

## The Press and Publication Rules, 2049 (1992)

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In exercise of the power conferred by Section 39 of the Press and Publication Act, 2048 (1991) Government of Nepal has framed the following Rules.

1. **Short Title and Commencement:** (1) These Rules may be called as "The Press and Publication Rules, 2049 (1992)."  
  
(2) These Rules shall come into force immediately.
2. **Definitions:** Unless the subject or context otherwise requires, in these Rules:-
  - (a) "Act" means the Press and Publication Act, 2048 (1991).
  - (b) "Director General" means the Director General of the Department of Press and Information of Government of Nepal.
3. **Press to be Registered:** A person who desires to operate printing press pursuant to Sub-section 3 of the Act shall submit an application to the Local Authority in a format as referred to in Schedule-1.  
  
(2) Upon receiving an application pursuant to Sub-rule (1), the Local Authority shall issue a certificate in order to operate the press to the applicant in a format as referred to in Schedule-2 upon charging One Thousand Rupees as fees.

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(3) The Local Authority shall maintain details of record in the Press Registered Book as referred to in Schedule-3 upon issuing the certificate pursuant to Sub-rule (2).

4. **Newspapers and Magazines to be Registered:** (1) A person who desires to publish any of the following newspapers and magazines pursuant to Section 7 of the Act shall submit an application in a format as referred to in Schedule-4 to the Local Authority alongwith the following fees:-

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| (a) For daily newspapers               | Rs. 1000/- |
| (b) For half-weekly newspapers         | Rs. 700/-  |
| (c) For weekly newspapers              | Rs. 500/-  |
| (d) For half monthly newspapers        | Rs. 300/-  |
| (e) For monthly and other newspapers   | Rs. 200/-  |
| (f) For other newspapers and magazines | Rs. 200/-  |

(2) Upon receiving an application pursuant to Sub-Rule (1), the Local Authority shall issue a temporary certificate to publish the newspapers and magazines to the applicant in a format as referred to in Schedule-5.

(3) Upon receiving an approval to issue a permanent certificate for publication of newspapers and magazines by the Press Registrar pursuant to Sub-section (4) of Section 7 of the Act, the Local Authority shall issue a permanent certificate to publish the newspapers and magazines to the applicant in a format as referred to in Schedule-6.

(4) The Local Authority shall maintain details of record in the Newspapers and Magazines Registered Book as referred to in Schedule-7 upon issuing the certificate pursuant to Sub-rule (3).

(5) If someone submits an application pursuant to Sub-rule (1) for the registration of newspaper and magazine which does not require to be registered pursuant to the proviso of Section 7 of the Act, the Local Authority shall also register such newspaper and magazine. Provided that;

- (a) The fee required to pay pursuant to Sub-rule (1) shall not be charged to the newspapers and magazines registered in this manner.
- (b) The provisions relating the qualifications of Rule 15 shall not be applicable to the editor of the newspaper and magazine registered in this manner.

5. **If the Ownership of the Newspaper and Magazine is**

**Transferred:** (1) A person, who obtains the ownership of the publication of newspapers and magazines by virtue of transfer pursuant to Section 8 of the Act, shall inform to the Local Authority of such transfer in a format as referred to in Schedule-8.

(2) The Local Authority shall maintain the information in the Registered Book as referred to in Schedule-7 upon receiving information pursuant to Sub-Rule (1).

6. **To Mention in the Newspapers and Magazines:**(1) In the top of

the first page of newspaper and magazine, the registered number given by the Local Authority, name of the newspaper and magazine, type, year, volume, date, and price of the newspaper and magazine and in

every page of the newspaper and magazine, its name of publication date shall be required to be mentioned clearly.

(2) In the bottom of the last page of the newspaper and magazine or in the top of the editorial column, the name of the publisher, editor, printer and press shall be required to be mentioned clearly.

7. **Size and Page Number of the Newspaper and Magazine:** (1) The following newspaper shall publish at least in the following size and page numbers.

