

Requirements for a Good Passport Photo

- Printed on matte or glossy photo quality paper
- Size of photo
 - 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm) in size
 - Size of head must be between 1 -1 3/8 inches (25 - 35 mm) from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head.
 - View the [Photo Composition Template](#) for more size requirement details at www.travel.state.gov
- Recent, taken in the last 6 months to reflect your current appearance
- **No glasses (new requirement as of 11/2016)**
 - If you cannot remove your glasses for medical reasons, please include a signed note from your doctor with your application.
- Background must be plain white or off-white
- Head must be directly facing the camera with your **full face** in view.
- Taken with a neutral facial expression, non-exaggerated facial expression, with both eyes open. Wide, excessive smiling, laughing, frowning, snickering, smirking or other exaggerated expressions causes issues with the facial recognition system used by Passport Services to assist in verifying identities.
- In color. Tinted or retouched photographs that alter the subject's appearance are not acceptable.
- Taken in clothing that you normally wear on a daily basis
- No hats or head coverings, unless you wear it daily for religious purposes. Your **full face** must be visible and your head covering cannot cast shadows on your face.
- No headphones or wireless hands-free devices.