

External Distinctions

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RPS

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There are three levels of distinction: **Licentiate**, **Associate** and **Fellowship**, which are awarded to applicants who can show the appropriate level of skills, at the appropriate level impractical photography, by showing a specific selection of their work to a panel of judges.

The Distinctions Criteria:

Licentiateship: the initial distinction which is awarded for “general photographic competence”. The requirement is for 10 prints, slides or CD images. There is no constraint on subject matter, and a range of subjects can be shown within the same panel, although it is wise to beware of too great a diversity. The principal criteria considered by the judges are:

- Control of the Medium, including camera work, technical quality and appropriateness of technique;
- Seeing and Thinking, which includes visual awareness and communication; breath of approach, covering the range of work and its presentation.

Associateship and **Fellowship**: At these levels a degree of specialisation is required and this is covered by the following categories or disciplines:

- Applied and Professional,
- Contemporary,
- Documentary and Visual Journalism,
- Nature,
- Travel,
- Visual Art,
- Printing,
- Slide-Sound Sequence,
- Film & Video,
- Research and Development.

At these levels a cohesive set of pictures is required which relate to each other and form a unified whole, possibly illustrating a specific theme or activity. A written statement is also required describing the purpose of the photography.

At Associate level, candidates need to show an advanced stage of ability with a high standard of competence in composition, lighting, communication, and involvement with the subject.

The Fellowship standard is substantially higher, there is to be technical excellence throughout and the panel as a whole has to show distinguished creative ability.

For Associateships and Fellowships all of the judges are themselves Fellows of the Society, and all fellowship panels are first seen by a panel of specialist judges and those which they recommend are seen by the Fellowship Review Board which consists of the Chairman of all of the specialist Panels, for confirmation or rejection.

All recommendations for passes at every level have to be approved by the Council. For all those with even the faintest desire to gain a distinction, it is worth attending a workshop, either with or even at first without your own work. You can also attend a live Assessment Panel; these can be a very useful way of seeing in person the standard of work required of a particular level. A lot can also be learnt not only from seeing panels which are deemed to be up to the mark, but also from panels that fail to make the grade.

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PAGB

Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

Awards for Photographic Merit

Awards

The Awards are open to all members of Clubs affiliated to the PAGB through their Federations and are at three levels,

- Credit (CPAGB) - Blue badge and certificate
- Distinction (DPAGB) - Red badge and certificate
- Master (MPAGB) - Gold badge and certificate

They are held for life without any annual fee and holders are entitled to use the designated letters after their name. These awards were set up just a few years ago to be the PAGBs answer to the RPS and its awards

Qualification

All applicants must be an active member of an L&CPU club..

Applicants for MPAGB must have held DPAGB for at least 11 months on date of application.

Each image is viewed by a panel of 6 judges selected from the PAGB Judges list. Each picture is scores electronically (2 to 5) but only the total score for each photograph is announced.

CPAGB The Standard is that of 'Good Club Photography'. 10 images gaining a score of 200 or more. (This means an average score of 3.3 per image per judge.) Cost £60.

DPAGB Distinction from the PAGB - Judged from 15 images with a standard of 'Open Exhibition Photography ', gaining a score of 300 or more. (This means an average score of 3.3 per image per judge.) Cost £75

MPAGB Master from the PAGB - Highest level of award from the PAGB - Judged from 20 images with a standard of 'The Highest Standard of Amateur Photography ', scoring 450 or more. (This means an average score of 3.75 per image per judge.) Cost £95

APAGB PAGB award for Meritorious Service. Awarded to persons who have given outstanding service to photographers belonging to member societies of the federations of the PAGB.

For more information click this link and scroll down to

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit.
<http://www.lcpu.org/lcpu/downloads.php>

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BPE

The BPE exhibitions are typically organised by a single photography club or by a number of clubs in the same geographic area that get together to organise a national exhibition. There is a self help group called the British Photographic Exhibition (BPE) which has 15 member exhibitions. The BPE was setup to encourage photographers to enter exhibitions and the members share ideas, promote each others exhibitions and generally work together to promote competitive photography.

The 15 members of the BPE are:

1. Bromsgrove
2. Beyond Group
3. Bebington
4. Dingwall
5. Great Barr
6. Guernsey
7. Rushden
8. Shrewsbury
9. Solihull
10. Southport
11. Wirral
12. Evesham
13. Cotswold
14. GDPU
15. Havant

Crown awards and distinctions

The National Exhibitions which are members of the British Photographic Exhibitions offer a Crown Award system designed to enable successful exhibition photographers to gain additional recognition. Exhibitors are invited to aggregate their acceptances in the affiliated exhibitions and, upon reaching the accepted aggregate, to apply without charge for a Crown Rating Award. Each successful applicant for an award will receive a Certificate and a Ribbon and will be able to use the letters acknowledging their award after their name.

- BPE1 Crown Award - 25 points
- BPE2 Crown Award - 50 points
- BPE3 Crown Award - 100 points
- BPE4 Crown Award - 200 points
- BPE5 Crown Award - 300 points

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BPE Exhibitions in the UK with entry forms available.

<http://www.lcpu.org/lcpu/externalcompetitions.php>

Other BPE Exhibitions

<http://www.b-p-e.org.uk>