Q&A

Press Credentials

1. **What is Local Law 46 of 2021?**

   *Local Law 46 of 2021* transferred the responsibility to issue press credentials from the New York City Police Department (NYPD) to the Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME) and required MOME to issue rules to implement this transfer.

   MOME issued proposed press credentials rules that were published in the City Record on October 22, 2021. The proposed rules set forth application procedures for press credentials, criteria for denial of an application for a press credential, and criteria for suspension or revocation of a press credential. MOME provided the public with the opportunity to comment on the proposed rules, including at a public hearing held by MOME on November 23, 2021.

   MOME’s proposed rules and comments received by MOME are available on [MOME’s website](#).

2. **When will Local Law 46 be effective?**

   Local Law 46 will be effective on January 20, 2022. It is expected that MOME’s rules will take effect at the same time.

3. **What will happen after January 20, 2022?**
After January 20, 2022, MOME’s press credentials rules will replace the NYPD’s rules and MOME will be issuing press credentials instead of the NYPD.

4. **Where can I apply for a new press card before January 20, 2022?**

   From now through January 19, 2022, you may [submit an application for a new press pass to the NYPD](#).

5. **I have a press card from the NYPD that expires on January 15, 2023. Will it be valid after January 20, 2022?**

   Yes, NYPD-issued press cards will remain valid until January 15, 2023.

6. **After January 19, 2022, where can I apply for or renew a press card?**

   Applications will be available on-line. MOME will be posting additional information on its website in January. The office for MOME’s Press Credentials Office will open on January 20, 2022. It will be located at 1 Centre Street in Manhattan.

7. **What am I allowed to do with a press card?**

   Subject to space limitations, safety concerns, and evidence preservation concerns, a valid press card entitles the press card holder to:

   - Cross police, fire lines, or other restrictions, limitations or barriers established by the City at emergency, spot, or breaking news events and non-emergency public events.
   - Attend City-sponsored events that are open to members of the press.
8. After January 19, 2022, will the NYPD honor press cards issued by MOME?

Yes.