- (a) For daily newspaper in size of 12"x24" and at least 4 pages
- (b) For half-weekly and weekly newspaper in size of 10"x15" and at least 6 pages
- (c) The half-monthly, monthly, bi-monthly and quarterly newspaper in size of 9"x15" and at least 12 pages.

(2) The publisher shall publish the following newspapers in the following number at least within Six months:

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| (a) Daily newspaper                    | 150 issues |
| (b) Half-weekly newspaper              | 40 issues  |
| (c) Weekly newspaper                   | 20 issues  |
| (d) Half-monthly newspaper             | 10 issues  |
| (e) Monthly newspaper                  | 5 issues   |
| (f) Bi-monthly and quarterly newspaper | 2 issues   |

8. **Details may be given having taken fee:** If someone requests in relation to the details of any newspaper, in order to give advertisement to such newspaper and magazine the Press Registrar may provide the details of such newspaper and magazine upon charging One Hundred Rupees as a fee.

9. **The Certificate of the Press Representative:** (1) A Nepali or foreign organization obtaining press or communication shall submit the details of its representative working within Nepal to the Director General in a format as referred to in Schedule-9.

(2) A person who desires to obtain a certificate of the press representative or temporary press representative shall submit an application to the Director General alongwith the recommendation of the working organization and certificate of qualification pursuant to Rule 15 in a format as referred to in Schedule-10

Provided that, the foreign citizen who desires to obtain the certificate of a press representative or temporary press representative shall not require to submit the certificate of qualification.

(3) Upon receiving an application pursuant to Sub-rule (2), the Director General shall make necessary inquiry and forward the application to the Ministry of Communications, Government of Nepal alongwith his/her opinion.

(4) Upon receiving an application pursuant to Sub-rule (3), Government of Nepal, Ministry of Communications may allow to issue a certificate to the applicant as per the request.

(5) If the Ministry of Communications, Government of Nepal allows to issue a certificate to the applicant pursuant to Sub-rule (4), the Director General shall issue a certificate of press representative or

temporary press representative to the applicant upon charging the fee pursuant to Rule 12 in a format as referred to in Schedule-11.

10. **Provisions Relating to the Freelance Journalist:** (1) A person who desires to obtain a certificate of freelance journalist shall submit an application to the Director General along with the certificate of qualification pursuant to Rule 15 in a format as referred to in Schedule-12.

(2) Upon receiving an application pursuant to Sub-rule (1), the Director General shall forward the application to the Ministry of Communications, Government of Nepal of Nepal alongwith his/her opinion.

(3) Upon receiving an application pursuant to Sub-rule (2), Government of Nepal, Ministry of Communications may allow to issue a certificate of freelance journalist to the applicant as per the request.

(4) If Government of Nepal Ministry of Communications allows to issue a certificate to the applicant pursuant to Sub-rule (3), the Director General shall issue a certificate of freelance journalist to the applicant upon charging a fee pursuant to Rule 12 in a format as referred to in Schedule-13.

11. **Validity Period of the Certificate and its Renewal:** (1) The certificate issued pursuant to Rule 9 or 10 shall be valid for a period of upto Three fiscal years.

Provided that, the certificate of temporary press representative shall be valid only upto the time period for which it was issued.

(2) An application shall be submitted to the Director General to renew the certificate within Thirty-Five days after expiry the validity

period of the certificate pursuant to Sub-rule (1) in a format as referred to in Schedule 14 along with Fifty Rupees as a renewal fee.

(3) If someone submits an application to renew the certificate after expiry of the validity period pursuant to Sub-rule (2), the Director General may renew the certificate upon charging the additional fee mentioned as follows including a fee as referred to in Sub-rule (2) :-

- (a) Up to a period of Three months of date of expiry pursuant to Sub-rule (2) Rs.50/-
- (b) Up to the end of *Ashad* month (about mid July) from the date of expiry pursuant to Clause (a) Rs 150/-

(4) If the certificate is not renewed within the period as referred to in Sub-rule (3), such certificate shall *ipso facto* be cancelled.

