§ 9b.3 Press correspondents employed by foreign media organizations.

In order to obtain a Department of State press building pass, correspondents employed by foreign media organizations must:

(a) Present to the Office of Press Relations, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520 a letter from his or her organization stating:

1. That the applicant is a bona fide, full-time media correspondent based permanently and residing in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area;

2. That the applicant is employed by the certifying organization;

3. That the organization and the applicant have regular and substantial assignments in connection with the Department of State as evidenced by regular attendance at the daily press briefings.

(b) A letter from the Washington, DC Embassy of the nation where the organization is headquartered or from the Embassy of the United States in the nation where the organization is headquartered attesting to the existence of the news organization and the applicant’s employment by that organization. The Director of the Office of Press Relations may accept a letter from another source attesting to the existence of such news organizations and the applicant’s employment if, in his or her judgment, a substitute letter is warranted.

FORM DSP–97 requires the following information:

1. Name;
2. Affiliation with news media organizations;
3. Date of birth;
4. Place of birth;
5. Sex;
6. Citizenship;
7. Social Security or passport number;
8. Marital status;
9. Spouse name;
10. Office address and telephone number;
11. Length of employment;
12. Home address and telephone number; and
13. Length of residence.


§ 9b.4 Department of State building press pass for technical crews.

Department of State press building passes are issued to members of television and radio technical crews who provide technical support on a daily basis for media correspondents assigned to the Department of State. Members of technical crews who do not possess press passes, but who provide technical support for media correspondents assigned to the Department of State, may apply to the Office of Press Relations for a visitor’s pass valid for one day.

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§ 9b.5 Temporary Department of State press building passes.

A media correspondent or technician who meets all the qualifications stated in §§9b.2(a)(1) and 9b.2(a)(2) or §§9b.3(a) and 9b.3(b), but does not have regular and substantial assignments in connection with the Department of State may make arrangements with the Office of