



CHANGES TO THE PICTORIAL PRINT DIVISION STAR PATHS

Following a recommendation from the Stars, ROPA Advisory Committee, the PSA Executive Committee has approved changes to the Star Paths in the Pictorial Print Division. **On July 1, 2019, the Star Paths in PPD will be reduced to two** by:

- a) Combining the current Large Color Print and Small Color Print Star Paths into a single Star Path called Pictorial Print Division-Color (PPDC), and
- b) Combining the current Large Monochrome Print and Small Monochrome Print Star Paths into a single Star Path called Pictorial Print Division-Monochrome (PPDM).

Combining these Star Paths will make it easier for members to gain Star, Galaxy and Diamond awards in PPD and this will make it easier for those members to gain ROPA distinctions. There will be *no loss of acceptances and no loss of previously gained awards* as a result of this change. On Star, Galaxy and Diamond applications members will still be able to use all acceptances gained prior to the merger that they would have been able to use in the previous Star Paths provided those acceptances satisfy the standardized rules for Star, Galaxy and Diamond applications. The following arrangements will make this possible.

1. **No change to Exhibitions.** Exhibitions will continue to make their own decisions about which large/small and color/mono print sections to offer. *The merger of the star paths in PPD does NOT CHANGE AT ALL the ability of a PSA recognized exhibition to have separate sections for any/all four categories of prints (large and small, color and mono). Nor does it preclude an exhibition from having themed sections in any of those categories.*
2. **Previous Star/Galaxy/Diamond certificates are still valid.** All Star, Galaxy and Diamond certificates previously awarded in Large Color Prints (LCP), Large Monochrome Prints (LMP), Small Color Prints (SCP) and Small Monochrome Prints (SMP) will remain valid for the purpose of ROPA applications unless the acceptances used for those awards are incorporated into a new PPD Star, Galaxy or Diamond award. This is no different from the current situation in which only the highest award in a Star Path can be used on a ROPA application. [Refer to Note 1 at the end of this document.]
3. **Current Star Paths can be used until 31 December 2019.** Until 31 December 2019 members may choose to apply for Star Ratings in the current LCP, LMP, SCP or SMP Star Paths (using acceptances from relevant PSA recognised exhibition sections). This will enable members to complete Star Ratings in those four Star Paths if they want to do this before that option is removed.
4. **New Star Paths may be used from 1 July 2019.** Members who do not wish to complete Star Ratings in the LCP, LMP, SCP or SMP Star Paths will be able to apply for Star Ratings in the new PPDC and PPDM Star Paths from 1 July 2019.
5. **New Star Paths must be used from 1 January 2020.** From 1 January 2020 all PPD Star, Galaxy and Diamond applications must be in the new PPDC or PPDM Star Paths.

