

Requirements for Passport Photograph

Your passport-sized colour photograph must meet the following requirements:

- 1) the photo is sharp and clear, and taken within the last 3 months;
- 2) must be **400 by 514 pixels**;
- 3) the image of your face from the chin to the crown of your head should occupy at least 2/3 of your photograph;
- 4) the photo is taken full face, with you front-facing, head straight and eyes open with no hair across and/or covering your eyes/ eyebrows. Both edges of your face and top of your shoulders must be clearly shown. The photo must show the full head from top of hair to bottom of chin and the head must centre within the photograph. Please note that you must not look over any shoulder and your head must not be tilted;
- 5) Where eye glasses/spectacles are worn, the photograph must show your eyes clearly with no flash reflection off the glasses. The frames of the eye glasses shall not cover any part of your eyes. Tinted glasses and sunglasses are not allowed;
- 6) The photo is taken without wearing any hat or other head-covering, unless you habitually wear a hat or head-covering in accordance with your religious custom. If any such hat or head-covering is worn, the photograph must still be a full front view of your head and shoulders, not hide the facial features and your eyes must be open and clearly visible;
- 7) You should be dressed in proper attire. Singlet or off-shoulder clothes is not allowed.
- 8) The photo is taken with uniform lighting with no flash reflections, no shadows, no uneven bright spots on the face and no visible red eyes;
- 9) The background of the photo should be white, unless your hair, hat or head-covering is white, in which case, the background must be light grey;
- 10) The photograph must show you alone only, with no chair back, other persons or paraphernalia visible;
- 11) The photo image should not be altered, amended or enhanced. This includes removal or addition of birth marks, moles or tattoos;
- 12) The photograph must be printed on high quality paper at high resolution with a matt or semi-matt finish with no ink marks or creases;
- 13) The photograph should not have visible pixels or dot patterns.