

Well Composed Photo Composition Examples

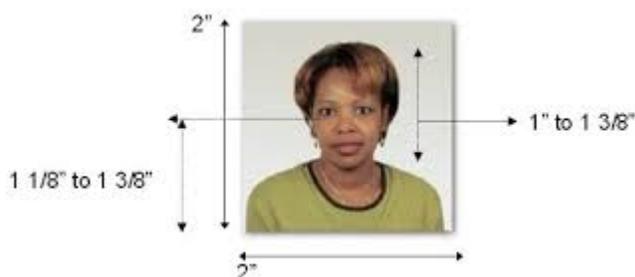


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Photo Requirements

The processing of your order may be delayed if you do not submit a photo that meets the requirements below. To avoid processing delays, we recommend you use a professional passport photo service.

Your photo **must** be:

1. In color;
2. **2 x 2 inches** (51 x 51 mm) in size;
3. Sized such that the head is between 1 inch and 1 3/8 inches (between 25 and 35 mm) from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head;
4. Taken **within the last 6 months** to reflect your current appearance;
5. Taken in front of a **plain white** or **off-white background**;
6. Taken in full-face view directly facing the camera;
7. Taken with a neutral facial expression (preferred) or a natural smile, and with both eyes open.

FAQ

Can eyeglasses be worn for the photo?

*Eyeglasses worn on a daily basis can be worn for the photo. However, there should be **no reflections from the eyeglasses that obscure the eyes**. Glare can be avoided with a slight downward tilt of the glasses or by removing the glasses or by turning off the camera flash.*

Are photos that are copied from recent driver licenses or other official documents acceptable?

*Copied or digitally scanned photos of official documents will **not be accepted**. In addition, photo **must not be digitally enhanced or altered** to change your appearance in any way.*

Want to take a photo of yourself?

While we recommend you use a professional passport photo service to ensure your photo meets all the requirements, you may take the photo yourself.

*Hand-held self-portraits [“selfies”] are **not** acceptable. Photos must not be digitally enhanced or altered to change your appearance in any way. If you take the photo yourself with a digital camera, the digital image **MUST** adhere to the following specifications:*

***Dimensions:** The image dimensions must be in a square aspect ratio (the height must be equal to the width). Minimum acceptable dimensions are 600 x 600 pixels. Maximum acceptable dimensions are 1200 x 1200 pixels.*

Color: The image must be in color in sRGB color space which is the common output for most digital cameras.

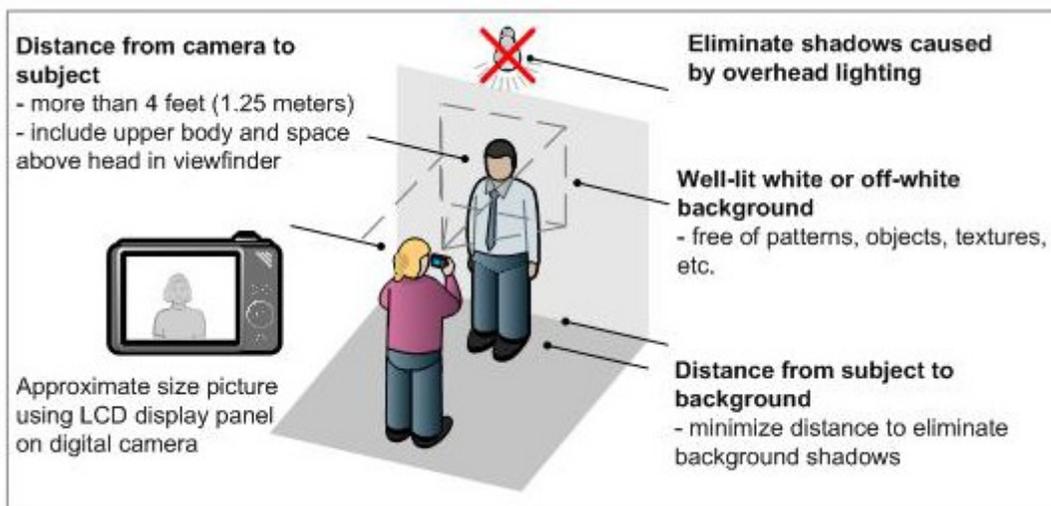
Please review the following technical requirements and references for guidance on taking your own passport photo.

