

THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

# COULD YOU BE EXEMPT?

DISTINCTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS GUIDELINES

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## EXEMPTIONS

If you already have a photographic qualification, you may not have to submit a portfolio of work for Licentiate or Associate Distinctions. (There are no exemptions for Fellowship). Qualifications accepted by The Society are listed below.

**The course award must be no older than 5 years, from the year of applying for exemption.**

### LICENTIATE

- HNC / HND in Photography
- BTEC Extended Diploma Photography
- Photographic Foundation Degree
- BA Hons Degree in Photography with a 2:2.
- If you are a current LBIPP
- If you are a current LMPA
- If you are a current LIPF
- Photography A Level - Grade A or A\* / Scottish Higher
- NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Photography (601/0377/2)
- C&G Level 3 Diploma in Professional Photo Imaging 7512-03 500/6950/0
- C&G Level 3 Diploma in Photography 7512-03 500/8079/9
- C&G Level 3 Diploma in Photography and Photo Imaging 7512-03 500/6949/4
- Also accepted is a combination of any C&G level 3 certificates courses completed that are more or equal to the 400 Guided Learning Hours: e.g. 7511-31 Level 3 Certificate in Photo Imaging (290 GLH) or 7511-29 Level 3 Certificate in Photography and Photo Imaging (220 GLH)
- OCA Photography (any combination of Two Awards required at level 2 (HE5) or level 3 (HE6).
- Scuola Romana di Fotografia

### ASSOCIATE

- BA Hons Degree in Photography with 2:1 or above.
- Combined BA (Hons.) Degree (80% Photography) with 2:1 or above
- Scuola Romana di Fotografia
- MA in Photography
- If you are a current ABIPP
- If you are a current AMPA
- If you are a current FBIPP
- If you are a current FMPA
- If you are a current AIPF
- If you are a current FIPF

## HOW TO APPLY

If you qualify for an exemption (see above) the next step is to make an application. Please download a copy of the Exemption application form, which is available below. You then need to send the application along with photocopies of all relevant certificates. The accompanying evidence must state your full name; the award gained and place of study. The Royal Photographic Society's Council then need to ratify your application, this is done once every month. After this point the Distinction is awarded and your membership application is then processed. A letter of confirmation, Certificate and lapel badge will be sent within 14 working days of the Council Meeting.

Download the form at [www.rps.org/distinctions/exemptions](http://www.rps.org/distinctions/exemptions)

## CREATIVE INDUSTRIES EXEMPTIONS

Members of The Royal Photographic Society who are also members of other professional or learned bodies and hold equivalent qualifications may apply for AICI (e.g. ABIPP or MCSD) or for ASCI (e.g. FBIPP or FCSD) provided that they have a sufficient period of appropriate work experience in the creative industries. This could encompass parallel discrete disciplines involved with art, design and media and this should be interpreted widely as should its relevance to other professional bodies (such as the British Institute of Professional Photography, British Kinematograph, Sound & Television Society, and the Chartered Society of Designers). In these cases, only evidence of the exempting qualification, a statement of relevant experience, a curriculum vitae and an independent referee's report are required.

Membership of parallel organisations could be seen as supporting evidence, such as the Association of Photographers (AoP) or the Chartered Management Institute (CMI). Other organisations may be considered on their merit.

## IMAGING SCIENCE EXEMPTIONS

Members of The Royal Photographic Society who are also members of other professional or learned bodies and hold equivalent qualifications may apply for AIS (e.g. MRSC, or MInstP) or for ASIS (e.g. FRSC, or FInstP) provided that they have a sufficient period of appropriate imaging science work experience. In these cases, only evidence of the exempting qualification, a statement of relevant experience, a curriculum vitae and an independent referee's report are required.

In cases where the candidate's work is confidential, the mentor's report may provide the major or sole evidence.

Note: It is the responsibility of the candidate to identify and engage with a suitably qualified mentor and notify The Society for approval.