(b) Media correspondents holding valid Department of State press building passes:

(1) May enter and have access 24 hours a day, during regular working hours, outside regular working hours, on weekends and on holidays, without an appointment, to the reception area of the Diplomatic Lobby, C Street Mezzanine area, press booths (Room 2310), press briefing room (Room 2118), and when in operation, the Office of Press Relations (Room 2109).

(2) May enter and have access without an appointment, on the basement level or on the first and second floors, to the cafeteria, post office, banks, concessionaries, barber shop, dry cleaners and the Foreign Affairs Recreation Association offices for the purposes for which they are established and when they are in operation.

(3) May not escort non-passholders into the Department of State building.

(c) Media correspondents, with or without a Department of State press building pass, may enter areas above the second floor of the Main State building only if the correspondent is invited by a Department employee to attend a specific social or official function in an office located above the second floor. Permission to enter areas above the second floor is strictly limited to direct passage to and from the appointment location of the Department of State employee, or the office or reception room where the function takes place.

(d) Possession of State Department press building pass does not confer access to or other privileges at other Federal buildings. It is not to be construed as official United States Government recognition, approval or accreditation of a correspondent.

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§ 9b.2 Press correspondents employed by United States media organizations.

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

(a) Present to the Office of Press Relations, Department of State, 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 evidence by regular attendance at the daily press briefings.

(b) Submit to the Office of Press Relations, Washington, DC 20520, a signed application and FORM DSP–97 for a press building pass. Applicants must comply with instructions contained in paragraphs 1 and 6 of FORM DSP–97 regarding fingerprinting and prior arrests. 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.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;
§ 9b.6 Grounds for denial, revocation, or non-renewal of Department of State press building passes.

In consultation with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security and the Office of the Legal Adviser, the Director of the Office of Press Relations of the Department of State, may deny, revoke, or not renew the Department of State press building pass of any media correspondent or technician who:

(a) Does not meet the qualifications stated in §§9b.2(a)(1), 9b.2(a)(2) and 9b.3(b), but does not have regular and substantial assignments in connection with the Department of State and who, in his or her judgment, a substitute letter is warranted.

(b) Poses a risk of harm to the personal safety of Department of State or other Governmental personnel or to Government property; or

(c) Engages or engaged in conduct which there are reasonable grounds to believe might violate federal or state law or Department of State regulations.

(d) Has been convicted of a felony (or a crime in a foreign country that would be considered a felony if it were committed in the United States).

§ 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 Press Relations for the issuance of a visitor’s pass valid for one day.

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