

# Malta Institute of Professional Photography



THE MALTA INSTITUTE  
OF PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

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HAND BOOK

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What makes the MIPP the leading photographic association in Malta?

The Malta Institute of Professional Photography (or MIPP) has been set up to improve the technical knowledge, professional status as well as the image of persons involved in the photographic industry. The MIPP is dedicated to achieve and maintain standards in professional practice and conduct for the benefit of photography and buyers of photography.

The Institute also safeguards, monitors and deals with matters which affect professional photography. It is also the purpose of the MIPP to be an authoritative voice for professional photographers and the trade in order to be able to lobby on issues concerning the working photographer.

The MIPP encourages you and all members to improve their photographic skills. The Institute hence provides members with various qualifications. One of the main qualifications which can be achieved is the accredited photographic Level 3 course - the MIPP Award in Still Image, as well as the recently introduced Level 4 - MIPP Award in Commercial Applied Photography. Other qualifications are obtained by working and producing a set of 20 photographs (called a panel) in order to attain either the Licentiate Level (LMIPP), the Associate Level (AMIPP) or the Fellowship Level (FMIPP). The MIPP's photographic qualifications are internationally recognized. This demonstrates the high esteem the MIPP has in European circles and further enhances the standard of local photographic qualifications.

If you are a beginner or a hobbyist you are equally important for the MIPP and we will support you in order to help you progress in your photographic journey. Through a various competitions, assessments, tuition and the MIPP Awards of Achievement are bestowed upon those who help in strengthening the esteem, the status and quality of the Maltese photographer. We hope that you will one day obtain one of these awards. In addition, MIPP maximizes the use of Facebook, and other social media channels to network with members and offer them the opportunity to share their photographs on the MIPP Facebook Wall for feedback.

OUR MOTTO IS PROFESSIONALISM  
AND EXCELLENCE IN ALL ASPECTS.

*“THE MIPP IS PLEDGED TO  
PROVIDING VALID  
VOCATIONAL ACADEMIC  
AND NON-ACADEMIC  
TRAINING, EDUCATION AND  
CERTIFIED QUALIFICATIONS”.*





# BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER

Get Internationally recognised qualifications

One to one mentoring programme

Photographic events

Competitions and exhibition opportunities

Weekly meetings

Regular image assessments

Foundation and advanced courses

Exposure and networking with fellow photographers

Social Events

Conference room rental

Free loan of frames for exhibition purposes

Photowalks

Level 3 & 4 accredited courses

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**Membership costs €40 per annum and is open to everyone, whether you are a professional photographer, semi-professional, student or amateur.**



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership of the MIPP is €40 per annum



Get reduced rates to our courses and workshops



Become a qualified photographer with our 3 levels of qualification: Licentiate, Associate and Fellowship



Reciprocal photographic qualification with the best UK Institution



Informative monthly lectures and newsletters



Exclusive photographic competitions ONLY for MIPP members and much more



One may pay by either sending in a cheque to:  
76, MIPP, TRIQ BRITTANJA, PAOLA, PLA 1426 - Malta,  
together with the relative membership fee.  
(Cheques are to be made payable to 'The Treasurer, MIPP')

OR



Pay directly from the BOV website:  
[www.bov.com](http://www.bov.com)  
and log in to BOV internet banking with your Securekey.

OR

When attending an MIPP Event.



*Left:* Group photo at Corinthia San Gorg of the first MIPP convention by Attard & Co.



Top: The celebrated Photoshop guru Martin Evening when in Malta during his seminar for MIPP.

## Regulations and Information

The MIPP has established a photographic qualification system on the same standards as international European distinctions. This is a three-tier system, namely the MIPP Licentiate (LMIPP), the MIPP Associate (AMIPP) and the MIPP Fellowship (FMIPP). Only MIPP members can qualify for these distinctions.

Applicants are requested to submit a photographic panel of 20 works under specific criteria. These are assessed by a qualified independent panel of experts who decide whether the candidate has reached the required level. A certificate, given under the common seal of the MIPP, is issued to each successful candidate. According to necessity, the selection panel meets in order to assess submissions. Candidates should check in the MIPP newsletter/website for the date of the next assessment meeting as well as the date by which submissions must reach the MIPP designated offices.

