



NUNAVUT COURT OF JUSTICE

MEDIA ACCREDITATION POLICY

1. Definitions

1.1 “**Journalism**” means:

- (1) The occupation or profession of a journalist; journalistic writing;
- (2) An act that meets the following three criteria:
 - **Purpose**: An act of journalism sets out to combine evidence-based research and verification with the central act of storytelling. Its central purpose is to inform communities about topics or issues that they value;
 - **Creation**: All journalistic work—whether words, photography or graphics—contains an element of original production; and
 - **Method**: Journalistic work provides clear evidence of a self-conscious discipline calculated to provide an accurate and fair description of facts, opinion and debate at play within a situation.

1.2 “**Journalist**” means one who earns his living by editing or writing for a public journal or journal; a performer of acts of journalism.

2. Media Accreditation Process

- A. The Sheriff of the Nunavut Court of Justice (“Sheriff”) is responsible for the accreditation of media for the Nunavut Court of Justice’s Media Use of Technology Policy.

- B. Individuals who wish to be accredited by the Nunavut Court of Justice shall complete Form A and forward the completed Form to the Sheriff, along with a letter of introduction from their parent organization.
- C. The Sheriff shall consider the following factors when determining whether to grant accreditation to an applicant. No one factor is dispositive:
 - i. Whether the applicant is employed as a journalist by a news gathering organization;
 - ii. Whether the applicant derives the majority of his or her income from employment as a journalist or participant in the news-gathering and dissemination process by a news gathering organization;
 - iii. Whether the applicant possesses a diploma or degree in journalism;
 - iv. Whether the applicant is a member of a Canadian or international media organization; and
 - v. Any other factor(s) considered to be relevant and material by the Sheriff.
- D. The Sheriff will notify each applicant of the acceptance or rejection of the applicant's accreditation request. The Sheriff shall provide written reasons to applicants who are denied accreditation within 7 business days of the denial. These reasons shall include a list and analysis of the factors that led to the denial of the application.
- E. Individuals whose application requests have been accepted by the Sheriff must complete the following requirements before they will be issued ID Badges:
 - i. The applicant must confirm in writing that he or she has read the Nunavut Court of Justice's *Media Use Of Technology In The Courtroom And Courthouse* policy. (Available on the court's website or a copy may be provided by the Sheriff upon request.)

- ii. The applicant must confirm in writing that he or she has read the Canadian Judicial Council publication entitled *The Canadian Justice System and the Media*, (Ottawa: Canadian Judicial Council, April 2010) (Available on the Canadian Judicial Council website or a copy may be provided by the Sheriff upon request.)
- iii. The applicant must provide the Sheriff with a completed copy of the *Nunavut Court of Justice Media Accreditation Undertaking*.
- iv. The applicant must arrange to meet the Sheriff at the Nunavut Court of Justice Registry with appropriate photo ID so that the Sheriff can take an ID Badge picture of the applicant.

3. Records and ID

The Sheriff shall keep a record of individuals who have been granted media accreditation and the Sheriff shall issue ID Badges to accredited individuals. The ID Badges shall display the date of accreditation and the expiry date which is one year after the date of accreditation. Accredited individuals shall wear their ID Badges in a visible location when attending the Nunavut Court of Justice in their capacity as professional journalists.

4. Annual Renewal

Accredited journalists must submit Form A on an annual basis in order to maintain their accreditation. Accredited journalists must notify the Sheriff if their journalistic status changes. If they have changed organizations, they must also submit a letter of introduction from their new employer. Upon processing of the renewal Form A, the Sheriff may issue an updated ID Badge or decline to renew the applicant's accreditation.

5. Revocation

The Sheriff may revoke an individual's media accreditation if the individual's status as a journalist no longer meets the requirements of this Policy or if the individual contravenes the terms of his or her Audio Recording And Wireless Transmission Undertaking.

6. Appeals

Parties who have been denied accreditation by the Sheriff or who have had their accreditation revoked may request leave to appeal the Sheriff's decision to the Nunavut Court of Justice within 30 business days of the denial or revocation.