

Are You Interested in Going for a Distinction?

Why not try for a PAGB Award CPAGB, DPAGB, MPAGB

These distinctions are only available to members of PAGB Affiliated Clubs (all SPF member Clubs). If you are looking for a challenge, or you would like to see how your photography measures against others throughout the UK, then this is an alternative way to the RPS / BPE / FIAP for you to achieve some letters after your name. You do not have to produce work as a panel, just have the required number of photos at the level you are applying for. You can enter in Prints or as Projected Digital Images. You only pay on applying and you don't require to pay membership to keep your Award once you have been successful. If you do well in your own club, or if your work is selected for Inter-club, SPF competitions, or you enter nationals/internationals then you're already part way there.

The SPF run FREE PAGB Awards Workshops at least twice a year to help you through this process. Please take the opportunity to attend one of these if you are interested in finding out more whatever stage you are at. Further details and examples are given on this leaflet. Examples can also be found in the [GALLERIES](#) area of the SPF Website. Visit our dedicated PAGB Awards page by clicking [HERE](#) or visit <http://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/pagb-awards>

GAINING THESE AWARDS IS A FIVE STAGE PROCESS -

1 PRE-QUALIFICATION in your own Federation (Scottish Photographic Federation) – To qualify to take part you have to prove that you are an active photographer taking part in your Federation events. This also helps give a gauge of the level of your work at a national level. See details and a list of SPF Qualifying events below. [You do not need to have completed this stage to attend our workshops \(See Stage 3\)](#)

2 CONTACT SPF AWARDS OFFICER (Libby Smith) with details of your Pre-Qualification, and get a signed PAGB Application Form. You need to know the level and medium you are applying in before the form can be completed.

3 ATTEND AN SPF PAGB AWARDS WORKSHOP – [Recommended but not compulsory](#) – Receive advice on what level / medium / or when to apply. Also, bring along Prints/PDI and find out if your work is of the standard required, and hints to improve quality (run 2 or 3 times a year – approx. Jan & Aug/Sept Contact Libby for details.) [Check out the Diary on the SPF Website for dates as available, or contact Libby on details below.](#)

4 COMPLETE THE PAGB APPLICATION FORM [this application form can be obtained from me, after you have completed the Pre-Qualification at 1 above, but only when you know the level and medium you wish to enter in. There are stiff financial penalties attached to withdrawal after this form has been submitted to the PAGB \(See PAGB Leaflet 1 for details\)](#) and submit with your cheque to the PAGB Awards Secretary for a space on the next available PAGB Adjudication (run 2 or 3 times a year – always April & Nov) Spaces are on a 'first come, first serve' basis. Details will be sent you of how to submit your entry and timescales.

5 THE PAGB ADJUDICATION – You then require to submit your work to the PAGB Adjudication you receive a space on. These are run by the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain. Six Judges will adjudicate your entry. You will be expected to send in your Entry Form and Digital Files 3 or 4 weeks prior to the adjudication. For the April & Nov events you can attend if you wish. Extra events are sometimes closed.