6. **Titles used in multiple old Star Paths.** It is possible to have acceptances for the *same* title in two, three or four of the old PPD Star Paths. All the acceptances gained for these titles prior to 1 July 2019 will remain valid. On applications for Star, Galaxy or Diamond ratings in the new PPDC and PPDM Star Paths these titles will be identified as LCP, LMP, SCP or SMP titles – similar to the way that EID and CPID titles are designated on PIDC Star applications. For purposes of meeting the minimum title requirement on Star applications they will be considered as different titles. On Galaxy and Diamond applications it will be possible to have a title set for each of these different titles.
7. **New titles used in new Star Paths.** After 1 July 2019, new images with the same title accepted in both LCP and SCP exhibition sections will be considered as a single title for purposes of Star, Galaxy and Diamond ratings in PPDC. [New images are those that have not been accepted in either LCP or SCP section before 1 July 2019.] A similar situation will apply to monochrome acceptances.
8. **Titles used both before and after Star Path changes.** Images that have been accepted in a LCP exhibition section before 1 July, 2019, and are then accepted in a SCP section after 1 July, 2019, (with the same title) will be treated as a single title for purposes of Star, Galaxy and Diamond ratings in PPDC. Images that have been accepted in a SCP exhibition section before 1 July, 2019, and are then accepted in a LCP section after 1 July, 2019, (with the same title) will be treated as a single title for purposes of Star, Galaxy and Diamond ratings in PPDC. A similar situation will apply to monochrome acceptances.
9. **Titles used in both PPDC and PPDM.** Color and monochrome versions of the same image capture are required to have the same title. That title can be used in both the PPDC and PPDM Star Paths.
10. **Applying for Stars in the new Star Paths – situation 1.** If a member has fewer than 288 combined acceptances by totalling all LCP and SCP acceptances they will be able to apply for a relevant Star Rating in the new PPDC Star Path using those combined acceptances, regardless of whether or not the acceptances have been used on an earlier Star application. The only restriction will be that all acceptances used on an earlier Star application (in LCP or SCP) must be included on the same Star application in the new PPDC Star Path. For example, a member who has Star 2 in LCP (36 acceptances) and Star 1 in SCP (18 acceptances) will be able to use those acceptances plus another 18 LCP and/or SCP acceptances and apply for Star 3 in the new PPDC Star Path. A similar situation will apply in the PPDM Star Path.
11. **Applying for Stars in the new Star Paths – situation 2.** If a member has more than 288 combined acceptances by totalling all LCP and SCP acceptances their first application in PPDC will be for Star 5. For acceptances and titles in excess of the requirements for Star 5, credit will be given towards future Galaxy applications. A similar situation will apply in the PPDM Star Path.
12. **Applying for Galaxies in the new Star Paths – situation 1.** If, prior to 1 July, 2019, a member has achieved a Star 5 rating in either the current Large Color Print or Small Color Print Star Paths their first application in the new PPDC Star Path will be for Galaxy 1 or Galaxy 1 and 2. That application may include acceptances and titles from both LCP and SCP exhibition sections. These may be acceptances gained either before or after 1 July 2019. A similar situation will apply in the PPDM Star Path.
13. **Applying for Galaxies in the new Star Paths – situation 2.** If, prior to 1 July 2019, a member has achieved a Galaxy or Diamond rating in either the current Large Color Print or Small Color Print Star Paths their first application in the new PPDC Star Path will be for a higher level Galaxy or Diamond award. That application may include

acceptances and titles from both LCP and SCP exhibition sections. These may be acceptances gained either before or after 1 July 2019. A similar situation will apply in the PPDM Star Path.

14. **Galaxy and Diamond title sets.** All Galaxy title sets must contain exactly three acceptances and all Diamond title sets must contain exactly six acceptances. Each title set in PPDC may be completed in any of these three ways:
- By using *only* acceptances gained prior 1 July 2019 in either the LCP or SCP Star Paths (for the same title); or
 - By using acceptances gained prior to 1 July 2019 in either the LCP or SCP Star Paths *plus* acceptances gained in LCP or SCP exhibition sections after 1 July 2019 (for the same title); or
 - By using *only* acceptances gained after 1 July 2019 in LCP or SCP exhibition sections (for the same title).

A similar situation will apply in the PPDM Star Path.

So that members are not disadvantaged by the merger, methods (a) and (b) *may* result in multiple title sets having the same title. However, all title sets created by method (c) must be for titles that have not previously been used on Star, Galaxy or Diamond applications.

15. **Titles to be retired.** When a member applies for Galaxy 1 or higher in PPDC, the titles used on that application and on their Star 5 application or any preceding Galaxy or Diamond applications will be retired (which is the normal practice in all Star Paths). A similar situation will apply in the PPDM Star Path.

Application of the above principles is illustrated in the following questions and answers.

Q and A

- I do not have any Star Ratings in LCP, LMP, SCP or SMP but I do have some acceptances. What should I do?
When you have sufficient titles and acceptances from a combination of your acceptances in Large Color Prints and Small Color Prints you can submit an application for a Star Rating in PPDC. For example, if you have 12 acceptances from 3 titles in LCP and 6 acceptances from 3 titles in SCP you could apply for Star 1 in PPDC. [In all Divisions, Star 1 requires 18 acceptances from at least 6 titles.]
Any titles which have acceptances in both LCP and SCP before 1 July 2019 will count as a different titles on your PPDC application.
The same situation will apply to acceptances that you have in Large Monochrome Prints and Small Monochrome Prints – those acceptances can be combined on Star applications in PPDM.
- I already have Star Ratings in LCP and SCP. Do I have to apply to convert those to new Star Ratings?
No. There will be no formal conversion program. When you have sufficient acceptances to apply for any Star, Galaxy or Diamond rating in PPDC that is higher than either of the ratings that you currently have in LCP or SCP you will submit an appropriate application along with proof of the Star Ratings that you already hold. All of the acceptances and titles that you used on those previous star rating applications will be taken into account when your new application is processed. The same situation will apply in PPDM.

