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All new applications must be submitted to the FIAP representative of PHOTOSUISSE (by e-mail or post as defined at the end of the document) **by 31 August** of the calendar year. Only PHOTOSUISSE members can submit via PHOTOSUISSE applications for FIAP awards.

Important changes since 2019 at a glance:

- All photographic works must now be submitted via swisstransfer to info@stilakademie.art and not via CD.
- The fees for the individual FIAP levels increased.
- The exact designation of folders and photographic works in the electronic transmission must be followed.

Requirements for FIAP awards AFIAP, EFIAP, EFIAP levels and MFIAP

The following conditions are minimum requirements. You can of course specify more successes. For all applications, only the currently valid conditions - see above version - must be taken into account. Please make sure that you fulfil the following conditions before completing and submitting applications for FIAP awards. **The following applies to all applications: only acceptances at international salons with FIAP patronage are valid. Always indicate the patronage number in the corresponding column of the application!** Furthermore, FIAP requires the possession of a **FIAP Lifecard** (photographer's card), the number of which must be stated on Form A. The fee for this card is **50 EUR**. The card can be ordered directly on the myfiap platform. Details can be found at <http://online.flipbuilder.com/tklq/znbv/mobile/index.html> (FIAP Official Book, page 56).

AFIAP - Artist FIAP

- > At least 1 year of successful participation in international salons with FIAP patronage. The first acceptance at a FIAP Salon must be at least 1 year ago. The date of the first acceptance is decisive.
- > Participation in at least **15 international salons** with FIAP patronage in at least **8 different countries**. **Please note: a circuit corresponds to a single salon.** Proof of at least **40 acceptances** with at least **15 different artworks** for international salons with FIAP patronage. Of these 15 works, at least 4 different works must have been accepted in print salons. In addition, at least 5 different works must each have received 3 or more acceptances recognised by FIAP.
- > Possession of the FIAP photographer card (Lifecard, see before).

Documents to be submitted:

- > Application form completed in full, signed and printed out once (sheets A, B and C) and sent as an Excel file (download AFIAP_EFIAP.xls from <https://photosuisse.net/en/download/>) via www.swisstransfer.ch.
- > The payment of **70 EUR** will be made by PHOTOSUISSE and subsequently invoiced to the applicant in CHF.
- > Alphabetical list with proof of the required 40 acceptances including 4 print acceptances (Form C).
- > A digital portrait photo of the author, approx. 4x6 to max. 13x 18 cm in size (300 dpi, JPG).
- > 5 of the applicant's photographic works that have achieved at least 3 acceptances (b/w photos, colour photos, or mixed) must be listed on the application form (page A below) and also sent as a file via www.swisstransfer.ch.
- > A DIN A4 contact sheet print of the 5 selected works for the PHOTOSUISSE archive.

File size (important):

The photographic works must be submitted in the following format: JPEG format, compression 10, at least 3600 pixels for the largest dimension.

All files must be transmitted in the following structure:

Folder name	Filename	Folder content
Application Forms	FIAPDistinction + lower hyphen + UN Code of PhotoSuisse ^a + lower hyphen + first name + lower hyphen + family name + .xlsx Example: AFIAP_756_Hans_Muster.xlsx	Excel application file
Submitted Photos	UN Code of PhotoSuisse + lower hyphen + first name + lower hyphen + family name + lower hyphen + title of the photo + .jpg Example: 756_Hans_Muster_Fairy world.jpg	JPG files of the 5 photographic works used for the FIAP award
Scans A und B	UN Code of PhotoSuisse + lower hyphen + first name + lower hyphen + family name + lower hyphen + application form + .jpg Example: 756_Hans_Muster_DossierA.jpg	Scans of the signed application form pages A and B
Miscellaneous	UN Code of PhotoSuisse + lower hyphen + first name + lower hyphen + family name + lower hyphen + type of document + .jpg Example: 756_Hans_Muster_Driving license.jpg	Scans of e.g. catalogue pages, confirmation of residence or driving licence (if required)

^a the UN Code of PHOTOSUISSE is 756

Every applicant who is awarded the 'AFIAP' distinction receives a certificate and an enamelled badge in green.

