

**HARYANA GOVERNMENT  
INFORMATION, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT.**

**NOTIFICATION**

**The September 28, 2017**

No. 13/86/2017-3PP The Governor of Haryana is pleased to amend the following rules for providing accreditation to media persons dealing with the news at the State headquarters, district headquarters, sub-division and block level, namely :-

<b>Short Title and Commencement</b>	1. (1) These rules may be called the Haryana Media Accreditation (Amendment) Rules, 2017. (2) They shall come into force with immediate effect.
<b>Definitions</b>	2. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, a) <b>"Haryana Media Accreditation Committee"</b> means a Committee constituted by the Haryana Government for grant of accreditation to media persons; b) <b>"Newspaper"</b> shall have the same meaning as defined in the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (25 of 1867); c) <b>"Media"</b> shall include newspapers, news periodicals, news magazines, news agencies, news feature agencies, electronic media agencies and publications containing news and comments on public news. d) <b>"Weekly", "Fortnightly" and "Monthly"</b> newspapers/periodicals shall not have less than 45, 22 and 11 issues in a year respectively; e) <b>"Director General/Director, Information Public Relations and Languages Department, Haryana"</b> means the Director General/Director, Information Public Relations and Languages Department, Haryana of Haryana Government; hereinafter referred to as "DGIPR/DIPR". f) <b>"Working Journalist"</b> means any working journalist as defined in the Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provision Act, 1955(45 of 1955); g) <b>"Legal Correspondent"</b> means any working journalist having a professional Law Degree from the recognized University or institution or having five years experience of news reporting on legal matters. The media person possessing Law Degree should have three years continuous experience of reporting in the print media prior to the application made for accreditation. h) <b>"Contractual Journalist"(including stringer)</b> means a media representative engaged on regular or part-time contract basis in the work of news media/press as authorised by an <b>Editor/News Editor/appointing authority</b> .; i) <b>"Stringer/contract for service"</b> means a news representative not in the wholtime employment of any newspaper, news agency/electronic media and who is paid salary/fee by these media organisations; their main avocation may or may not be journalism. j) <b>"Editor-cum-Correspondent"</b> means editor-cum-correspondent of a weekly, fortnightly and monthly news publication; k) <b>"Accreditation"</b> means recognition to news media/press representative by the Haryana Government for the purpose of access to sources of information in the Government or in public interest and also to news materials, written or pictorial, released by the DGIPR/DIPR or other agencies of the Government of Haryana; l) <b>"Recognition"</b> , apart from Accreditation, shall be given to the news media/press representatives for the purpose of access to sources of information in the Government or in public interest and to news materials, written or pictorial, released by the DGIPR/DIPR or other agencies of the Government of Haryana. The recognized media person shall not be entitled to any other facility apart from entry into the offices of the State Government and semi-Government, organization for professional work and to attend functions on invitation. These media persons shall not be entitled to any of