(5) A certificate obtained by a foreigner pursuant to these Rules shall not be renewed more than twice.

12. **Fee for the Certificate:** (1) The following fees shall be charged to obtain a certificate pursuant to Rule 9 or 10:

- (a) Press Representative:-
  - (1) For Nepalese Citizen Rs. 300/-
  - (2) For Foreign Citizen Rs. 1500/-
- (b) For temporary press representative Rs. 900/-
- (c) For freelance journalist Rs. 600/-

13. **The Area of News Collection:** (1) A Nepalese Citizen who has obtained a certificate of press representative or freelance journalist may collect the news throughout Nepal.

(2) A foreign citizen who has obtained a certificate of press representative or temporary press representative may collect the news only within the area as prescribed in the certificate.

14. **Designation of the Court:** The concerned Court of Appeal has, hereby, been designated for the purpose pursuant to Section 32 of the Act.

15. **Qualifications of the Editor, Press Representative and Freelance Journalist:** The following qualifications shall be required to be an editor, the press representative or the freelance journalist:

(1) To be an editor:

(a) One who has passed a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent from the educational institute recognized by Government of Nepal, or

(b) One who has passed the School Leaving Certificate from the educational institute recognized by Government of Nepal and has worked at least Ten years in relation to news collection and editing in any news based daily, half-weekly, weekly or half-monthly newspaper or magazine.

(2) To be a press representative or a temporary press representative:

(a) One who has passed the School Leaving Certificate from the educational institute recognized by Government of Nepal, or

(b) One who has worked at least Five years on news collection and reporting.



- (3) To be a freelance journalist:
- (a) One who has passed a Bachelor's Degree on journalism from any educational institute recognized by Government of Nepal and has worked for a period of upto Ten or more than Ten years in editing or column writing in the newspaper and magazine.
  - (b) One who has passed a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent from any educational institute recognized by Government of Nepal and has worked for a period of upto Fifteen or more than Fifteen years in editing or column writing in any newspaper or magazine.
16. **Certificate shall be Personal:** (1) No person other than the concerned person shall use the certificate issued pursuant to Rule 9 or 10.
- (2) If anyone abandons to represent the concerned organization or newspaper, the person or the manager or the editor of the concerned organization shall give a notice to the Director General within Seven days and return the certificate.
17. **Classification of the Newspapers and Magazines:** While classifying the newspapers and magazines Government of Nepal, Ministry of Communications shall, for the purpose of assistance or facilities to be given to the newspapers and magazines registered pursuant to this Act, classify on the basis of the reports submitted by the Office of Press Registrar and Press Council.
18. **Alter in Schedule:** Government of Nepal may alter the Schedules of these Rules as per necessity by a Notification published in the Nepal Gazette.
19. **Repeal:** The Press and Publication, 2040 (1983) is, hereby, repealed.

## Schedule 1

(Relating to Sub-rule (1) of Rule 3)

### Application to be submitted for License to operate press

To,

The Local Authority

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I/We hereby submit this application setting out the following details for obtaining the license to operate press attached herewith Two copies of photograph and stamp of One Rupee.

1. Details of Press:
  - (a) Name:
  - (b) Types:
  - (c) Capacity:
  - (d) Name of Tools (equipments), details and number:
2. Location of Press:
3. Source of Press:
  - (a) Bought in Country:
  - (b) Imported from Abroad:
4. Capital for establishing the Press:

5. Business of the Press:
6. Other details relating to Press:

Applicant's:

Signature:

Name:

Address:

Date:

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## Schedule 2

(Relating to Sub-rule (2) of Rule 3)

### License to be issued to operate press

Serial Number:

Registration Number

To,

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This License is hereby issued to operate press having following details.