EFIAP - Excellence FIAP

- > At least 1 year as holder of the AFIAP distinction (the date of issue of the certificate is decisive) with further successful participation in national and international competitions.
- > Successful participation in at least **30 international salons** with FIAP patronage in at least **20 different countries**.
Here too, circuits correspond to a single salon.
- > Proof of at least **250 acceptances** with at least **50 different photographic works** at international salons with FIAP patronage. The 250 acceptances include the 40 acceptances and 15 works for the AFIAP award.
Of these 50 different photographic works, at least **12 different works** must have been accepted in print salons. In addition, at least 5 different works must each have received 3 acceptances recognised by FIAP and at least 2 of these must have been awarded prizes in two different countries. These 5 works must be different from the 5 that have already been submitted for the AFIAP award.
- > Possession of the FIAP photographer's card (Lifecard, see before).

Documents to be submitted:

- > Application form completed in full, printed out once and signed in the original (sheets A, B and C) and sent as an Excel file (download AFIAP_EFIAP.xls from <https://photosuisse.net/en/download/>) via www.swisstransfer.ch.
- > The payment of **70 EUR** will be made by PHOTOSUISSE and subsequently invoiced to the applicant in CHF.
- > Alphabetical list with proof of the required 250 acceptances incl. 12 print acceptances (sheet C).

- > 5 of the applicant's photographic works that have achieved at least 3 acceptances and of which at least 2 have been awarded prizes in two different countries (black and white photos, colour photos, or mixed) must be listed on the application form (page A below) and also submitted as a file via www.swisstransfer.ch.
Please note: These 5 works must be different from those already submitted for the AFIAP application.
- > One A4 contact sheet print of the 5 selected works for the PHOTOSUISSE archive.

File size:

The photographic works must be submitted in the following format: JPEG format, compression 10, at least 3600 pixels for the largest dimension.

All files must be transmitted in the following structure:

Folder name	Filename	Folder content
Application Forms	FIAPDistinction + lower hyphen + UN Code of PhotoSuisse ^a + lower hyphen + first name + lower hyphen + family name + .xlsx Example: EFIAP_756_Hans_Muster.xlsx	Excel application file
Submitted Photos	UN Code of PhotoSuisse + lower hyphen + first name + lower hyphen + family name + lower hyphen + title of the photo + .jpg Example: 756_Hans_Muster_Fairy world.jpg	JPG files of the 5 photographic works used for the FIAP award
Scans A und B	UN Code of PhotoSuisse + lower hyphen + first name + lower hyphen + family name + lower hyphen + application form + .jpg Example: 756_Hans_Muster_DossierA.jpg	Scans of the signed application form pages A and B
Miscellaneous	UN Code of PhotoSuisse + lower hyphen + first name + lower hyphen + family name + lower hyphen + type of document + .jpg Example: 756_Hans_Muster_Driving license.jpg	Scans of e.g. catalogue pages, confirmation of residence or driving licence (if required)

Every applicant who is awarded the 'EFIAP' distinction receives a certificate and an enamelled badge in red.

EFIAP Levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum)

As a further incentive for holders of the EFIAP award, there are EFIAP levels that you can achieve under the following conditions. Acceptances and image titles are counted from the year after you were awarded the EFIAP title - so you start again from zero for the EFIAP levels.

- > At least one year holder of the EFIAP title of the previous level.
- > Since being awarded the EFIAP title, the following acceptances in international salons with FIAP patronage:

Bronze: 200 acceptances with at least 50 different works in at least 5 different countries
 Silver: 300 acceptances with at least 100 different works in at least 10 different countries
 Gold: 500 acceptances with at least 150 different works in at least 15 different countries
 Platinum: 700 acceptances with at least 250 different works in at least 20 different countries.

- > A certain number of works must also have received a minimum number of awards depending on the level (as listed below under 'Documents to be submitted').