	<p>m) the facilities normally accorded to the accredited media persons.</p> <p>"<b>Electronic News Media Organisation (Television or Radio)</b>" shall include any news TV/Radio channel/station or any other electronic medium of news dissemination duly recognized by Accreditation Committee. ;</p> <p>n) "<b>Periodical Publications</b>" shall include monthly, fortnightly or weekly publications containing public interest news or features.</p>
<b>Haryana Media Accreditation Committee.</b>	<p>3. (1) The Government of Haryana shall constitute a Committee called the Haryana Media Accreditation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "HMAC") to discharge the functions laid down under these rules.</p> <p>(2) The HMAC shall consist of Administrative Secretary of Information, Public Relations and Languages Department, Haryana, as Chairperson; DGIPR/DIPR as Vice-Chairman and ADIPR as Member Secretary and members representing associations/organisations of working journalists/media persons who should otherwise be eligible for accreditation under these rules.</p> <p>(3) The HMAC once constituted shall function for a period of three years from the date of its first meeting or till the new committee is constituted.</p> <p>(4) The HMAC shall meet quarterly on first Monday of every quarter month. For example, the first meeting will be held on first Monday of January, 2<sup>nd</sup> on April, 3<sup>rd</sup> on July and the 4<sup>th</sup> on October. The DGIPR or DIPR/ADIPR shall be competent to grant accreditation on temporary basis to those applicants who apply between the intervening periods of the meetings of the committee. These cases, however, shall be put up to the HMAC for grant of regular accreditation.</p> <p>(5) The decisions of the HMAC shall be taken on the basis of majority of the members present or voting.</p> <p>(6) A executive-committee will be constituted to enlist news organizations for accreditation. The purpose of constituting this executive-committee is to analyse the status and working of news organizations before they are enlisted for accreditation in future.</p>
<b>General Terms of Accreditation</b>	<p>4. (1) Accreditation shall be given in accordance with these rules to news media/press representatives of various categories in different types of news-media/press organisations as per eligibility conditions laid down in Schedule I and within the quota limit specified in Schedule-II of these rules.</p> <p>(2) Accreditation shall be granted to only those representatives, who have been appointed at State, District, Sub Divisional, block level headquarters or National Capital Territory, Delhi covering Haryana news and residing at their place of posting.</p> <p>(3) Accreditation does not confer any official or special status on the correspondent. It merely recognises and identifies him as representative of the newspaper/agency/electronic media which employs him. It must be used only for journalistic purpose. The words 'Accredited To Haryana Government' shall not be used on visiting cards, letterheads or any other literature.</p> <p>(4) Accreditation of representatives of only those media organisations shall be considered which have been functioning or operating for at least one year continuously. Also the applicant should have at least one year experience in the field of journalism. HMAC could consider the application of new organizations on case to case basis.</p> <p>(5) The circulation certificate issued by Registrar News of India or Audit Bureau of Circulation, DAVP or CA certificate alongwith an affidavit shall be considered for grant of accreditation.</p> <p>(6) Publications should carry at least 50 per cent of its contents as news and/or comments of general public interest. It shall also include news and information relating to Haryana State.</p> <p>(7) Publications containing information of sectional interest or promotional propaganda such as house journals, technical/professional publications etc. are not eligible for accreditation.</p> <p>(8) The organisations owned and run by cable operators providing cable television service through cable television network shall not be eligible for</p>

	<p>accreditation.</p> <p>(9) Accreditation is personal and non-transferable.</p> <p>(10) When the representative ceases to represent the newspaper/agency/electronic media for which he is accredited, his accreditation shall be deemed to be cancelled from the day he ceases to represent that organisation. However, this fact should also be brought to the notice of the DGIPR or DIPR/ADIPR in writing with immediate effect by both the representative and the Editor-in-Chief/Editor/Resident Editor or Appointing Authority, as the case may be and the Accreditation Card may be returned back to DGIPR or DIPR/ ADIPR within 15 days.</p> <p>(11) An 'Accreditation Card' shall be issued to each accredited representative which shall be valid for various functions and press conferences. Admission to special functions including press conference, however, shall be governed by invitation.</p> <p>(12) Editors/News Editors/Resident Editor of a reputed and well-established National/Regional daily newspaper and TV channel having circulation not less than 20,000 in the case of newspaper and minimum annual revenue of Rs. 15 lakh from news clips and news service in the case of electronic media may also be granted accreditation.</p>
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<b>Procedure for Accreditation</b>	<p>5.(1) The mediaperson who wishes to seek accreditation may apply in the prescribed form as given at Annexure I alongwith all requisite documents/proofs claimed, duly signed by the Editor-in-Chief/Editor/Managing Editor/Resident Editor/Editor/News Editor or appointing/competent authority, as the case may be.</p> <p>(2) The mediaperson based at State headquarters shall apply through his Editor-in-Chief, Editor, Managing Editor, Resident Editor or the appointing/competent authority directly to Director General, Information, Public Relations and Languages, Haryana while those based at District and Sub Division/block level shall apply to the concerned District Information Public Relations Officer (DIPRO) of their district.</p> <p>(3) Mediaperson based at Delhi covering Haryana only shall apply through Editor-in-Chief, Editor, Managing Editor, Resident Editor or the appointing authority to the Joint/Deputy Director or the Incharge, Information, Public Relations and Languages, Haryana Bhawan, New Delhi.</p> <p>(4) The DGIPR/DIPR, can call for any information and documents considered for the purpose of ensuring credibility and genuineness of cases of accreditation, at the time of accreditation or at its renewal or at any other time, if, so required.</p> <p>(5) The list of accredited mediaperson shall be reviewed normally once in a year by the DGIPR/DIPR, for the purpose of changes in respect of accredited mediapersons of newspapers, news agencies and electronic media.</p>
<b>Disaccreditation</b>	<p>6.(1) A mediaperson shall be liable to disaccreditation if,</p> <p>(a) The mediaperson ignores or violates the conditions on which he/she was given accreditation, accreditation will cease to exist and is also liable to be withdrawn/suspended if it is found to have been misused;</p> <p>(b) An applicant or a media organisation is found to have supplied false/ fraudulent/ forged information/ documents, the representative/ media organisation shall be deemed as debarred from accreditation up to a maximum of five years;</p> <p>(c) In case during the course of his duties, the media person behaves in an undignified or unprofessional manner, the Haryana Media Accreditation Committee shall give him an opportunity of a personal hearing before taking any decision.</p> <p>(d) In case an accredited mediaperson is found to be associated with any political party or its office bearer, then in that case, his accreditation would be cancelled after affording an opportunity of hearing to him.</p> <p>(2) Accreditation of a mediaperson may be suspended at the discretion of the</p>

