

Central Board For Film Certification

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About the Central Board for Film Certification(CBFC)

- **Ministry:** CBFC is a statutory film-certification body in the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**
- Formation: 1951
- Purpose: Film Certification
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- It is tasked with regulating the public exhibition of films under the provisions of the Cinematograph Act 1952.
- Films screened in cinemas and on television may only be publicly exhibited in India after certification by the board.
- Composition: CBFC consists of non-official members and a Chairman (all of whom are appointed by the Central Government) and functions with headquarters at Mumbai.
- Regional offices: It has nine Regional offices, one each at Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Thiruvananthapuram, Hyderabad, New Delhi, Cuttack and Guwahati.
- The Regional Offices are assisted in the examination of films by Advisory Panels. The members of the panels are nominated by Central Government by drawing people from different walks of life for a period of 2 year

Certification by CBFC

- The Certification process is in accordance with The

Cinematograph Act, 1952, The Cinematograph (certification) Rules, 1983, and the guidelines issued by the Central government u/s 5 (B) following are the various certificates by it:



Unrestricted Public

Exhibition



Unrestricted Public Exhibition - but with a word of caution that discretion required for children below 12 years



Restricted to adults



Restricted to any special class of persons