Documents to be submitted:

- > Application form completed in full, signed and printed out once (sheets A, B and C) and sent as an Excel file (download EFIAP_Stufen.xls from <https://photosuisse.net/en/download/>) via www.swisstransfer.ch.
- > The payment of **70 EUR** will be made by PHOTOSUISSE and subsequently invoiced to the applicant in CHF.
- > Alphabetical list with proof of the required assumptions (Form C).
- > The following **new works** must be listed at the bottom of sheet A and must be submitted as files via www.swisstransfer.ch and as a printed contact sheet (conditions as for AFIAP/EFIAP):

Bronze: 4 new photos, awarded in 4 different countries and 4 different salons
 Silver: 5 new photos, awarded in 5 different countries and 5 different salons
 Gold: 6 new photos, awarded in 6 different countries and 6 different salons
 Platinum: 7 new photos, awarded in 7 different countries and 7 different salons.

File size:

The photographic works must be submitted in the following format: JPEG format, compression 10, at least 3600 pixels for the largest dimension.

All files must be transmitted in the following structure:

Folder name	Filename	Folder content
Application Forms	FIAPDistinction + lower hyphen + UN Code of PhotoSuisse ^a + lower hyphen + first name + lower hyphen + family name + .xlsx Example: EFIAP-b_756_Hans_Muster.xlsx	Excel application file
Submitted Photos	UN Code of PhotoSuisse + lower hyphen + first name + lower hyphen + family name + lower hyphen + title of the photo + .jpg Example: 756_Hans_Muster_Fairy world.jpg	JPG files of the 5 photographic works used for the FIAP award
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An application for an EFIAP level can only be made once per year; the individual levels can only be awarded in the above-mentioned order.

The EFIAP levels and the MFIAP title can be applied for simultaneously. An author who holds both titles can add both to his/her name. A holder of the MFIAP title may also apply for the EFIAP levels.

Each applicant who is awarded an 'EFIAP level' as a distinction receives a certificate and a red enamelled badge with an appropriate identification suffix for the different levels: Bronze for EFIAP/b, Silver for EFIAP/s, Gold for EFIAP/g and Platinum for EFIAP/p.

EFIAP Levels (Diamond 1, Diamond 2, Diamond 3)

From 2015 on, three new levels will be introduced for all holders of the EFIAP/p award under the following conditions:

> At least one year holder of the EFIAP/p award.

> **Altogether** at least the following **awards (certificates, medals)** in international salons with FIAP patronage:

EFIAP/d1: 50 awards with at least 15 different works in 5 different countries

EFIAP/d2: 100 awards with at least 30 different works in 7 different countries

EFIAP/d3: 200 awards with at least 50 different works in 10 different countries

Documents to be submitted:

- > Application form completed in full, printed and signed once (sheets A, B and C) and sent as an Excel file (download EFIAP_Stufen.xls from <https://photosuisse.net/en/download/>) via www.swisstransfer.ch.
- > The payment of **70 EUR** will be made by PHOTOSUISSE and subsequently invoiced to the applicant in CHF
- > Alphabetical list with proof of the required awards (Form C).
- > The following new works must be submitted as files via www.swisstransfer.ch and as contact sheets (conditions as for AFIAP/EFIAP, see above):

EFIAP Diamond 1: 5 photos awarded in 5 different countries and different salons

EFIAP Diamond 2: 6 photos awarded in 6 different countries and different salons

EFIAP Diamond 3: 7 photos awarded in 7 different countries and different salons

Every applicant who is awarded an '**EFIAP Diamond Level**' will receive a certificate and a newly created badge.

MFIAP - Master FIAP

The 'Master FIAP' (MFIAP) award is given to a photographic artist to recognise their entire body of work in the field of artistic photography.

It is the third level after the AFIAP and EFIAP awards, which are awarded by FIAP for photographic achievements. The candidate must have held the EFIAP award for at least 3 years; the date of issue of the certificate is decisive.