1. Location of Press:

(a) Ward Number:

(b) Village/Municipality:

(c) District:

2. Types of Press:

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

Local Authority's

Seal of the Office

Signature:

Name:

Designation:

Office:

Date:

### Schedule 3

(Relating to Sub-rule (3) of Rule 3)

#### Register Book relating to Press details

Fiscal Year:

Registration Number	Name of the Press	Name and Address of the Press Owner	Details of main Machines	Remarks

## Schedule 4

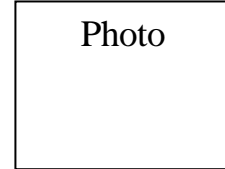
(Relating to Sub-rule (1) of Rule 4)

### Application to be submitted for license to publish Newspaper

To,

The Local Authority,

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I/We hereby submit this application setting out the following details for obtaining the license to publish newspaper attached herewith Two copies of photograph and stamp of One Rupee.

1. Details of Newspaper:
  - (a) Name:
  - (b) Type:
  - (c) Language:
  - (d) Size:
  - (e) Number of Pages:
  - (f) Number of Copies to be Printed:
  - (g) Location of Publication:
  - (h) Day of Publication:
2. Location of Office of Newspaper:
  - (a) Permanent:

(b) Temporary:

3. Name and Address of the Editor:
4. Qualification of the Editor:
5. Name and Address of the Printing:
6. Other matters:

Applicant's:

Signature:

Name:

Address:

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## Schedule 5

(Relating to Sub-rule (2) of Rule 4)

### Temporary License to be issued to publish newspaper

Serial Number:

Registration Number

To,.....

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This Temporary License is, hereby, issued to publish newspaper having following details.

1. Details of Newspaper:

- (a) Name:
- (b) Type:
- (c) Language:
- (d) Size:
- (e) Number of Pages:
- (f) Number of Copies to be Printed:
- (g) Location of Publication:
- (h) Day of Publication:

2. Location of Office of Newspaper:

- (a) Ward Number:



- (b) Village/Municipality:
  - (c) District:
3. Editor's:
- (a) Name:
  - (b) Address:
  - (c) Qualification:
4. Name and Address of the Printer:
5. Other matters:

Local Authority's

Seal of the Office

Signature:

Name:

Designation:

Office:

Date:

## Schedule 6

(Relating to Sub-rule (3) of Rule 4)

### Permanent License to be issued to publish newspaper

Serial Number:

Registration Number

To,.....

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This Permanent License is, hereby, issued to publish newspaper having following details.

1. Details of Newspaper:

(a) Name:

(b) Type:

(c) Language:

(d) Size:

(e) Number of Pages:

(f) Number of Copies to be Printed:

(g) Location of Publication:

(h) Day of Publication:

2. Location of Office of Newspaper:

- (a) Ward Number:
  - (b) Village/Municipality:
  - (c) District:
3. Editor's:
- (a) Name:
  - (b) Address:
  - (c) Qualification:
4. Name and Address of the Printer:
5. Other matters:

Local Authority's

Seal of the Office

Signature:

Name:

Designation:

Office:

Date:

**Schedule 7**

(Relating to Sub-rule (4) of Rule 4)

**Register Book relating to Newspaper**

Fiscal Year:

Registration Number	Name of the Newspaper	Types	Language	Size	Number of Pages	Copies to be printed	Location of Publication	Day of Publication	Name and Address of the Publisher	Name and Address of the Editor	Name and Address of the Printer	Remarks

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## Schedule 8

(Relating to Sub-rule (1) of Rule 5)

### Information regarding the Transfer of Ownership of a Newspaper/Magazine

To,

The Local Authority,

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Whereas, the ..... Newspaper/Magazine registered in the name of.....having registration number ..... of dated..... from that Office is received by me/us on from ..... and information is, hereby, forwarded alongwith the copy of the transfer of ownership Now, therefore I/We, hereby, request for maintaining the said newspaper in my/our name.

Applicant's:

Signature:

Name:

Address:

Date:

## **Schedule-9**

(Relating to Sub-rule (1) of Rule 9)

### **Details for Press Representative**

To,

The Director General,

Department of Information,

Kathmandu.

Mr./Ms./Mrs. .... is going to work as a press representative on behalf of this Institution, the following details are, hereby, submitted pursuant to Sub-section (1) of Section 20 of the Press and Publication Act, 2048 (1992).

