

## Quality of the Photograph



Too Close

Too Distant

Compliant

The photo must be a close-up of your head and the top of your shoulders so that your face takes up 70-80% of the photograph.



Blurred

Ink Marked or Greased

Compliant

The photo must be clear and in sharp focus, with no ink or grease marks.



Turned Away

Unnatural Skin Tone

Compliant

The photo must show you looking directly at the camera, with your natural skin tone.



Too Dark

Too Light

Compliant

The photo should have appropriate brightness and contrast.



Washed Out

Pixelated

Compliant

Photos taken with a digital camera must be high quality color and printed on photo-quality paper.

## Style and Lighting



Hair Across Eyes

Eyes Closed

Compliant

The photo must show your eyes open and clearly visible, with no hair across your eyes.

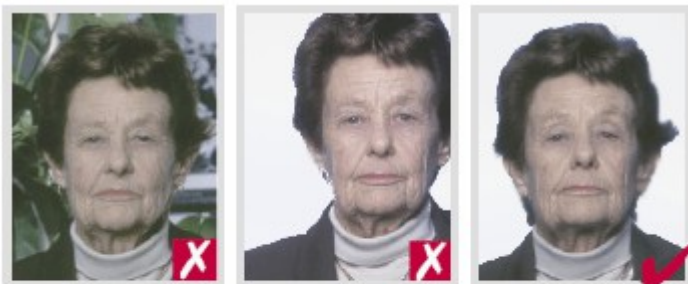


Portrait-Style

Eyes Tilted

Compliant

The photo should show you facing the camera, not looking over one shoulder (portrait-style) or with your head tilted. Both sides of your face should be clearly visible.



Crowded

Not Centered

Compliant

The photo must be taken with a plain light-colored background.



Flash Reflection Visible

Red Eye

Compliant

The photo must be taken with uniform lighting and must not show red eye, shadows or flash reflections.



Background Shadows

Shadows Across Face

Compliant

## Expression and Frame



The photo must show you alone (no chair backs, toys or other people visible), looking at the camera with a neutral expression and your mouth closed.

Shows Another Person

Mouth Open;  
Face Partially  
Obstructed

Compliant

## Glasses and Head Covers



If you wear glasses, the lenses must not be tinted and the photo must show your eyes clearly with no flash reflection. If possible, avoid heavy frames and wear lighter framed glasses.

Dark-Tinted  
Lenses

Flash Reflection  
on Lenses

Compliant

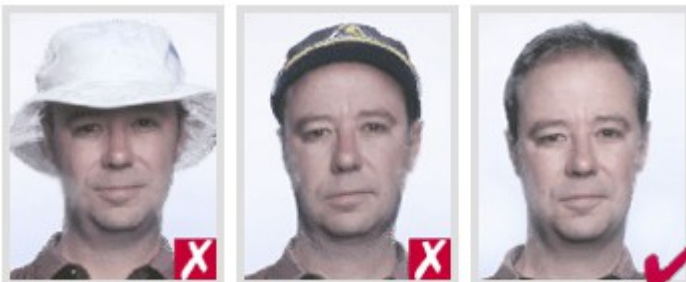


Make sure that the frames do not cover any part of your eyes.

Frames too  
Heavy

Frames Covering  
Eyes

Compliant



Head coverings are not permitted except for religious reasons.

Wearing a Hat

Wearing a Cap

Compliant



Face Covered



Shadows Across  
Face



Compliant

Your facial features from the bottom of your chin to the top of your forehead, and both sides of your face, must be clearly shown.