Documents to be submitted:

- > The applicant's complete curriculum vitae on the forms prescribed by FIAP (download MFIAP.xls from <https://photosuisse.net/en/download/>).
The text must be written in an official FIAP language (French, English).
- > A portfolio of 20 photographic works numbered consecutively from 1 to 20 (black and white or colour photos). The format (including any mounting) should be 30 x 40 cm. A standardised presentation as a 'portfolio' is mandatory.
The total weight of the portfolio must not exceed 2 kg.
This collection should be coherent and homogeneous in terms of design, execution and presentation.
Printable files (JPG, 300 dpi, approx. 30 x 40 cm) of the collection via www.swisstransfer.ch.
- > An accompanying text that defines the theme and the creative concepts of the author. This text must also be written in an official FIAP language.
- > A payment of **120 EUR** will be made by PHOTOSUISSE and subsequently invoiced to the applicant in CHF.

Applications are reviewed by the FIAP Presidium at the board meetings in spring. The FIAP Presidium may call on the assistance of qualified persons.

The Presidium decides on the awarding of the MFIAP award by majority vote.

If the MFIAP award is not granted, the candidate will receive a written notification with reasons.

If the candidate's works are accepted, the portfolio becomes the property of FIAP. The collections of MFIAP authors may be used for FIAP exhibitions or other photographic activities in favour of FIAP.

Accepted MFIAP candidates whose image collections consist of digital images must provide FIAP with the electronic files that will enable it to reprint the damaged works in their original quality if necessary. It must be possible to edit these files with the image editing programme 'Photoshop'.

Every author who is awarded the '**MFIAP**' distinction receives a certificate and an enamelled yellow badge.

Submission of all documents

All documents for the different FIAP distinctions as outlined before should be sent to the PHOTOSUISSE representative for FIAP matters by 31 August of the respective year at the latest:

Miriam Bennouna
FIAP Liaison Officier
Baronweg 36
4710 Balsthal

E-mail for the transmission via Swisstransfer: info@stilakademie.art

FIAP Distinction Service

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FIAP Director of the Distinctions Service

Lodgement of Files for FIAP Distinctions Applications

Applicants Please Note!!

Applicants DO NOT lodge their applications directly with FIAP. Applicants must apply via the relevant FIAP affiliated organisation within their own country and should contact the FIAP Liaison Officer in that country to obtain the relevant documents, dates and procedures.

A list of FIAP Liaison Officers and their contact details can be found on the FIAP website:

<https://www.fiap.net/en/members/operational-members>

Sorting and Sending Files to FIAP Distinctions Service

The applicant files must all be sent by WeTransfer to the FIAP Distinctions Service by the relevant FIAP Liaison Officer in each country. See Practical Info document 160/2020.

FIAP Liaison Officers should place the files in 4 folders named as below, NOT in folders per applicant. Example: Submitted photos for all applicants will be in a single folder together.

For FIAP Distinctions please name the folders and files as shown in table below:



Freddy Van Gilbergen



Folder Name	File Names	Folder Contents
Application Forms	Distinction sought + underscore + UN Code of the Federation (or ILFIAP number) + underscore + Given name + underscore + surname + .xls Example: EFIAPgold_056_Bart_Peeters.xls	Excel application forms
Submitted Photos	UN Code of the Federation (or ILFIAP number) + underscore + Given name + underscore + surname + underscore + Title of the work + .jpg Example: 056_Bart_Peeters_Sunrise Over Hill.jpg	JPG files of the photos being submitted to FIAP with the application
Scans A and B	UN Code of the Federation (or ILFIAP number) + underscore + Given name + underscore + surname + underscore + Dossier name + .jpg Example: 056_Bart_Peeters_Dossier A.jpg	Scans of the signed Dossier pages A and B from the application forms
Miscellaneous	UN Code of the Federation (or ILFIAP number) + underscore + Given name + underscore + surname + underscore + document name + .jpg (or pdf) Example: 056_Bart_Peeters_Drivers license.jpg	Scans of catalogue pages from old catalogues. Proof of residency in the country of lodgement for non-citizens.