

Regulation on Accreditation of Journalists Covering Gathering/Protests

- Introduction and Name**
1. a) This regulation is enacted under legislation 01/2013 (Freedom of Peaceful Assembly Act) Article 54.
b) This Regulation is titled “Regulation on Accreditation of Journalists Covering Gatherings/Protests”
- Objective**
2. a) Enable and ensure the freedom of media guaranteed in Article 28 of the Constitution and facilitate broader opportunities for journalists to operate while covering gatherings as per the Freedom of Peaceful Assembly Act.
b) Ensure the support and protection needed from the Security Forces for Journalists covering protest.
c) Enable equal opportunities to all media active in covering protests.
d) Formulate the policies to accredit journalists.
- Accredited Media**
3. a) Media organizations of the Maldives
b) International Media
c) Freelance Journalists
- Terms of Accreditation**
4. a) The media stated in Article 3 (a) of this regulation will be accredited as per the following terms;
 - 1) Submit the completed form in index 1 of this regulation when applying for accreditation.
 - 2) Submit the card to the Commission with the complete information of the persons requesting to be accredited; card must be as per the sample card provided in index 2 of this regulation.
 - 3) Newspapers and online news websites registered in the Maldives should present attested copy of registration when applying for accreditation.
 - b) International Media stated in Article 3 (b) of this regulation will be accredited as per the following terms;

- 1) Submit an official letter from the international media organization being represented by the media personnel requesting for accreditation.
- 2) Submit the completed application form as stated in index 1 of this regulation

c) Freelance Journalists stated under Article 3 (c) of this regulation will be accredited as per the following terms;

- 1) Submit the completed application form as stated in index 1 of this Regulation.
- 2) Submit the completed card as the sample given in index 2.
- 3) Submit a letter from a broadcast station, newspaper/magazine or news website registered in the Maldives stating that the applicant is a Freelance Journalist who is validated by their organization.

d) Accreditation will be provided within three (3) working days once all documents are submitted.

Accreditation Period

5. Under this regulation the accreditation period is determined as follows,
 - a) Media Organizations in the Maldives – One (1) year from the date of accreditation
 - b) International Media Organizations- Three (3) months from the date of accreditation
 - c) Freelance Journalists- Six (6) months from the date of accreditation

Guidelines for the Accredited Card

6.
 - a) Card must be printed on GSM 80 quality clear white paper.
 - b) Length of the card must be 5.9 inch and the breadth must be 4.1 inch.
 - c) As per the illustration in index 2 of this regulation, the maroon colour code of the card must be as follows;
R:142, G:24, B:27
 - d) The photograph in the card must be a recent passport size photo taken, which is not more than 3 months old.
 - e) Card must be laminated before use.

Benefits to the Accredited Journalists

7. Under this regulation journalists who are accredited will be ensured of the following benefits;
 - a) Special protection from the security forces

- b) Access provided to cover volatile situations
- c) Easy access to acquire information from security forces

Renewing and cancellation of Accreditation card

- 8. a) Card will be renewed as per the following terms;
 - 1. Upon Expiry
 - 2. Card being Lost
 - 3. Damaged to the extent information on the card is illegible.
 - 4. Card can be renewed free of charge twice during the accreditation period
 - 5. With the exception of Section a (4) of this Article, in any other situation the card will be renewed with a fine of Rufiyaa 500 (Five Hundred Rufiyaa)
- b) Card will be cancelled as per the following terms;
 - 1. Upon requested
 - 2. Confirmation of false information provided for accreditation to the Commission.
 - 3. Guilty verdict for a criminal offence after the issuance of the card
 - 4. When the registration or the license of a media organization is invalidated, to whom accreditation cards have been issued.

Meaning

- 9. Unless stated otherwise, the phrases stated below will denote the following meaning in this regulation.
 - a) **“Media Organizations in the Maldives”** Refers to the parties registered under the Regulation of Publishing Newspaper and Magazines or parties licensed for Broadcasting in the Maldives.
 - b) **“International Media Organizations”** Refers to organizations engaged in disseminating news and information outside of Maldives.
 - c) **“Freelance Journalists”** Refers to persons working in disseminating news and information without being attached to any particular news organization.
 - d) **“Access”** refers to opportunities provided to the journalists by the Security forces to operate in gathering news and information from an on-going protest site.

NOTE: This document is an UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION of the Regulation on Accreditation of Journalists Covering Gathering/Protest

Index 1



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PRESS ACCREDITATION APPLICATION

Form No: _____

Applicant's Information

1. Full Name: _____
2. Nationality: _____
3. National ID/PP No: _____
4. Current Address: _____
5. Local Tel No: _____
6. Email Address: _____

PP size
Photo

To be filled by foreigners only

7. Visa No: _____
8. Date of Arrival: _____
9. Date of Departure: _____
10. Purpose of visit: _____

Media Organisation/Affiliation

1. Organisation Name: _____
2. Organisation Type: Print Online TV Radio News Agency
(tick✓ the box)
3. Address: _____
4. Country: _____
5. Contact No: _____
6. Fax No: _____
7. Email Address: _____
8. Website: _____

For Freelance

1. Chosen Medium: Print- Online- Photo- Video/Audio-
(tick✓ the box)

Declaration

I hereby declare the above information as accurate.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Organisation Endorsement *Not applicable for freelance personnel*

Approved By:

1. Name: _____

2. Designation: _____

3. Signature: _____

4. Date: _____

Organisation Stamp
(applicable only for
persons applying
through organisation
category)

Note: Copy of ID card or Passport should be submitted with this form.

Official Use

1. Received By: _____ 2. Time: _____

3. Signature: _____ 4. Date: _____

Index 2

FRONT VIEW

5.9 inch

**ACCREDITED
PRESS**

LOCAL MEDIA

Photo
(PP size)

(NAME)
(National ID card number)
Accredited Date: day/month/year
Expiration Date : day/month/year

(Organization Name)

MALDIVES
BROADCASTING
COMMISSION'S
STAMP

Serial Number (SN):

4.1 inch

BACK VIEW

Organisation's Stamp
(applicable only for
persons applying
through organisation
category)

IF FOUND PLEASE RETURN TO
MALDIVES BROADCASTING COMMISSION

FRONT VIEW

5.9 inch

**ACCREDITED
PRESS**

Photo
(PP size)

(NAME)
(National ID card number)
Accredited Date: day/month/year
Expiration Date : day/month/year

FREELANCE MEDIA

MALDIVES
BROADCASTING
COMMISSION'S
STAMP

Serial Number (SN):

4.1 inch

BACK VIEW

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FRONT VIEW

5.9 inch

ACCREDITED
PRESS

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA

Photo
(PP size)

(NAME)
(Passport number)
Accredited Date: day/month/year
Expiration Date : day/month/year

(Organization Name)

MALDIVES
BROADCASTING
COMMISSION'S
STAMP

Serial Number (SN):

4.1 inch

BACK VIEW

SAMPLE

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