

## Distinctions of cat. A

(collect acceptances and awards in FIAP salons)

Starting point can be either  
NFIAP or AFIAP

1 year interval  
between each step

NFIAP\*  
AFIAP  
EFIAP  
EFIAP/bronze  
EFIAP/silver  
EFIAP/gold  
EFIAP/platinum  
EFIAP/diamond 1  
EFIAP/diamond 2  
EFIAP/diamond 3  
EFIAP/diamond 4  
EFIAP/diamond 5  
EFIAP/diamond 6  
EFIAP/diamond 7  
EFIAP/diamond 8

Apply by filling out form and  
transmitting to FIAP liaison officer  
(find a current list of LO's [here](#))  
Have you got your  
FIAP Photographer number yet?  
(find the link to apply for your  
FIAP LIFE CARD  
[here](#) (before taking the FLC be sure  
to be in line with  
national requirements)

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## MFIAP

(after having achieved EFIAP/platinum)



Distinctions of cat. B  
(for MFIAP: presentation of a 20 pictures portfolio)

Apply by uploading  
portfolio(s) here.  
Have you got your  
FIAP Photographer number yet?  
(find the link to apply for your  
FIAP LIFE CARD  
[here](#) (before taking the FLC  
be sure to be in line with  
national requirements)  
(FIAP liaison Officer  
will approve online)

## GMFIAP

(automatically awarded when MFIAP and MPFIAP achieved)

## Distinctions of cat. C

(presentation of  
10 pictures portfolios)

1 year interval  
between each step

PFIAP  
PFIAP/bronze  
PFIAP/silver  
PFIAP/gold  
MPFIAP

\*free of charge, no acceptances or awards previous to 2025

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| Distinction | Acceptances<br>* | Countries<br>** | Works<br>*** |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| NFIAP       | 25               | 5               | 10           |
| AFIAP       | 75               | 15              | 20           |
| EFIAP       | 200              | 20              | 40           |
| EFIAP/b     | 400              | 25              | 80           |
| EFIAP/s     | 600              | 30              | 130          |
| EFIAP/g     | 900              | 35              | 200          |
| EFIAP/p     | 1200             | 40              | 300          |

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|          | Awards<br>* | Countries<br>** | Works<br>*** |
|----------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| EFIAP/d1 | 50          | 10              | 15           |
| EFIAP/d2 | 100         | 15              | 30           |
| EFIAP/d3 | 200         | 20              | 60           |
| EFIAP/d4 | 350         | 25              | 100          |
| EFIAP/d5 | 500         | 30              | 150          |
| EFIAP/d6 | 650         | 35              | 200          |
| EFIAP/d7 | 800         | 40              | 250          |
| EFIAP/d8 | 950         | 45              | 300          |

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Candidates must provide **five** photographic works ... :

for **NFIAP**: at least 2 acceptances in **3 different countries**,  
(the five provided pictures must have achieved 2 acceptances in 3 different countries and must be mentioned on page A of the application form)

Image 1 : 2 acceptances with 1 acceptance in **country A**

Image 2 : 2 acceptances with 1 acceptance in **country B**

Image 3 : 2 acceptances with 1 acceptance in **country C**

Image 4 : 2 acceptances with 1 acceptance in any country

Image 5 : 2 acceptances with 1 acceptance in any country

for **AFIAP** and **EFIAP**: at least 3 acceptances in **5 different countries**,  
(the five provided pictures must have achieved 3 acceptances in 5 different countries and must be mentioned on page A of the application form)

Image 1 : 3 acceptances with 1 acceptance in **Country A**

Image 2 : 3 acceptances with 1 acceptance in **Country B**

Image 3 : 3 acceptances with 1 acceptance in **Country C**

Image 4 : 3 acceptances with 1 acceptance in **Country D**

Image 5 : 3 acceptances with 1 acceptance in **Country E**



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| Distinction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Acceptances<br>* | Countries<br>** | Works<br>*** |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| NFIAP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 25               | 5               | 10           |
| AFIAP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 75               | 15              | 20           |
| EFIAP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 200              | 20              | 40           |
| EFIAP/b                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 400              | 25              | 80           |
| EFIAP/s                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 600              | 30              | 130          |
| EFIAP/g                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 900              | 35              | 200          |
| EFIAP/p                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1200             | 40              | 300          |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Awards<br>*      | Countries<br>** | Works<br>*** |
| EFIAP/d1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 50               | 10              | 15           |
| EFIAP/d2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 100              | 15              | 30           |
| EFIAP/d3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 200              | 20              | 60           |
| EFIAP/d4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 350              | 25              | 100          |
| EFIAP/d5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 500              | 30              | 150          |
| EFIAP/d6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 650              | 35              | 200          |
| EFIAP/d7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 800              | 40              | 250          |
| EFIAP/d8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 950              | 45              | 300          |