The LMIPP panel is to be submitted digitally, whilst the AMIPP and FMIPP are to be presented in a printed form. Licentiateship (L.M.I.P.P) is the first level of qualified membership. It is the recognition of a general basic level of skill and competence in professional practice within photography and allied technologies. The L.M.I.P.P. can be submitted in Digital format.

Associateship (A.M.I.P.P.) is considered as a middle level group. Associates carry the responsibility for the development of the profession and the MIPP. Fellowship (F.M.I.P.P.) denotes a high level of technical and creative ability, cohesion and style.

Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary General or can be downloaded: <https://mipp-malta.com/newbrand/wp-content/uploads/Docs/MIPP%20Application%20for%20Qualification%20Form%20V5.pdf>

The full rules and regulations of the MIPP QUALIFICATIONS can be downloaded from:

<https://mipp-malta.com/newbrand/wp-content/uploads/Qualifications/MIPP%20QUALIFICATION%20RULES%202021.pdf>



## MIPP AWARD IN STILL PHOTOGRAPHY

The Malta Institute of Professional Photography, MIPP has been officially licensed, by the National Commission for Further and Higher Education (NCFHE), as a Further Education Institution. The NCFHE has approved and accredited MIPP Awards in photography at Level 3 and Level 4.

The MIPP Award in Still Photography consists of four learning Modules with a total of 100 hours of tuition. This award, which conforms to all the stringent conditions mapped out by the NCFHE, leads the successful participant to a Level 3 award in photography. This accredited course conforms to the Malta Qualifications Framework and the European Qualifications Framework and is open to all persons over sixteen years of age at the date of commencement of the course. The course is aimed at all those who are interested in improving and boosting their knowledge and competencies in photography in order to gain a recognized, valid vocational qualification. Persons who wish to apply need only provide their secondary school leaving certificates and a digital portfolio of their work in order for the MIPP to auge their suitability for the course.

The course is geared towards teaching in a complete and comprehensive manner, through the right balance of technical lectures, hands-on workshops, real life scenarios and inspiration, together with the wide range of skills needed in today's competitive world. At the end of this course, the successful learner would be equipped to confidently tackle most of the photographic genres necessary to conduct photography to a high profession standard. This Award is made up of 56 tutor contact hours, 4 assessment hours and 40 self study hours. The course, which will be conducted in English, is on a part-time basis and held mainly during evenings. This course only takes on a limited number of participants so that more personalized attention can be given. The course makes use of the already established MIPP Qualifications, and on conclusion, learners will be mentored so as to submit a final photographic project. Should you require further information regarding this course or any other MIPP qualifications, kindly address your queries to [courses@mipp-malta.com](mailto:courses@mipp-malta.com)



## **MIPP AWARD IN APPLIED COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

In its ongoing policy of providing NCFHE accredited courses and awards for our members and all those interested in furthering their photographic studies, the MIPP also offers the MIPP Applied Commercial Photography Award. This course, which is accredited at Level 4, is primarily aimed at those who already have a good command and foundation of photographic and post processing techniques and want to take their photographic work to Industry level standard.

This Award is designed to empower students to obtain in-depth knowledge and practical skills in a wide range of core digital photographic techniques. Learners will gain practical skills relevant to a critical understanding of the production of photographic images and will be encouraged to develop a creative and experimental outlook to photographic work. Learners are also guided towards proper research, planning and context in order to empower them towards more professional photography practice methods.

As it is a Level 4 course, the course includes 240 compulsory hours of self-study and research, 24 tutor contact hours, 24 supervised practice hours and 12 tutor assessment hours.

For more information email [courses@mipp-malta.com](mailto:courses@mipp-malta.com).





The MIPP offers various other interesting and informative courses throughout the year. These include the MIPP Photoessential Workshops; the Foundation to Photography Course, aimed at persons wishing to make fast, practical inroads into photographic enjoyment, as well as advanced structured courses, like the foundation and advanced digital post processing and editing courses for all those who want to get an excellent grounding in practical digital editing. Furthermore, several one day intensive workshops on specific genres of photography are also regularly organized.

The courses are aimed at not only teaching the techniques of photography but also enabling invaluable hands-on practice as well as nurturing networking and co-operation between the students. Furthermore, all courses are structured in order to enable the participants to improve and strengthen their skills in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Updates on current courses can be found [here](#).







