

# Passport Photos

You must provide one photo with your passport application.

## Requirements

- Your head must face the camera directly with full face in view.
- You must have a neutral facial expression or a natural smile, with both eyes open.
- Taken in clothing normally worn on a daily basis
- Taken in the last 6 months
- Use a plain white or off-white background
- Be sized correctly
  - 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm)
  - Head must be between 1 -1 3/8 inches (25 - 35 mm) from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head
- Printed on matte or glossy photo quality paper
- Printed in color
- You cannot wear glasses.
  - If you cannot remove your glasses for medical reasons, please include a signed note from your doctor with application.
- You cannot wear a hat or head covering.
  - If you wear a hat or head covering for religious purposes, submit a signed statement that verifies that the hat or head covering in your photo is part of recognized, traditional religious attire that is customarily or required to be worn continuously in public.
  - If you wear a hat or head covering for medical purposes, submit a signed doctor's statement verifying the hat or head covering in your photo is used daily for medical purposes.
  - Your full face must be visible and your hat or head covering cannot obscure your hairline or cast shadows on your face.
- You cannot wear headphones or wireless hands-free devices.

## Photo Examples

Shadows and Lighting

Glasses

Size and Position

Resolution, Print Size, and Quality

Digital Alterations and Retouching

Pose and Expression

Attire, Hats and Hair

Background

Children

Acceptable—Photo is clear and in color, reproduces skin tones accurately, and is properly exposed with no shadows

Photo tip: N/A