



1. PURPOSE

These guidelines have been approved by the Presiding Officers for the purpose of clarifying the rules surrounding photography and filming in the shared precincts of Parliament House.

Separate guidelines apply for the Chambers.

2. PRINCIPLES

Photography and filming are restricted in the majority of Westminster-based Parliaments, including the Parliament of Western Australia, to preserve the capacity for Members and others to conduct their parliamentary business freely.

3. OUTSIDE THE BUILDING

Photography and filming are permitted outside Parliament House, including the steps of Parliament House.

4. INSIDE PARLIAMENT HOUSE/ANNEXE

Sitting days

Photography is permitted at Parliament House on sitting days in the following areas:

- the John Forrest Foyer;
- the alcove featuring the photographic background screen in the Courtyard; and
- at approved functions.

A Presiding Officer needs to specifically approve the taking of photographs and filming in their respective Chamber on a sitting day.

The Presiding Officers may, at their discretion, allow photographs and filming to take place in additional locations under specific conditions.

Non-sitting days

Photography is permitted at Parliament on non-sitting days, subject to the conditions below.

Members may have photographs or film taken of themselves, with or without guests, in their Chamber on non-sitting days without seeking permission (refer to each House's Guidelines for Photography and Filming for specific conditions).

5. CONDITIONS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Photographs and filming at Parliament shall not:

- include persons without their approval;
- offend against the dignity of the Parliament;
- be used for the purposes of satire or ridicule;
- be used for party political advertising, including election campaigns;
- be used for commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising; and
- be taken by or for media representatives, without the approval of the Presiding Officers.

At any time, Members may have photography and film taken in their office, their party room, or a meeting room, or in front of the photographic backdrop screen located in the courtyard, without seeking permission.

Photography and filming of the artworks in Parliament House is not allowed without the permission of the Presiding Officers. This does not include artworks appearing incidentally in the

background of photographs or footage.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING BY PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

Staff of the Parliament may engage in photography and filming on sitting and non-sitting days for the purposes of promoting the work of the Parliament on social media or in Parliamentary publications. Approval to take photographs or film in a Chamber on a sitting day must be sought from the respective Presiding Officer.

7. GENERAL

The Presiding Officers may determine specific requirements and restrictions on a case-by-case basis.

8. RELATED GUIDELINES

Guidelines for Photography and Filming Legislative Assembly
Guidelines for Photography and Filming in the Legislative Council

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