	<p>State Government. The matter, along with any representation that may be received from the representative, shall be referred to the Media Accreditation Committee for advice. Government decision in the matter shall, however, be final.</p> <p>(3) The Administrative Secretary of Information, Public Relations and Languages or Chairperson of HMAC shall have the power to grant regular accreditation in cases where an accredited news media/press representative changes his organisation to another accredited organisation.</p> <p>(4) The HMAC reserves to itself the right to recommend or reject grant of accreditation. In all accreditation cases, decision of the Government shall be final.</p> <p>Note:-Accreditation is a facility not a right. Hence, it could not be challenged in any court of law.</p>
<b>Recognition</b>	<p>(i) Recognition shall be given to three press reporters with atleast five years experience of a daily newspaper and news agency at State headquarters and two at district level (in addition to accredited press reporters). Similarly, in case of electronic media, recognition will be given to two teams (consisting of one cameraman/assistant cameraman and one reporter) at State headquarters and one team at district headquarters.</p> <p>ii) Representatives of dailies published in Haryana with more than 15,000 copies will be considered for recognition. Similarly, the media persons of dailies with more than 20,000 copies published outside Haryana will be considered for recognition.</p> <p>iii) In case of media persons of electronic media, only Satellite TV channels will be considered.</p> <p>iv) The procedure for applying for grant of recognition will be same as in case of accreditation.</p> <p>v) Recognised media persons shall not be entitled to any other facility apart from entry into the offices of the State Government and semi-Government, organisation for professional work and to attend functions on invitation. They shall not be entitled to any of the facilities normally accorded to the accredited media persons.</p>

**SCHEDULE- I**  
**ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS**  
 {See rule 4(i)}  
**(A) News Organisations (Print Media)**

