§ 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, Department of State, 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.

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§ 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) 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; or
(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).

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