As a member of the MIPP it is important that you know about and avail yourself of MIPP's mentoring services. The '*My Mentor Programme*' aims to assist and support members on their photography. A member who enrolls in this programme will be provided with a personal qualified mentor for a period of six months.

Members can enrol for several sessions repeatedly. Each month, the enrolled members will submit to a chosen mentor two emails with five images each. The latter will provide the necessary feedback on submitted photographs via email or Skype. 'My Mentor' is not a replacement of the mentoring service already provided to those members who submit a panel for the MIPP qualifications; the panel mentoring is still an ongoing service. Our aim is to have this project working alongside the existing mentoring service; this will service our members with an additional facility to further enhance their abilities.

All members can benefit from this project, especially those who are new to photography and all those who wish to start aspiring to acquire any of our qualifications. Payment for this service is €60, payable in advance.

If interested, contact us on [courses@mipp-malta.com](mailto:courses@mipp-malta.com).

Related forms can be downloaded from [https://mipp-malta.com/newbrand/?page\\_id=324](https://mipp-malta.com/newbrand/?page_id=324)



SO YOU WANT TO BE A JUDGE???



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Middle East Institute for Professional Practice  
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To keep up with the demand from our members we also organise regular informal Photowalks and Photo Opportunities. These are open to all members and their families. At times, local villages or special places of interest are visited, or else special passes are obtained for interesting cultural and artistic events happening around the island.

MIPP members can include the MIPP Calendar to their Google account so as to be updated with each approaching event.

Just click the '+Google Calendar' and follow the steps indicated.







# HONORARY AWARDS

The Executive Committee and Members may recommend the Honorary Life Membership of the Institute to those persons, who, in their opinion deserve recognition for their special services to the M.I.P.P. An Honorary Award can be awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of photography. Honorary Life Awards can only be given to Members of the MIPP and are restricted to not more than one Award per year. Since personal achievement alone does not necessarily contribute to the advancement of photography, it does not qualify the candidate unless combined with outstanding elements of service.

The Executive Committee and Members may also recommend persons (not necessarily MIPP members) for the “MIPP Photography Award of Recognition” for their outstanding service and support.

(For more info on these Awards, kindly refer to the MIPP Statute Clauses 5a, b, c, d & e).

To view or download the current MIPP Statute go to:

[https://mipp-malta.com/newbrand/?page\\_id=95](https://mipp-malta.com/newbrand/?page_id=95)

# Curious about the advantages of being a Malta Institute of Professional Photography member?

*Check out the FAQ's below to find answers to your questions...*

1) Should I become a member of MIPP?

**YES** if you want to gain these benefits:

- Membership in Malta's leading photography Institute. The MIPP immediately puts you in contact with a local circle of peers with similar interests and allows members to share advice on topics of a professional nature.
- Internationally recognised qualifications
- One-to-one mentoring programme
- Various photographic events
- Competitions and exhibition opportunities
- Monthly meetings
- Regular image assessments
- Courses
- Exposure and networking with fellow photographers
- Social events
- Subsidized renting out of equipment
- Free loan of frames for exhibition purposes





## **2) For who is MIPP aimed for? I'm an amateur/semi-professional photographer or a student. Is membership limited only to professional photographers?**

The MIPP does not only pertain to the professional photographer only but also aspiring non-professionals so if you are interested in photography the MIPP is aimed for you. Our main goal is to promote and improve photography in all its aspects, provide networking and educational opportunities for photographer. By joining the MIPP you will become part of a well-recognized national and international photographic community. You will learn and grow from the feedback and support of professional photographers.

MIPP offers several educational opportunities to all levels of photographers. You can benefit from image assessment sessions. This will help you identify your strengths and weaknesses. Thanks to the constructive feedback that you will get for your images you will be able to improve your photographic abilities.

Moreover if photography for you is your full time job we will help you through the various lectures, courses and seminars which will surely make your business successful.

