

QUALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PHOTOS ON VISA STICKER AND PASSPORTS

Photos to be used on the visa stickers and the passports must fulfil certain set-up and quality requirements. If the requirements stated below have not been fulfilled, the applicant will have to deliver a new photo which fulfils the requirements.

The photo must:

- be in sharp focus, clear and with good contrasts
- be printed on high quality photo paper with high resolution
- be in colour or black/white
- be 35–45 mm in Width
- be maximum 6 months old and resemble the applicant
- be taken with the applicant facing the camera directly, against a light background
- show the whole head and the top of the shoulders. The face must occupy 70–80 % of the picture.
- show open eyes that are clearly visible. Hair must not cover the eyes.
- **Mouth must be closed.**

Regarding glasses:

Glasses are allowed as long as the eyes are clearly visible.

- the glasses must not be coloured
- the rim must not cover any part of the eyes
- there must be no reflection in the glasses

Regarding head-dress:

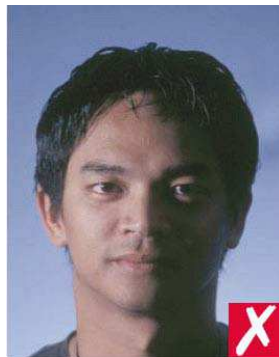
Religious head-dresses are allowed, provided that all details of the face are clearly shown.

- chin, forehead and both cheeks must be clearly visible
- shadows on the face due to the head-dress are not allowed

Examples of photos that have not been approved:



No. 1: background

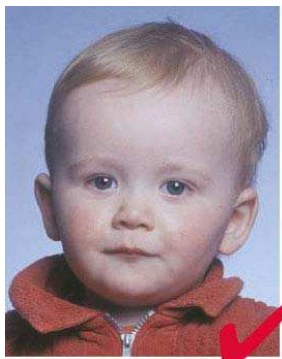


No. 2: shadow covering face



No. 3: hair covering eyes

Examples of approved photos:



No. 4: children, same quality requirements as adults



No. 5: glasses OK



No. 6: religious head-dress correctly applied