

## GSMA Mobile World Congress 2017 Press and Industry Analyst Accreditation Requirements

Thank you for your interest in applying for accreditation for the 2017 GSMA Mobile World Congress taking place in Barcelona, 27 February – 2 March 2017.

Below are the accreditation requirements for press and industry analysts for Mobile World Congress. You will need to complete the online accreditation application and provide or upload supporting materials as indicated in the form. Please review these accreditation requirements carefully before completing the application.

**The accreditation criteria assume that applicants are full-time in-house journalists, freelancers under specific assignment or industry analysts and that journalism and/or industry research is the applicant's main job.**

Accreditation will not be granted to:

- Publishers, general managers, account representatives, sales executives, marketing executives, engineers, public relations representatives, financial analysts etc.;
- Price comparison sites, personal website writers, fan sites, designers, editors and creators;
- YouTube, Facebook or Twitter pages/accounts, personal blogs, communities, forums and user groups;
- Financial analysts, industry consultants, market research and consultancy firms;
- Editorial or business representatives associated with industry trade groups, associations or company partnered / sponsored websites; and
- Anyone whose principal purpose for attending Mobile World Congress is, in our judgment, for reasons other than covering the event as working news media.

### Accreditation Requirements

#### PRINT AND NEWSWIRE REPORTERS:

- **Required:** A copy of the masthead from a current issue of your publication or a link to your publication's website that shows your name listed as part of the reporting team.
- **Required:** 4- 5 bylined articles relating to the wireless industry (published within the last three months).
- **Required:** We may also require an email from your editor, from the company email address, stating that you will be covering Mobile World Congress for the publication/outlet, should we not be able to clearly establish your accreditation status

Please note:

- A press card alone will not be accepted as press credentials;
- Copy/content editors, publishers and non-editorial executives or owners do not qualify for a media pass; and
- Company publications or newsletters do not qualify as media.

#### ONLINE MEDIA

- **Required:** A link to a current page of your online publication or blog with your name and title appearing in an editorial capacity.
- **Required:** 4- 5 bylined articles relating to the wireless industry (published within the last three months).
- **Required:** We may also require an email from your editor, from the company email address, stating that you will be covering the Mobile World Congress for the publication/outlet, should we not be able to clearly establish your accreditation status.

- **Required:** Bloggers must demonstrate evidence of regular (at least 2-3 entries per week), current writing related to the mobile industry.
- **Required:** Online media must also provide a recent monthly traffic report from an external demographic tool, like Google Analytics, verifying the online publication or blog gets 5,000 or more unique monthly visitors. The site must be previously established, independent and regularly updated with original and current mobile industry news.

Please note:

- A press card alone will not be accepted as press credentials;
- Copy/content editors, publishers and non-editorial executives or owners do not qualify for a media pass;
- Websites must post original, dated, industry-related news (at least 2-3 times per week). The website content must extend beyond links, forums, personal diaries, opinion or personal analysis;
- Price comparison sites do not qualify as media unless there is significant (at least 75 per cent) editorial content on the home page;
- Personal website writers, fan sites, designers, editors and creators do not qualify for media accreditation;
- YouTube, Facebook or Twitter pages/accounts, personal blogs, communities, forums and user groups do not qualify for media accreditation;
- Writing/blogging must be your main professional activity;
- Expert contributors to media outlets whose main role day-to-day role is not journalism do not qualify as media;
- A maximum of five bloggers may be accredited per website; and
- Company or sponsored blogs do not qualify as media.

### BROADCAST JOURNALISTS AND FILM CREWS

Each member of a broadcast crew must register separately and provide the following material:

#### Broadcast journalists

- **Required:** A copy of your business card with name, editorial title and media outlet logo or the link to your broadcast outlet website with your name listed as a member of the editorial team.
- **Required:** Evidence of regular presenting / reporting (links to broadcast coverage with date/time stamp).
- **Required:** We may also require an email from a producer/editor from the broadcast media, from the company email address, stating that you will be covering Mobile World Congress for the publication/outlet, should we not be able to clearly establish your accreditation status

#### Film crews

- **Required:** A copy of your business card with name, editorial title and media outlet logo or the link to your broadcast outlet website with your name listed as a member of the editorial team.
- **Required:** An email from a producer/editor from the broadcast media, from the company email address, stating that you will be covering Mobile World Congress for the publication/outlet
- **Required:** Applications from production companies must be supported by an email from the broadcast media for which they are working. The email must be from a senior editor/producer from the broadcast media, from the broadcast media company email address. The email should be sent to [pressregistration@mobileworldcongress.com](mailto:pressregistration@mobileworldcongress.com).

Please note:

- A press card alone will not be accepted as press credentials;
- Production crews hired by exhibitors/sponsors to film at Mobile World Congress will not be considered for media accreditation and must register as general attendees; and
- The GSMA reserves the right to limit the number of broadcast crew per outlet.

#### FREELANCE REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

- **Required:** An email from the editor or senior member of the editorial team of a recognised media outlet, from the company email address, stating you are covering the Congress on assignment for their outlet/publication.
- **Required:** Proof of regular and ongoing freelance journalism activity (published within the last three months).
- **Required:** Proof of regular and ongoing photography activity (published within the last three months).

Please note:

- Freelancer journalists / photographers will not be accredited without a valid assignment letter/email;
- We cannot accredit individuals whose main role is not freelance journalism; and
- A press card alone will not be accepted as press credentials.

#### INDUSTRY ANALYSTS

- **Required:** A copy of a mobile industry research report from the past four months listing you as a contributor with your name, title and company name. Reports must be made independently and not commissioned by exhibiting companies.
- **Required:** Copy of or URL for an industry-related article published within the past three months with your byline.
- **Required:** Copy of or URL for an industry-related article published within the past three months quoting you as an industry analyst.

Please note:

- Financial analysts and industry consultants do not qualify as industry analysts.
- Market research and consultancy firms do not qualify for media accreditation.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please note we may ask for additional documentation in order to confirm your press/industry analyst accreditation. In cases where an editor is providing endorsement for an applicant who may be covering Mobile World Congress on assignment:

- The signatory must serve in an editorial capacity (we will not accept assignment letters / emails from publishers or executives in marketing, sales, PR, etc.);
- The assignment letter / email must be sent directly by the signatory, using his/her company email address; and
- Knowingly providing a letter / email of assignment for or endorsing a non-qualified applicant can result in an entire organisation losing accreditation for Mobile World Congress.

#### ACCREDITATION APPROVAL

Accreditation is reserved for working members of the media and industry analysts only. This includes editors, reporters, producers, camera crews, still photographers and industry analysts. The GSMA reserves the right to deny an applicant a press/industry analyst pass if sufficient credentials are not provided.

The GSMA reserves the right to modify this policy without public notice and to revoke previously issued Mobile World Congress accreditation/registration at any time.

A history of being registered at previous Mobile World Congress events or other GSMA events does not guarantee approval or waive the accreditation requirement.

Misconduct or misrepresentation of your position, outlet/publication or staff could prevent you and your entire organisation from attending future GSMA events.

If you do not qualify as accredited press or an industry analyst in any of the above categories, then you should not apply using the Press/Industry Analyst accreditation process and instead will need to register as either a Conference Attendee or Exhibition Visitor through the Mobile World Congress [attendee registration page](#).

Please email the GSMA Mobile World Congress press registration team with any questions at [pressregistration@mobileworldcongress.com](mailto:pressregistration@mobileworldcongress.com).

General PR enquiries should be sent to [press@mobileworldcongress.com](mailto:press@mobileworldcongress.com).