## **3) Do I need to own a DSLR to become a member of MIPP?**

MIPP welcomes members of all skill levels and therefore you do not need to own a DSLR to become a member

## **4) I'm ready to join..what do I do next?**

You can download the membership form by clicking on the link : [MEMBERSHIP FORM](#)  
For information on payment of fees go to [https://mipp-malta.com/newbrand/?page\\_id=20](https://mipp-malta.com/newbrand/?page_id=20)

## **5) How much does it cost to become a member?**

The membership fees are as follows: Yearly Membership:

MIPP Member 40 euro per annum

Pensioners (61 and over) 25 euro per annum

Joint Membership (Married or cohabiting couples) 60 euro per annum

Overseas Member 30 euro per annum

## 6) How can I promote my work?

MIPP maximizes the use of Facebook, and other social media channels to network with members. This will give you the the opportunity to share your photos on the MIPP Facebook wall for feedback or to promote your photography. The MIPP, through our bi-monthly newsletter, promotes its members by announcing events and publishing their best photographs.

## 7) Will I be recognised for my work and talents?

MIPP offers you new exposure and attention, possibly resulting in potentially more opportunities and customers. The Institute recognizes its members' achievements both via Facebook and the bi-monthly newsletter. MIPP rewards members' participation and efforts within the Institute and, when necessary, can award the Photographic Excellence Award so as to honour those members who show outstanding achievement and dedication within the Institute.

## 8) What events are organised?

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MIPP members can browse the MIPP Calendar online by clicking [HERE](#) (\*1) or include the MIPP Calendar to their Google account so as to be updated with each approaching event by clicking [HERE](#) (\*2) and follow the steps indicated. You can also visit this link [HERE](#) (\*3) to watch previous events.

## 9) Can I participate in competitions?

Both qualified and non-qualified members can participate in regular competitions organised by the Institute.

## 10) What courses are offered by MIPP?

The following courses are currently offered by the MIPP:

***Foundation to Photography:***

A popular course specifically aimed at persons wishing to make fast, practical inroads into photographic enjoyment.

***Foundation in Digital Processing:***

A practical foundation course for all those who want to get an excellent grounding in practical digital editing.

***Photoessential Workshops:***

A set of practical hands-on workshops run by specialized tutors.

***MIPP Award in Still Image Photography:***

NCFHE accredited MIPP course in photography, which leads the successful participant to a Level 3 award in Photography. This is an intensive foundation course ideal for serious amateurs and beginners.

***MIPP Award in Applied Commercial Photography***

This course, accredited at Level 4, is primarily intended at those who already have a good command and foundation of photographic and post processing techniques and want to take their photographic work to higher Industry level standard.

## 11) How do I become a qualified member?

The MIPP has established a photographic Qualification system on the same standards as international Distinctions, consisting of a three-tier system: namely the MIPP Licentiate (LMIPP), the MIPP Associate (AMIPP) and the MIPP Fellowship (FMIPP). Applicants are requested to submit a photographic print panel of 20 works under specific criteria. These are assessed by a qualified independent panel of experts who decide whether the candidate has reached the required level. A certificate, given under the common seal of the MIPP, is issued to each successful candidate.



**Keith Ellul FMIPP**- “I recommend every photography enthusiast, amateur and professional to join MIPP, I feel that by attending at least one monthly talk (which is a fraction of what MIPP prepares for its members ), the yearly fee has paid for itself. I thank this organisation for all the opportunities it has given me. Needless to say I am proud to be part of this organisation and what it stands for”.

**Susanna Diacono** - “I recently started my journey in learning photography and was put into contact with Kevin Casha. Besides taking me on as a student he also got me enrolled in MIPP which has opened many new doors for learning this art. It has been a great platform for education with different courses offered at various levels as one is progressing, besides the monthly interesting talks and lectures. MIPP will sure keep you busy and challenged once you involve yourself in the photographic art. I have only positive experiences with all the friendly members who share the same passion for photography”.

**Tomoko Goko LMIPP** - “Through various workshops, lectures and a mentorship program, MIPP gave me opportunities to learn the fundamentals of photography and to immerse myself in different photographic genres. Membership gives access to hands on training with local and foreign photographers, as well as the support of other MIPP members. This helped me to figure out what I wanted to achieve with photography”.

**Etienne Cassar** - “Knowledge gained from photography books, journals and the social media was only directing me to achieve better snapshots. It was only when I discovered the MIPP that I started developing my artistic skills. Through the MIPP I managed to make real friends with people sharing my same passion. This gave rise to opportunities that I would not have dreamt about before. It helped me gain confidence in myself and believe more in my capabilities. Through direct interaction with others who are passionate and proficient, one can discover himself and the true world of photography”.








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