



Q&A

Press Credentials Rules

1. Why is MOME proposing press credentials rules?

[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). Local Law 46 requires MOME to issue rules that will implement this transfer. Members of the public may review and comment on the proposed rules before they become effective.

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 find MOME's proposed rules?

MOME's proposed rules are available on [MOME's website](#). You can also read the proposed rules at www.nyc.gov/nycrules.

5. I want to suggest changes to MOME’s proposed rules. How do I do that?

By no later than November 23, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., you may submit a comment in the following ways:

- Through the NYC Rules website at www.nyc.gov/nycrules.
- By email to mediarules@media.nyc.gov.
- By mail to MOME at 1 Centre Street, 26th Floor; New York, NY 10007 c/o Associate General Counsel.
- By fax to 212-602-7477.
- By speaking at the Public Hearing on November 23, 2021.
 - To participate via phone, please dial 1-646-558-8656 and enter Meeting ID 834 4658 1361. When prompted, enter the meeting password: MOME.
 - To participate via video conference, please following the online link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83446581361?pwd=UGFRS3dEZzNYY0RzQWhSb2dsTmY0Zz09>
Zoom Meeting ID: 834 4658 1361
Password: MOME

6. What if I need assistance to participate at the hearing?

CART (simultaneous transcription) will be provided for those who are deaf or hard of hearing, and audio access only will be available for those who are blind or low-vision. You must tell MOME if you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability at the Hearing, such as an American Sign Language interpreter. You can tell us by contacting MOME’s disability services facilitator, Lori Barrett-Peterson, by email at mediarules@media.nyc.gov or 212-602-7408. Advance notice is

requested to allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation. Please contact us by November 17, 2021.

7. Do I have to submit my comment in writing?

Yes, unless you testify at the hearing on November 23, 2021.

8. What will MOME do with my comment?

MOME will carefully review all comments it receives. Comments, including any personal identifying information you include (e.g., your name), will be available for the public to review.

9. Is MOME proposing to change the application procedures for press credentials?

The application procedures will largely remain the same as NYPD's procedures. Please review the proposed rule sections 16-03, 16-04, and 16-05, which set forth application procedures.

10. How do MOME's proposed rules differ from NYPD's rules?

MOME'S proposed rules provide criteria that MOME must follow when denying an application for a press credential or when MOME is seeking to suspend or revoke a press credential. MOME's proposed rules also clarify that anyone who is denied a press credential has a right to appeal the denial at the NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH). MOME also cannot suspend or revoke a press credential before a press card holder is provided an opportunity to be heard at OATH.

11. 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](#).

12. 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.

13. 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 Unit will open on January 20, 2022. It will be located at 1 Centre Street in Manhattan.

14. 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.

15. After January 19, 2022, will the NYPD honor press cards issued by MOME?

Yes.