Sr. No.	Category	Conditions
1.	Newspapers(daily) published from Haryana, Chandigarh including Mohali	Circulation should not be less than 15,000 copies of 4 full size pages per publishing day.
2.	Newspapers(daily) published from outside Haryana	Circulation should not be less than 20,000 copies of 4 full size pages per publishing day.
3.	Newspapers(Daily Evening) published from Haryana	Circulation should not be less than 2500 copies of 4 pages of tabloid size per publishing day.
4.	Newspapers Weekly published from Haryana	Circulation should not be less than 2500 copies of 4 pages of tabloid size per publishing day.
5.	Periodicals/magazines (weekly/fortnightly/monthly) published from Haryana	Circulation should not be less than 2000 copies with a minimum of 40 pages per publishing day in case of magazine whereas in case of newspapers with a minimum of 4 full size pages or 8 tabloid size pages per publishing day.
6.	Periodicals/Magazines (weekly/fortnightly/monthly) published from outside Haryana	Circulation should not be less than 10,000 copies with a minimum of 40 pages per publishing day in case of magazine whereas in case of newspapers with a minimum of 4 full size pages or 8 tabloid size pages per publishing day.
7.	News agency	a) Annual revenue not less than Rs. 20 lakh. b) Should have at least 30 paid news subscribers.
8.	News Photo Agency/News Features Agency	a) Annual revenue not less than Rs.2.5 lakh. b) Should have at least 20 paid subscribers.

**(B) Electronic Media Representatives**

Sr. No.	Category	Conditions
9	Correspondents and Cameraman	Minimum one year professional experience as a full time working/contractual journalist/cameraman in a news organisation(s).
10	Television/Radio News Agencies	(a) A minimum annual revenue of Rs.15 lakh from news clips/news service, etc. b) Should supply news clips/news service to at least 5 subscribing satellite Television/ Radio organisation on regular basis.

- \* In case of 1 & 2 categories, proof of latest circulation issued by ABC, RNI, DAVP or CA certificate with an affidavit for granting accreditation, shall have to be given.
- \* In case of 3 to 5 categories, proof of latest circulation issued by ABC, RNI, DAVP or CA certificate with an affidavit or any other proof as acceptable to PIB for granting accreditation, or an affidavit to this effect shall have to be given.
- \* In case of category 6, proof of circulation issued by ABC, RNI, DAVP or CA certificate with an affidavit for granting accreditation, shall have to be given.
- \* In case of categories 7 to 10, latest Income Tax returns, as proof of their annual revenue and proof of paid subscribers or CA certificate with an affidavit for granting accreditation, shall have to be given.

### (C) News Portal/Website

Category	Conditions
(News Portal/Website)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) The general terms and conditions prescribed for the representatives of print and visual media will also be applicable in case of online editors, correspondents, camera persons.</li><li>2) A news site/portal means a website which has atleast 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of its visible content related to news &amp; current affairs of Haryana originally reported by its own correspondents.</li><li>3) The publications on behalf of which accreditation has already been given will accommodate their online journalists within their existing quota.</li><li>4) Preference will be given to the news sites having paid subscribers.</li><li>5) Online news agencies will be governed as per the existing rules prescribed for news agencies.</li><li>6) The site should have a minimum annual revenue of either Rs. 20 lakh from its news portions only OR Rs. 2.5 crores from the entire website including its news portion.</li><li>7) The site should be updated regularly and atleast six times daily.</li><li>8) The news portal should be observing the laws of the land in terms of content, service, promotions, finances and any other aspect of functioning.</li><li>9) The news site should have been functioning for at least one year.</li><li>10) The domain name of the site should be registered for at least the next 5 years from the date of application.</li><li>11) The site should have at least 10,000 pages views per day of its news-portion.</li><li>12) The issue of determining the authenticity of the site may be decided in consultation with VSNL in case of any doubt.</li><li>13) In the event of a website/portal found involved in any activity perceived as cyber crime now or in future, all accreditations given to representatives of that website/portal will be withdrawn at the discretion of the DGIPR/DIPR.</li><li>14) Minimum annual revenue of Rs. 20 lacs to Rs. one crore earned from news subscription only or Rs. 2.5 crore to Rs. 5 crores from the entire website. In case of proof of revenue latest income tax returns and proof of paid subscribers or CA certificate with an affidavit for granting accreditation shall have to</li></ol>

	be given.
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**SCHEDULE - II**

{See Rule 4(i)}

**SCHEDULE OF QUOTAS FIXED FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF NEWSPAPERS/MEDIA ESTABLISHMENTS, ETC.****(A) PRINT MEDIA/NEWS AGENCIES****(I) Daily Newspapers/News Agencies**

