RENEWAL OF PIB ACCREDITATION CARD?

All journalists holding valid PIB card for the year 2026 are eligible to apply for renewal of PIB Card, 2027.

2. WHAT ARE THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE UPLOADED?

Mandatory for journalists of all categories:-

- i. All journalists working in organisations are required to upload self-attested copy of recommendation letter of the Editor of the organization duly signed, dated and stamped.
- ii. All journalists are required to upload valid present residential address proof.

The following documents are also required to be uploaded compulsorily: -

For Print Media :

- 1) Submission of latest Circulation Certificate issued by RNI/ABC.
- 2) Submission of Latest Annual Statement filed with RNI (for the period ending March 2026).
- 3) Organisations having circulation between 10000 to 25000 are required to submit circulation certificate issued by CAG/RNI empanelled Chartered Accountant.

For Electronic Media:

- 1) Submission of latest Uplinking/Downlinking permission from M/o I&B.
- 2) Submission of latest Uplinking/Downlinking Renewal permission fee payment receipt issued by M/o I&B.

For Print/Electronic Media Agencies :

List of subscribers certified by the Head of the organisation .

For Digital Media:

- i. Website's average monthly unique visitor count of the last six months duly certified by the CAG approved/ empanelled auditors.
- ii. Domain registration details showing validity of the website.
- iii. Proof of editor being an Indian national.

***** In case of Editors, if they are the authorised signatory of their organisation, then a self-recommendation letter can be uploaded duly signed, stamped and dated. *****

3. IS ONE RECOMMENDATION PER JOURNALIST ESSENTIAL FROM THE ORGANISATION?

No. The Editor can send a combined letter for all the journalists working in the organisation whose card is proposed to be renewed.

Individual journalists can upload combined letter by manually ticking the name on the list for easy identification.

4. WHAT ARE THE DOCUMENTS A FREELANCE JOURNALIST IS EXPECTED TO UPLOAD?

FREELANCE CORRESPONDENT/CAMERAPERSON:

Self-attested scanned copies of 20 news items of freelance work done during 2026 calendar year (articles/photographs/videos in case of TV journalists) with by-line credits and date/name of publication duly highlighted or the clickable links of their articles pasted on a word file. In case of photographers/cameraperson, the by-line/credit mentioning name must be clearly visible in the articles/photos/(videos in case of TV journalists) submitted. PIB may call for Original clippings (if needed for verification) so the applicants shall submit the same as and when requested.

Freelance journalist has to submit an Undertaking regarding employment details which is available in the online form.

The same may be downloaded, filled, signed and shall be uploaded online.

NOTE:

1. PIB reserves the right to call for any information/documents for verification.
2. This form is only for Renewal in existing organisation/category.
For any other changes in existing particulars, please go through the relevant form in the main accreditation menu.
3. All documents are to be self-attested and uploaded along with the online application form.
4. Applicants are requested to upload all the required documents while filling the online application form to avoid delay.