3. Can I combine Large Colour Print and Large Monochrome Print acceptances on either a PPDC or PPDM Star application?
No.
4. Can I combine Small Colour Print and Small Monochrome Print acceptances on either a PPDC or PPDM Star application?
No.
5. I have Star 1 in LCP and that application included a title called "Red umbrella". I also had acceptances for that that title in SCP prior to 1 July 2019. Will "Red umbrella" count as one title or two titles when I apply for Star 2 in PPDC.
It will count as two titles.
6. I have Star 1 in LCP and that application included a title called "Blue house". I did not have any acceptances for that that title in SCP prior to 1 July 2019. If I gain an acceptance for that title in SCP after 1 July 2019 will it count as an additional title when I apply for Star 2 in PPD.
No. Since this title had acceptances in just one Star Path (LCP) before 1 July 2019 it will count as just one title on all applications in the new PPDC Star Path.
7. What happens if I already have acceptances for the same title in LCP and SCP but I have no star ratings?
For acceptances gained up until 1 July 2019, you will be able to claim separate titles for acceptances in LCP and SCP even though the images had the same title. So that the Star Ratings Director can take this into account you will indicate on your application the section (LCP or SCP) in which you received the acceptances. The same situation will apply in the PPDM Star Path.
8. I have a colour image titled "Elephant" for which I have two acceptances in Small Prints and three acceptances in Large Prints. What are my options for that image if I want to use it on a Galaxy application?
For that image you have two options:
a) Claim the three Large Print acceptances as a Galaxy title and then get one more acceptance for that image (in either a LCP or SCP section) to complete a second Galaxy title set. No acceptances would be lost.
b) Save all the acceptances and get one more acceptance for that image (in either a LCP or SCP section) to complete a Diamond title set. No acceptances would be lost.
Either way, the same basis principle applies - you would be able to use all the acceptances that you would have been able to use had the merger of the Star Paths not occurred.
9. If I have a mixture of Stars in the current LCP and SCP categories what do I strive to do next for recognition in the new PPDC star path?
Simply add together the number of acceptances that were required for the Stars you have already been awarded. If that total is less than 288 (the number of acceptances you need for Star 5) then you can use acceptances from either LCP or SCP to make up the total number of acceptances that you need for Star 5 (a total of 288 acceptances).
For example, if you had Star 1 in LCP (18 acceptances from 6 titles) and Star 3 in SCP (72 acceptances from 24 titles) that would give you a total of 90 acceptances. All the titles would be considered unique even if you had used

the same title in both LCP and SCP (so you would have a total of 30 titles). To achieve Star 4 in the new PPDC category you could use 54 acceptances (from at least 18 new titles) from either LCP or SCP or a combination of LCP/SCP. The same situation will apply in PPDM.

10. What should I do if I have 5 Stars in both Small Color Prints and Large Color Prints?

The 5 Stars in LCP and 5 Stars in SCP would give you a total of 576 acceptances. That is just short of the number of acceptances required for Galaxy 4 (588). If in addition to the five Stars in those two star paths you also have another 12 acceptances in *either* LCP or SCP you could submit an application for Galaxy 4 in PPDC. All you would need for this application is proof of your Star 5 in LCP and Star 5 in SCP, a complete list of titles that you used on those applications, and 12 additional acceptances (3 acceptances for each of 4 titles that were not used in your Star applications). All those titles would then be retired. The same situation will apply in PPDM.

11. I have a Star 2 award in LCP and I have enough additional acceptances to apply for Star 3 in PPDC. I do not have Star awards in any other Division. What should I put on the online application when I apply for QPSA?

When you apply for Star 3 in PPDC you will be given credit for the titles and acceptances that you used for your Star 2 in LCP. Your Star 3 in PPDC will give you the 54 acceptances that are needed for QPSA. When you apply online for QPSA there will be a place where you can indicate that you have Star 3 in PPDC. You will not need to enter any information about your previous Star 2 in LCP.

12. I have a Star 4 award in LCP and a Star 4 award in Nature Division. When I apply online for PPSA what awards will I use?

You will use the Star 4 in LCP (it does not have to be converted to a PPDC award) plus your Star 4 in Nature Division.

Note 1: In this document I am using the following abbreviations for the current Star Paths:

LCP for Large Color Prints (rather than the abbreviation PPD-CA).

SCP for Small Color Prints (rather than PPD-CB).

LMP for Large Monochrome Prints (rather than PPD-MA).

SMP for Small Monochrome Prints (rather than PPD-MB).

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