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**REGULATIONS ON ACCREDITATION OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF PUBLIC INFORMATION PRODUCERS AND/OR DISSEMINATORS  
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA**

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The present Regulations shall lay down the procedure for accreditation of representatives of public information producers and/or disseminators to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, and shall regulate their work at the Office of the Government (Gedimino Ave 11, Vilnius).
2. Public information producers and/or disseminators shall have the right to accredit their representatives to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania in accordance with the present Regulations.
3. The Prime Minister's Spokesperson and the Press and Communication Unit of the Communication Department of the Office of the Government shall ensure compliance with the present Regulations by accredited journalists.

**II. ISSUANCE OF ACCREDITATION**

4. Accreditation to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania shall be issued only to representatives of public information producers and/or disseminators operating in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Lithuania, and to foreign journalists accredited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania.
5. Accreditation to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania shall be issued to representatives of public information producers and/or disseminators (as well as bloggers), who regularly produce information about the work of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.
6. Accreditation shall be issued for one year period. When accreditation is refused, applicants may re-apply for accreditation one year after the refusal, following announcement of the beginning of accreditation of representatives of public information producers and/or disseminators.
7. An accreditation request shall be processed by the Press and Communication Unit of the Communication Department of the Office of the Government within 10 working days after the receipt of the request form, filled in by a representative of public information producer and/or disseminator on the Government website [www.lrv.lt](http://www.lrv.lt).
8. Accreditation shall be granted to those bloggers and managers of the information society media, as well as representatives thereof, whose media regularly analyse and/or cover activities of the Government, and whose media, at the time of filing for accreditation, are operational and publicly available.

9. Journalists, who have been granted accreditation, shall be issued accreditation cards by the VIP Protection Department under the Ministry of the Interior.

10. Refusal of accreditation may be appealed to the Chancellor of the Government.

11. In certain cases (e.g., during visits), special accreditation procedure may be required. Public information media shall be informed about such events in advance.

12. Representatives of public information producers and/or disseminators, who have not been accredited to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, may, upon submitting a request to the Press and Communication Unit of the Communication Department of the Office of the Government, be issued a one-time permit to attend a press conference and take an interview from the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Government, advisers, and other officials. Representatives of public information producers and/or disseminators, who have been issued a one-time permit, shall be subject to the present Regulations.

### **III. ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

13. Holders of accreditation cards and one-time permits shall be entitled to make use, during work hours (8:00–17:00), of the workspace for journalists located next to the Government Press Centre, as well as computers, telephones, copy machines, printers, and other equipment, to attend press conferences held at the Office of the Government, and to make use of the information and documents produced and circulated by the Press and Communication Unit of the Communication Department of the Office of the Government and the Prime Minister's Spokesperson or a Prime Minister's adviser acting in the spokesperson's capacity (hereinafter referred to as "Spokesperson"), in accordance with the procedure established by the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Provision of Information to the Public.

14. Accreditation holders shall be entitled to enter Office of the Government (Gedimino Ave 11, Vilnius) during work hours (8:00–17:00) or until the end of an ongoing event. When no official events take place after work hours, a one-time permit ordered by an employee of the Office of the Government or a political (personal) trust public servant of the Prime Minister shall be required to enter Office of the Government.

15. Representatives of public information producers and/or disseminators may attend sittings, meetings, and Cabinet sittings that take place at the Office of the Government by permission of an event organiser or the Prime Minister's Spokesperson.

16. TV camera operators and photographers wishing to record an event shall be permitted to do so for up to 3 minutes from the beginning of the event.

17. Representatives of public information producers and/or disseminators shall coordinate with the Prime Minister's Spokesperson or the Press and Communication Unit of the Communication Department of the Office the Government before a Cabinet meeting, sitting, or other event, as to which minister or other public servant present in the sitting they wish to interview, on what topic, and when.

18. Media briefings and news conferences following Cabinet meetings and other official events shall take place in areas specially designed for public media representatives.

19. Representatives of public information producers and/or disseminators shall enter the administrative area of the Office of the Government located behind the automatic door on the ground and the first floor only if accompanied by the Prime Minister's Spokesperson, an employee of the Press and Communication Unit of the Communication Department of the Office of the Government, or an employee of the Prime Minister's Secretariat.

20. Personal interviews with the Prime Minister shall be agreed in advance by submitting a request to the Prime Minister's Spokesperson.

#### **IV. WITHDRAWAL OR REFUSAL OF ACCREDITATION**

21. Accreditation may be withdrawn or refused, when a representative of public information producers and/or disseminators violates the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Provision of Information to the Public, other legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania, the Code of Ethics of Lithuanian Journalists and Publishers, or the present Regulations.

22. A decision on withdrawal of accreditation shall be taken by the Press and Communication Unit of the Communication Department of the Office of the Government. The decision on withdrawal of accreditation may be appealed to the Chancellor of the Government.

23. Public information producers and/or disseminators shall have the right to accredit another journalist following the withdrawal of accreditation from their authorised journalist.