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## Criteria for Selecting the Official Entry for the Best International Feature Film Category for the 98th Academy Awards

For the submission of the official entry from Bhutan for the Best International Feature Film Category at the 98th Academy Awards, the Bhutan InfoComm and Media Authority (BICMA) will conduct the initial screening based on the eligibility criteria for the Award, which encompass the following:

### Domestic Release:

- All films seeking eligibility must receive a rating and certification from the Bhutan InfoComm and Media Authority (BICMA).
- Eligible films must have been released in local theaters within the specified timeframe set by the Awards. For the 98th Academy Awards, the release date range is from 01 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.
- Films must be screened for the required duration as stipulated for the award. For instance, a minimum of seven consecutive days in a commercial motion picture theater is necessary for eligibility for the Academy Awards.
- Films distributed through non-theatrical means, such as broadcast and cable television, DVD distribution, inflight airline entertainment, and internet transmission, may not qualify for selection. However, this restriction does not apply to films released through licensed OTT (Over-the-Top) platforms.

### Technical Qualification:

In addition, the technical requirements should be fulfilled as detailed below:

[https://www.oscars.org/sites/oscars/files/2025-04/98th\\_aa\\_international\\_feature.pdf?VersionId=TNEF7ZSD04Bg1RLZEcuOCPDYILc9fZpZ](https://www.oscars.org/sites/oscars/files/2025-04/98th_aa_international_feature.pdf?VersionId=TNEF7ZSD04Bg1RLZEcuOCPDYILc9fZpZ)

The checklist for entries can be found in the following link:

[https://www.oscars.org/sites/oscars/files/2025-07/FINALIZED%2098AA\\_2025\\_IFF\\_Submission\\_Checklist.pdf?VersionId=GpTquBiwFHRrRRQcvUC12P357KBdt7jKd](https://www.oscars.org/sites/oscars/files/2025-07/FINALIZED%2098AA_2025_IFF_Submission_Checklist.pdf?VersionId=GpTquBiwFHRrRRQcvUC12P357KBdt7jKd)



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For the 98th Academy Awards, documentary feature films, if selected for submission under Best International Feature Film Category, shall also be eligible for the Documentary Feature Film Award Category subject to the fulfillment of following requirements set by the Academy for the 98th Academy Awards:

[https://www.oscars.org/sites/oscars/files/2025-04/98th\\_aa\\_doc\\_feature.pdf?VersionId=\\_8sOuyOgzEatssjNE528Ta\\_izDVut6Bw](https://www.oscars.org/sites/oscars/files/2025-04/98th_aa_doc_feature.pdf?VersionId=_8sOuyOgzEatssjNE528Ta_izDVut6Bw)

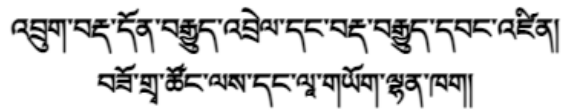
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[https://www.oscars.org/sites/oscars/files/2025-07/98\\_DocumentaryFeatureFilm\\_Checklist%20FINAL.pdf?VersionId=ZpnkMntl0Vmq52DvkgzZ849pR4EH8Z7D](https://www.oscars.org/sites/oscars/files/2025-07/98_DocumentaryFeatureFilm_Checklist%20FINAL.pdf?VersionId=ZpnkMntl0Vmq52DvkgzZ849pR4EH8Z7D)

The entries which fulfill the requirements of the first screening process shall then be taken as official entry for review by the selection committee.

The proposed criteria for the selection are as follows:

Sl. No.	Criteria	Points
1	<b>Portrayal of Bhutan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Authentic and appealing to an international audience</li></ul>	20
2	<b>Direction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Freshness, Uniqueness of Theme, Storytelling, Performance</li></ul>	35
3	<b>Script</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Originality, Relevance to Bhutan, Structure, Style</li></ul>	20
4	<b>Technical Excellence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cinematography, Sound, Editing, Production Design</li></ul>	15
5	<b>Critical Acclaim</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Films that have received positive reviews from esteemed/prestigious film festivals/events (List to be determined by the Committee)</li></ul>	10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>



- The entry with the highest average point will be selected as the official entry from Bhutan. However, if the entry with the highest average points fails to meet the minimum threshold requirement set forth by the Committee, the Committee may choose to have no entry submission from Bhutan. The minimum threshold is to be determined during the first meeting of the committee.
- In the event of a tie, a voting will be done among the committee members to choose the official entry.

For further information, please get in touch with the Selection Committee via [csfiabhutan@gmail.com](mailto:csfiabhutan@gmail.com)