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for **EFIAP/b** to **EFIAP/p**: at least an award in **5 different countries**, (the five provided pictures must have achieved 1 award in 5 different countries) and must be mentioned on page A of the application form)

Image 1 : awarded in **Country A**

Image 2 : awarded in **Country B**

Image 3 : awarded in **Country C**

Image 4 : awarded in **Country D**

Image 5 : awarded in **Country E**

for **EFIAP/d1** to **EFIAP/d5**: at least 2 awards in **5 different countries**, (the five provided pictures must have achieved 2 awards in 5 different countries) and must be mentioned on page A of the application form)

Image 1 : twice awarded with 1 award in **Country A**

Image 2 : twice awarded with 1 award in **Country B**

Image 3 : twice awarded with 1 award in **Country C**

Image 4 : twice awarded with 1 award in **Country D**

Image 5 : twice awarded with 1 award in **Country E**

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| EFIAP/p     | 1200             | 40              | 300          |

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|          | Awards<br>* | Countries<br>** | Works<br>*** |
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| EFIAP/d2 | 100         | 15              | 30           |
| EFIAP/d3 | 200         | 20              | 60           |
| EFIAP/d4 | 350         | 25              | 100          |
| EFIAP/d5 | 500         | 30              | 150          |
| EFIAP/d6 | 650         | 35              | 200          |
| EFIAP/d7 | 800         | 40              | 250          |
| EFIAP/d8 | 950         | 45              | 300          |

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Candidates must provide **five** photographic works ... :

for **EFIAP/d6** to **EFIAP/d8** : at least 3 awards in **5 different countries**, (the five provided pictures must have achieved 3 awards in 5 different countries) and must be mentioned on page A of the application form)

Example:

Image 1 : three times awarded with 1 award in **Country A**

Image 2 : three times awarded with 1 award in **Country B**

Image 3 : three times awarded with 1 award in **Country C**

Image 4 : three times awarded with 1 award in **Country D**

Image 5 : three times awarded with 1 award in **Country E**

The corresponding acceptances/awards must be listed on page A of the application form.



## Portfolio FIAP - PFIAP

| Distinction | Portfolios <small>noncumulative</small> |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------|
| PFIAP       | 1 portfolio of 10 images                |
| PFIAP/b     | 2 portfolios of 10 images each          |
| PFIAP/s     | 3 portfolios of 10 images each          |
| PFIAP/g     | 4 portfolios of 10 images each          |
| MPFIAP      | 5 portfolios of 10 images each          |

- **Upload** by the  
15th January, by the  
15th May and by the  
15th October of each year.
- Approval is given online by the FIAP liaison officer.
- 15 participants maximum per country per distinction will be accepted on each of these 3 dates (applications of previous participants that were refused and that reapply are not included).

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- The Portfolios must have a **theme**. The title should briefly describe the theme and must be in English or French language. See examples of themes in FIAP DOC 047/2025.
- Images and themes submitted for the various Portfolios distinctions must be distinct from one another and not similar. They must have different titles. **Same or similar images cannot be used in different portfolios.**
- Pictures used for successful MFIAP portfolios cannot be used. Other pictures awarded in FIAP salons and used for distinctions (other than Portfolio distinctions) can be used.
- If a portfolio distinction is not accepted, the candidate may reapply for the specific theme that was not approved, during the next submission periods. A minor supplementary fee will apply. After one year of refusal, the initial complete fee must be paid again.
- The **date on the certificate** will reflect the most recent closing date used to finalize the selection.

**Q.1:** If someone starts with the free NFIAP title, will he need to pay the distinction fee when applying for AFIAP the following year?

