



Photographic Society of Sri Lanka

**PROPOSED
DISTINCTION PROGRAM
OF
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA**

The Distinction program of the Photographic Society of Sri Lanka (PSSL) aims to recognize the gradual progression of its members from achieving technical competence to the highest level of understanding that photography has a purpose to tell your own stories that inspire others.

PSSL Distinctions program is designed for its members and has 3 levels as follows.

1. Licentiate
2. Associate
3. Fellow

In both Licentiate and Associate levels, an applicant can select either digital submission of images for panel assessment or achievements at PSSL international competitions as a path to apply for the Distinction. However, for Fellow-level only a portfolio of images on a specific theme is accepted for a panel assessment.

Detailed requirements and guidelines of each level are given in the following document.



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PSSL DISTINCTIONS
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
LICENTIATE DISTINCTION

LICENTIATE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

The distinction “Licentiate of Photographic Society of Sri Lanka” is the first level of the distinctions. PSSL members who receive Licentiate Distinction are entitled to use the letters LPSSL after their name as long as they are in good standing.

On being awarded your Licentiate Distinction, you will receive a certificate under the seal of PSSL and a badge.

Applications for the Licentiate Distinction can be submitted only by a member of PSSL in good standing on the date of the application.

You can apply for the Licentiate Distinction either by submitting images for panel assessment or submitting evidence of your achievements at PSSL international photographic competitions.

Criteria of evaluation under panel assessment

At the Licentiate level, your images need to demonstrate the following

- a) Technical quality – Point of focus & depth of field, correct exposure, suitable sharpness for the subject matter, color management and proper post-processing
- b) Understanding of light and shade
- c) Composition and viewpoint
- d) Appropriate use of post-processing techniques
- e) Appropriate use of color or monochrome
- f) Communicating the intent through an appropriate point of interest, creativity and ability to capture the decisive moment when appropriate
- g) Variety of photographic skills and techniques used (submission of similar images to be avoided)

Mandatory requirements for panel assessment

- Applicant requires to submit 10 digital images, color, monochrome or mix of color and monochrome.
- Applicant must be the creator of all photographic elements of the submission.

- Applicant must own the copyright for all images and where appropriate have obtained the third party authorization/permission.
- The longest side of the image needs to be 4096 pixels wide for landscape orientation and 2400 pixels wide for portrait orientation. Images need to be on RGB mode in sRGB color space and saved as JPEG at the highest quality.
- All images need to be named using numbers from 01, 02, 03 to 10.
- The applicant's name or any other text should not be added to the image name or on the image.
- A duly completed application form and the digital images to be submitted with the payment confirmation.
- Must obtain at least three-fifth or greater number of votes for each image from the panel to be eligible for the Distinction.

Mandatory requirements for applications under achievements at PSSL international photographic competitions

- Need to obtain at least 20 acceptances at PSSL international competitions. An accurate and detailed list of acceptances needs to be provided in the format given. Inaccuracy of the information provided will lead to disqualification of the application.
- A duly completed application form to be submitted with accurate details of the acceptances and payment confirmation.



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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
ASSOCIATE DISTINCTION

ASSOCIATE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

The distinction “Associate of Photographic Society of Sri Lanka” is the second level of the distinctions. PSSL members who receive Associate Distinction are entitled to use the letters APSSL after their name as long as they are a member of PSSL in good standing.

On being awarded your Associate Distinction, a member will receive a certificate under the seal of PSSL and a badge.

Applications for the Associate Distinction can be submitted only by a member of PSSL in good standing on the date of the application. Members who hold LPSSL distinction can apply for Associate Distinction. There is no restriction for members to apply directly to the Associate Distinction if required guidelines can be fulfilled.

You can apply for the Associate Distinction either by submitting images for panel assessment or submitting evidence of your achievements at PSSL international photographic competitions.

Criteria of evaluation under panel assessment

At the Associate level, your images need to demonstrate the following, in addition to the criteria given for the Licentiate level.

- a) A high level of technical ability using techniques and photographic practices appropriate to the subject.
- b) An appropriate and high level of understanding of craft and Licentiateic presentation.

Mandatory requirements for panel assessment

- Applicant requires to submit 20 digital images, color, monochrome or mix of color and monochrome. Images submitted at the Licentiate level can not be submitted.
- Applicant must be the creator of all photographic elements of the submission.

