



PSSL

DISTINCTION PROGRAMME

It's more than a Distinction – it's a Legacy



INTRODUCTION

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

Detailed requirements and guidelines of each level are given below.



LICENTIATE OF

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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 by submitting images for panel assessment.

LICENTIATE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

Criteria of Evaluation

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

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

LICENTIATE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

Mandatory requirements for panel assessment

- Applicant requires to submit 10 digital images, either color or monochrome. Mixing color and monochrome images is not allowed.
- 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.

LICENTIATE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

Exemptions

- Holders of AFIAP Distinction offered by Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique (FIAP)
- Holders of QPSA Distinction offered by Photographic Society of America (PSA)
- Holders of Hermes Title offered by Global Photographic Union (GPU)



ASSOCIATE OF

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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 by submitting images for panel assessment

ASSOCIATE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

Criteria of Evaluation

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

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

ASSOCIATE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

Mandatory requirements for panel assessment

- Applicant requires to submit 15 digital images, either color or monochrome. Mixing color and monochrome images is not allowed and images submitted at the Licentiate level cannot 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 15.
- 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.

ASSOCIATE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

Exemptions

- Holders of EFIAP/d3 Distinction offered by Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique (FIAP)
- Holders of GMPSA Distinction offered by Photographic Society of America (PSA)
- Holders of Zeus Title offered by Global Photographic Union (GPU)



FELLOW OF

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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 Fellowship 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 Fellowship level.

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

FELLOW OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

Criteria of Evaluation

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

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

FELLOW OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

Mandatory requirements for panel assessment

- The Applicant is required to submit 20 digital images, either color or monochrome using a specific theme. Mixing color and monochrome images is not allowed.
- 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.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS/GUIDELINES FOR ALL LEVELS

- 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.
- Applications are accepted for every level twice a year with a deadline on 15th March midnight EST and 15th September midnight EST
- Application forms and requirements for all levels are available on the PSSL website <https://www.pssl.lk/>
- 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 25,000/-	USD 80
Associate	Rs 40,000/-	USD 125
Fellow	Rs 75,000/-	USD 225

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS/GUIDELINES FOR ALL LEVELS

- Results of the panel assessments will be notified to all applicants within 14 days of the panel assessment
- 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.
- 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.
- The decision of the Society would be final, and no further correspondence would be entertained.



HONORARY FELLOW OF

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HONORARY FELLOWSHIP



The Honorary Fellowship is the highest honor bestowed by the Society. It is awarded only to those members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty and had contributed significantly to the development of the Society and the photographic community or who had committed to the Society for a significant period.

A significant leadership role is highly favored for this Honor. The credentials for a Candidate will often show extensive photographic experience other than service rendered to the Society.

Candidates will also commonly have individual photographic achievements including distinctions that they have earned.

HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

- Each proposal requires 1 Proposer and 1 Secunder. The Proposer and Secunder must be active members in good standing. The Proposer must know the Candidate personally through close association.
- The Proposer has the responsibility of obtaining the Secunder.
- The Proposer and the Secunder must carefully weigh the responsibility they are assuming and their duty to the Society. A proposal should not be submitted unless the Proposer and both Secunder are fully convinced the Candidate's qualifications fully meet the requirements and the Candidate's qualifications are unquestionably above average.
- Honorary Fellows shall have the right to place the letters Hon. FPSSL after their names if they are members of good standing of the Society.
- Members who are elected shall receive a Certificate. Such a certificate is the sole property of the Society.
- Each proposal shall be considered at a Executive Committee Meeting.
- The candidate can only be elected by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.
- The decision of the Council shall be final, and no further correspondence shall be entertained.



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