**A.1:** Yes, AFIAP always requires a distinction fee, even if the person previously held NFIAP.

**Q.2:** Is the counting of acceptances for EFIAP levels (e.g., EFIAP/b) cumulative from AFIAP or NFIAP onwards, or does it restart at each level?

**A.2:** The counting is cumulative. Acceptances accumulate from AFIAP or NFIAP up to EFIAP/p.

**Note:**

Applicants must transfer the data from page C of their approved EFIAP application into their most recently approved EFIAP level application, merging the records. They should then add only the new acceptances and awards. A fresh count is required only when applying for the Diamond distinctions

**Q.3:** If a photograph “A” already had 9 acceptances before 2026, does that mean it can still receive up to 10 additional acceptances starting from 2026 (for a total of 19)? Or, if the photograph had already reached, for example, 15 acceptances before 2026, can a further 10 still be counted under the new rule?

**A.3:** As of 1st January 2026, once a photograph has reached the limit of 10 acceptances/awards, no further acceptances/awards for that image can be counted, regardless of how many it had before that date.

So if a photo had 9 acceptances before 2026, it still can have 1 not 10.

If a photo had 15 acceptances before 2026, it cannot have more (but the 15, as they have been achieved before 2026, can be accounted for in 2026 and later).

**Q.4:** Is the table showing the requirements for distinctions of category A (NFIAP – EFIAP/p) cumulative?

**A.4:** Yes.

**Q.5:** Are England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland considered one country or four separate ones?

**A.5:** They are counted as four separate countries.

**Note:**

This is due to the fact that these operational members — such as Malaysia Sabah and Malaysia Selangor — joined FIAP many years ago, at a time when no official national operational member existed in their respective countries. Since then, and in accordance with the old statutes, they have retained their status as independent operational members.

**Q.6:** With the new rules, can an applicant submit for MFIAP one year after achieving EFIAP/p? And in case of refusal, how many times can he reapply?

**A.6:** Yes, applicants can apply for MFIAP after obtaining EFIAP/p (no need to wait for a year). In case of refusal, they may reapply after one year — there is no limit to the number of attempts.

**Q.7:** Does the open access to portfolio distinctions allow individuals to bypass their national federation by submitting applications directly?

**A.7:** In a country with an Operational Member, applications for Portfolio distinctions have to be approved by the the respective FIAP liaison officer. This must happen in the 10 days following the closing date.

If no action is taken by the L.O. during these 10 days, the portfolio is automatically sent to FIAP.

In case of a refusal, a written justification must be provided. This will be reviewed by the FIAP Board.

In countries without an Operational Member, applicants can apply directly.

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**Q.8:** Is a FIAP Blue Pin relevant when evaluating distinction applications?

**A.8:** The FIAP Blue Pin is awarded to the best author of a salon, not for a specific photo. It does not count towards distinctions

**Q.9:** What is the fee charged for a Portfolio submission? What is the supplementary fee charged when the applicant reapplies for a specific theme that was not approved?

**A.9:**

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| PFIAP             | 70 euros  |
| PFIAP/b           | 70 euros  |
| PFIAP/s           | 80 euros  |
| PFIAP/g           | 90 euros  |
| MPFIAP            | 120 euros |
| Supplementary fee | 30 euros  |

**Q.10:** For distinctions of categories A and B, will there be a new form and where can it be downloaded?

**A.10:** Yes, there will be a new form in October 2025 (for applications starting in 2026). It can be downloaded from [fiap.net](http://fiap.net) and from each profile created on [myfiap.net](http://myfiap.net).

**Q.11:** Regarding portfolios, will the diplomas and pins be sent to the organization that approved the application? And if the national federation does not approve it, can an ILFIAP club handle the delivery on behalf of the individual?

**A.11:** Yes, diplomas and pins of Portfolio distinctions are sent to the Operational Member. ILFIAP clubs are not included in any part of the Portfolio distinction process.

**Note:**  
The regulations clearly state that the federation must always provide a justification for any refusal. If the FIAP Board considers the justification insufficient, further clarification will be requested directly from the Operational Member. Only in the exceptional case where the response is not satisfactory, the FIAP Board may authorize the applicant to proceed independently. In such cases, the diploma would be sent directly to the individual author.

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