Sr. No.	Place	Correspondent	Photographer	Sports	Legal
1.	State headquarters	Three (3)	Two (2)	One (1)	One (1) (Only Daily Newspaper)
2.	District headquarters	Two (2)	One (1)		
3.	Sub Division level	One(1)	-		
4.	Block level	One(1)	-		
5.	National Capital Territory, Delhi	A total of two (2), out of which one may be a <u>photographer</u> .			
6	Editor/News Editor/Resident Editor +(from where newspaper published)	One( 1)			

**(II) Daily Evening Newspapers and Periodicals (weekly/ fortnightly/monthly published from Haryana)**

Sr. No.	Place	Editor or Correspondent	Photographer
1.	State/District/Sub-division headquarters (where newspaper published)	One (1)	One (1)

**(III) News publications (weekly/fortnightly/monthly) published from outside Haryana**

Sr. No.	Place	Editor or Correspondent
1.	State headquarters	One (1)

**(B) ELECTRONIC MEDIA**

Sr. No.	Place	TV	Radio
1.	State headquarters	Two teams	Two Correspondents
2.	District headquarters	One team	One Correspondent
3.	Sub Divisional Level	One Team	--
4.	National Capital Territory, Delhi	One team	One Correspondent
5.	Editor/News Editor/Resident Editor (from where the news channel operates)		One (1)



- \* TV Team shall consist of one Correspondent and one Cameraman/Assistant Cameraman.
- \* Electronic media channels having their news programme centres in Haryana, as in case of Doordarshan Kendra in Hisar, shall be granted accreditation for a total of two teams from that centre.

**(C) NEWS PORTAL/WEBSITE**

Sr. No.	Place	Editor or Correspondent	Cameraman
1.	State/District headquarters (Where news portal/website operates in Haryana)	One(1)	One(1)



- g) Circulation according to Registrar \_\_\_\_\_  
News of India/Audit Bureau Circulation \_\_\_\_\_  
or CA certificate with an affidavit (attach proof)

**2. Miscellaneous information**

- a) whether working for any other news \_\_\_\_\_  
organisation or doing any other \_\_\_\_\_  
job/occupation. If so give details. \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Whether convicted by any court of \_\_\_\_\_  
law on the grounds of moral \_\_\_\_\_  
turpitude \_\_\_\_\_

**(Signature of the applicant)**

**Verification**

Verified that the information provided under columns nos. 1 to 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing relevant has been concealed there from.

**(Signature of the applicant)**

**Check list of mandatory documents to be attached by the applicant**

- i) Proof of circulation(in case of news publications), proof of annual revenue turnover and paid subscribers(in case of electronic media)
- ii) Proof of district-wise circulation in Haryana.
- iii) Proof of media organisation's functioning or in operation of at least one year.
- iv) Proof of at least one year experience in journalism.
- v) Six stamp size photographs.
- vi) Residence proof.

**(Signature of the applicant)**

**NB: Applicant must ticked the documents attached by him with the application form. This would avoid delay in processing application form and granting accreditation.**

**ANNEXURE – II**  
**(To be filled in by the concerned media organisation)**

Attested  
photo

Certified that Sh. \_\_\_\_\_ is representing  
(Name of newspaper/news agency/electronic media) \_\_\_\_\_ with  
effect from \_\_\_\_\_ in the capacity of (designation) \_\_\_\_\_. His  
present place of work is \_\_\_\_\_. He bears a good moral  
character.

2. I recommend him/her for grant of accreditation on behalf of Haryana  
Government so that he could discharge his/her professional duties efficiently.

Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Editor/Managing Editor/  
Editor-in-Chief/Resident Editor/News Editor  
Appointing/competent authority of the  
organi-sation. (with office seal)

**Note:** 1. If the information given above is found to be incorrect, the department reserves the  
right to cancel the accreditation.

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