- Applicant must own the copyright for all images and where appropriate have obtained the third party authorization/permission
- The longest side of the image needs to be 4096 pixels wide for landscape orientation and 2400 pixels wide for portrait orientation. Images need to be on RGB mode in sRGB color space and saved as JPEG at the highest quality.
- All images need to be named using numbers from 01, 02, 03 to 10.
- The applicant's name or any other text should not be added to the image name or on the image.
- A duly completed application form to be submitted with the digital images and payment confirmation
- Must obtain at least three-fifth or greater number of votes for each image from the panel to be eligible for the Distinction.

Mandatory requirements for applications under achievements at PSSL international photographic competitions

- Need to obtain at least 50 acceptances in a minimum of 5 PSSL international competitions. 20 acceptances submitted at the Licentiate level can be included to arrive at the required 50 acceptances. An accurate and detailed list of acceptances needs to be provided in the format given. Inaccuracy of the information provided will lead to disqualification of the application.
- A duly completed application form to be submitted with accurate details of the acceptances and payment confirmation.



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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
FELLOW DISTINCTION

FELLOW OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

The distinction “Fellow of Photographic Society of Sri Lanka” is the highest level of the distinctions and a significant step up from the Associate level. PSSL members in good standing, who receive Fellow Distinction are entitled to use the letters FPSSL after their name.

On being awarded your Fellow Distinction, you will receive a certificate under the seal of PSSL and a badge.

Applications for the Fellow Distinction can be submitted only by a member of PSSL in good standing on the date of the application. Applications can be submitted by any member who can fulfil the required criteria for the Fellow level. There is no requirement to complete the Licentiate and Associate levels to apply for the Fellow level.

You can apply for the Fellow Distinction only by submitting a portfolio of images for panel assessment.

Criteria of evaluation under panel assessment

At the Associate level, your portfolio of images needs to demonstrate the following,

- a) A distinctive and cohesive body of work that demonstrates the highest level of photographic skills, creativity, and personal interpretation.
- b) An appropriate and high level of understanding of craft and Licentiateic presentation.

Mandatory requirements for panel assessment

- The Applicant is required to submit 20 digital images, color, monochrome or mix of color and monochrome using a specific theme.
- An introductory text that describes the subject and the creative conception of the Applicant must accompany the submission. The number of words should not exceed 150 words and should not include technical information.

A word count must be included below the statement. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification and loss fees.

- Applicant must be the creator of all photographic elements of the submission.
- Applicant must own the copyright for all images and where appropriate have obtained the third-party authorization/permission
- The longest side of the image needs to be 4096 pixels wide for landscape orientation and 2400 pixels wide for portrait orientation. Images need to be on RGB mode in sRGB color space and saved as JPEG at the highest quality.
- All images need to be named using numbers from 01, 02, 03 to 10.
- The applicant's name or any other text should not be added to the image name or on the image.
- A duly completed application form to be submitted with the digital images and payment confirmation
- Must obtain at least four-fifth or greater number of votes for each image from the panel to be eligible for the Distinction.

General requirements/guidelines for all levels

1. All members of PSSL in good standing are eligible to apply for PSSL Distinctions. Member in good standing is referred to a member who has paid his/her membership subscription in full up to the current year.
2. Applications are accepted for every level twice a year with a deadline on 15th February midnight EST and 15th August midnight EST
3. Application forms and requirements for all levels are available to download on the PSSL website.
4. Application fees need to be paid before submitting the application and proof of payment to be submitted with the application. Application fees for each level are as follows. These rates are applicable for any reapplications/resubmissions as well.

Distinction level	Application fee for a Sri Lankan member	Application fee for a non-Sri Lankan member
Licentiate	Rs 5,000/-	USD 25
Associate	Rs 10,000/-	USD 50
Fellow	Rs 15,000/-	USD 75

5. Results of the panel assessments will be notified to all applicants within 14 days of the panel assessment
6. Non-successful applicants will be provided with feedback and can re-apply with a different set of images in the following due date or any other convenient date. If an applicant decides to resubmit the same set of images, he/she need to apply on the next available date.
7. PSSL has the right to use the images submitted on Society's website, social media, exhibitions, and publications. PSSL reserves the rights to publish the pictures without the payment of any fees to the authors.
8. The decision of the Society would be final, and no further correspondence would be entertained.