

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORGANISERS OF FILM FESTIVALS

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Publicly exhibiting unclassified audiovisual programmes during a film festival requires permission from the National Audiovisual Institute.

According to section 11 in the Act on Audiovisual Programmes (710/2011) the National Audiovisual Institute may grant, upon application, authorisation to provide audiovisual programmes, without them being classified and labelled in accordance with the Act, at a special event arranged for the purpose of providing audiovisual programmes.

Authorisation may be granted for a single event or a fixed period of time. The authorisation may stipulate conditions on the time and place of audiovisual programme exhibition and the age of viewers.

The authorisation may be revoked if the authorised party infringes this Act or the conditions of the authorisation or if the content of the audiovisual programmes exhibited give other cause for such action. The authorisation can also be revoked if incorrect information was supplied to the Institute when applying for authorisation.

The types of events the Act refers to are mainly events associated with film culture, such as film festivals or screenings related to broader cultural events. The focus may lie on the production of a specific director, country or era.

Applying for authorisation

An application (in [Finnish](#) or [Swedish](#)) with supplements should be sent by mail to the National Audiovisual Institute with the address: National Audiovisual Institute, Department for Media Education and Audiovisual Media, PO Box 16, 00501 Helsinki or via email to kirjaamo@kavi.fi (reference: MEKU).

The application should include the following supplements: 1) List of programs (films) screened with 2) short description of the content of each film (synopsis), and certificate from tax authorities if organiser is a non-profit organisation and wants to get the permit free of charge.

The authorisation is usually subject to [a fee](#). (Regulated by Decree of the Ministry of Education and Culture).

Additional information:

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