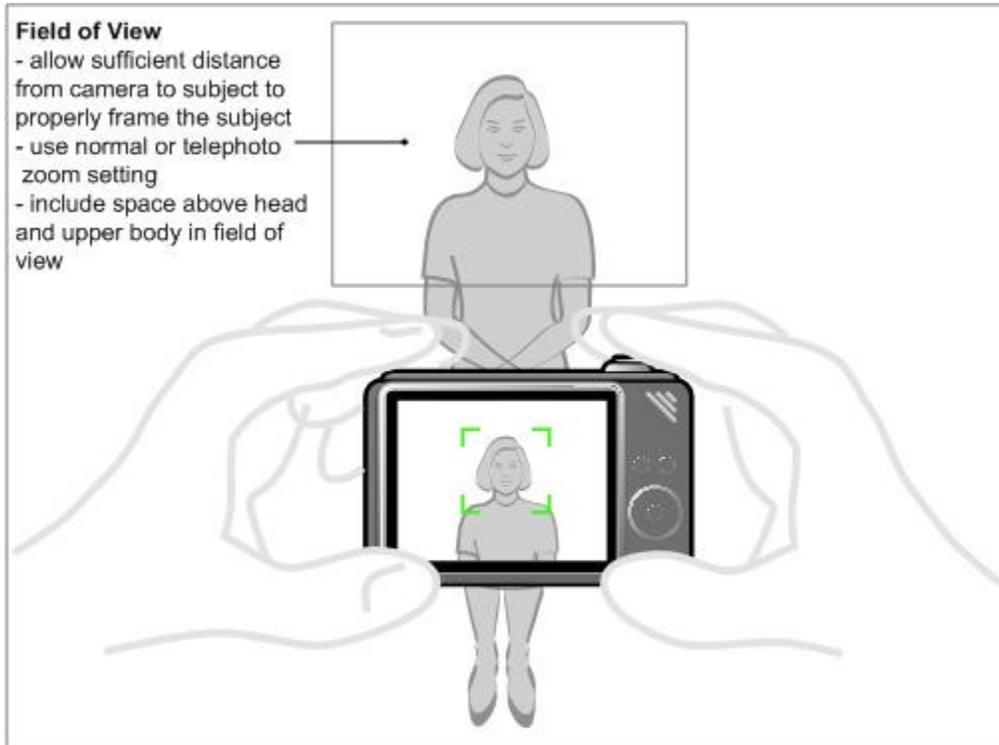
Photographer's Guide

Taking an acceptable photograph for your National ID requires special attention to camera position and lighting.

Camera Position

- The camera should be placed at the eye level of the person being photographed and at least 4 feet (1.25 meters) away;
- Minimize the distance between the person being photographed and the background to reduce shadows on the background;
- **Make sure to include the person's upper body** and have space above the head in the viewfinder or screen display of your camera.
- Ensure the background is well lit, white or off-white, and free of patterns, objects, textures, etc.





Proper Lighting Arrangement and Background Illumination

If you are setting up a proper area to take photos, then consider:

- Positioning light sources on both sides of the person to avoid shadows on the face;
- Using a light source to illuminate the background behind the person to avoid shadows on the background;
- Try to eliminate shadows that are caused by overhead lighting;
- The lighting arrangement should consist of a minimum of three (3) points of illumination; two (2) points of illumination should be placed at approximately 45 degrees on either side of the subject's face, the third point should be placed so as to illuminate the background uniformly.
- The background should be uniformly illuminated to remove any shadows or other lighting effects that would otherwise interfere with clearly discerning the facial outline on the background.