MORE ABOUT THE THREE LEVELS OF AWARD

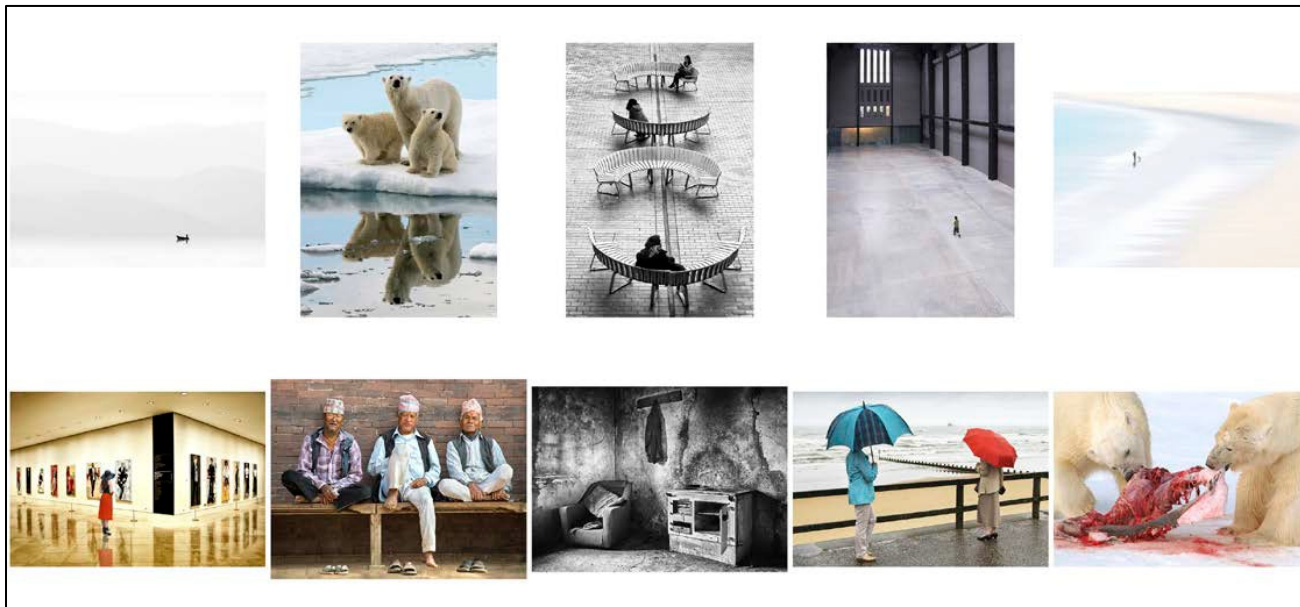
CREDIT AWARD - CPAGB. is specifically to recognize the 'Good Club Photographer'. If you do well in your own club, and your work is selected for inter-club/ SPF competitions then you can probably qualify for this award. You don't have to enter international* Exhibitions or win gold medals, just turn in a good consistent standard of pictures and be active in support of your club and in SPF competitions. To achieve the CPAGB Award - you have to submit a set of 10 prints or 10 digital files of a good Club standard. These are considered by 6 adjudicators scoring between 2 and 5. The lowest score per picture is 12, the highest is 30, and you need a total of 200 for all 10 pictures to succeed.

DISTINCTION AWARD - DPAGB. which is judged at 'exhibition standard'. For this you have to enter 15 prints or 15 digital files and, bearing in mind that the adjudicators are looking for international* exhibition standard, you have to score a total of 300 points to get the award. * Please be aware that this is a UK Award and styles/results received in Internationals outwith the UK cannot always be taken as an accurate guide in this regard

MASTER AWARD - MPAGB which is awarded for "the very best amateur photography". 20 photographs, a much more stringent adjudication standard and 450 points to succeed.

The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain AWARDS for PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT

Below Roger Hinton CPAGB, Bon Accord CC - His 10 prints successful at CPAGB.



SPF QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS – This is not necessary to attend SPF Awards Workshops, but these requirements must be fulfilled before you can submit an Application to the PAGB (Stage 4)

CPAGB - Credit Award of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

You must have entered in a total of 3 of the SPF Qualifying competitions in a minimum of 2 of the last 10 years. This can include a particular event one year and the same event a different year.

DPAGB - Distinction Award of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

You must have entered in a total of 5 SPF qualifying competitions for a minimum of Three Recent Years of the last 10 years. This can include a particular event one year and the same event a different year.

MPAGB - Master Award of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

Applicants for the MPAGB must already have held the DPAGB for at least 11 months.

You will require your Club Secretary, Competition Secretary or President to provide a note to certify your participation in the necessary qualifying events – The Awards Officer can help out if necessary.

THE SPF QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS ARE - Please Note – You do not need to get acceptances only to have entered.

SPF Print & Projected Portfolios

Scottish International Salon

PAGB GB Cups & Trophy Competitions

SPF Digital Championship

SPF Entry to the Celtic Challenge

SPF Representation at PAGB Competitions (Inter-Fed / Warwick / Connah's Q)

SPF Print Championship

SPF Entry to FIAP Biennials

No other National or International Salons count as Pre-qualifying events only the SPF's own Scottish International Salon.

For even more info visit –

<http://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/pagb-apm-nov-2016-stirling>

Below Martin Watt CPAGB, Kirkcaldy PS - His 10 prints successful at CPAGB.