#### **Details:**

1. Copy of educational qualification of the person who is going to work as a press representative,
2. Working area who is going to work as a press representative,
3. Personal detail form,
4. Copy of the Citizenship Certificate.

Applicant's:

Signature:

Name of the Institution:

Address:

Date:

## Schedule 10

(Relating to Sub-rule (2) of Rule 9)

### Application to be submitted for press representative/temporary press representative

To,

The Director General,  
Department of Information,  
Kathmandu.



I am interested to work as a press representative/temporary press representative on behalf of the ..... Institution in throughout Nepal/ ..... District from ..... to ..... and hereby submit this application by attaching following documents and Two photograph and stamp of One Rupee. I, hereby, request to issue press representative/temporary press representative in my name.

Attached Document:

1. Recommendation Letter of Concerned Institution,
2. Copy of the Educational Qualification Certificate pursuant to Rule 14,
3. Copy of the Citizenship Certificate,
4. Personnel Detail Form,
5. Experience of the Applicant,

Applicant's:

Signature:

Name:

Address:

(a) Permanent:

(b) Temporary

Date:

## Schedule 11

(Relating to Sub-rule (5) of Rule 9)

### Certificate of press representative/temporary press representative

Serial Number:

Registration Number

To,.....

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This certificate is, hereby, issued to work as a press representative/temporary press representative subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Citizenship of the Certificate Holder:
2. Address of the Certificate Holder:
  - (a) Permanent:
  - (b) Temporary:
3. Types of the Certificate:
4. Validity of the Certificate:
  - (a) Permanent:
  - (b) Temporary:
5. Name of Newspaper or Institution:



6. Area to be covered by the Certificate Holder:
7. Functions of the Certificate Holder:
8. Terms and Conditions to be abided by the Certificate Holder:
  - (a)
  - (b)
  - (c)

Seal of the Office

Director General's

Signature:

Name:

Office:

Date:

## Schedule 12

(Relating to Sub-rule (1) of Rule 10)

### Application to be submitted for Freelance Journalist

The Director General,

Department of Information,

Kathmandu.



I am interested to work as a Freelance Journalist and hereby submit this application by attaching following documents and Two photograph and stamp of One Rupee. I, hereby, request to issue Freelance journalist certificate in my name.

Attached Document:

1. Copy of the Educational Qualification Certificate pursuant to Rule 14,
2. Copy of the Citizenship Certificate,
3. Personnel Detail Form,
4. Experience of the Applicant,

Applicant's:

Signature:

Name:

Address:

(a) Permanent:

(b) Temporary

Date:

## Schedule 13

(Relating to Sub-rule (4) of Rule 10)

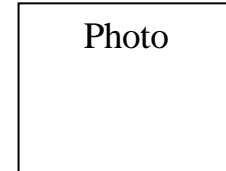
### Certificate for Freelance Journalist

Serial Number:

Registration Number

To,.....

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This certificate is, hereby, issued to work as Freelance Journalist subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Address of the Certificate Holder:
  - (a) Permanent:
  - (b) Temporary:
2. Validity of the Certificate:
  - (a) Permanent:
  - (b) Temporary:
3. Functions of the Certificate Holder:
4. Terms and Conditions to be abided by the Certificate Holder:
  - (a)
  - (b)

(c)

Director General's

Seal of the Office

Signature:

Name:

Office:

Date:

Details of Renew

Fiscal Year	Renewal fee and other details	Renewal date	Signature of Renewing Official	Remarks

## Schedule 14

(Relating to Sub-rule (2) of Rule 11)

### Application to be submitted for renewal of the Certificate

To,

The Director General,

Department of Information,

Kathmandu.

The validity of the Press representative/ Freelance Journalist certificate has been expired on..... which I obtained from the Department on .....and this application is hereby submitted for the renewal of the certificate by attaching the fees pursuant to Rule 11 of Press and Publication Rule, 2049.

Applicant's:

Signature:

Name:

Address:

Date: