

Photo Requirements for all CKGS Applications

The passport sized photo(s) which are pasted on your application form, as well as any additional loose photos sent with application, must follow the strict guidelines as mentioned below.

Photo Requirements:










- The photo should be **2 inches by 2 inches** (51mm x 51mm).
- The photo should be close of head and top of shoulders so that face takes up 70% -80% of the photo.
- The skin tone should be natural and should have appropriate brightness and contrast.
- The image should be straight looking, centered with neutral expression.
- The eyes must be open and hair should not cover the face.
- If glasses are worn then should be clear and thin framed and should not have flash reflection or cover the eyes.
- Head coverings, hair, head-dress or facial ornaments should not cover the face.
- The photograph must be taken in a **colored attire**, for example, a medium blue shirt etc.
- The attire should **not be** patterned / textured or pure white.
- The photo must have WHITE background.
- There must be no other people or object in the background of the photo.
- The lighting must be uniform and should not have any shadows on the face or behind.
- Red eye photos will not be permissible.
- Photo should not be older than 6 months.
- Photo should not be folded.
- Photo should NOT have any crease or line on it.

The pages below will show some sample images. The images marked as 'X' in RED are not acceptable and the images marked as '✓' in GREEN.













Part I

SAMPLE IMAGES

The page below will show some sample images. The images marked as 'X' in RED are not acceptable and the images marked as '✓' in GREEN are acceptable.

	BAD QUALITY IMAGES	BAD QUALITY IMAGES	GOOD QUALITY IMAGES
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T O O L I G H T			
D A M A G E D			

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H A Z Y			
O U T O F F O C U S			
Y E L L O W			
R E D			

The page below will show some sample images for a 'New Born'. The images marked as 'X' in RED are not acceptable and the image marked as '✓' is acceptable.

		
Parent's hand visible	Dark background	Eyes closed
		
Looking away	Mouth open/face covered	✓

Part II

Photo Guidelines

Requirement of photograph for passports

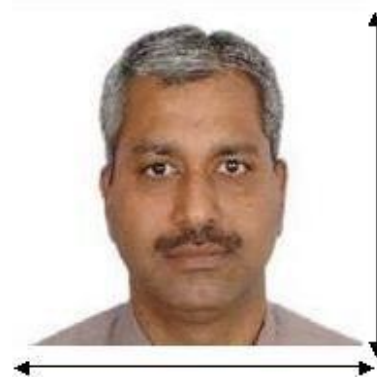
Based upon the specifications of the International Standards Organization (ISO) and ICAO, which is responsible for standardizing travel documents, the most important requirements for a photograph for e-passport is that the face must be taken from a full frontal position and the height of the face must meet the prescribed specifications. The eyes must be open, level and clearly visible within the indicated area. The face should be centered within the frame.

Advice for Passport Applicants to Submit Proper Quality Photograph

The quality of the photograph appearing on the passport depends on the photograph that is submitted at the time of applying for a passport. The passport seekers are, therefore, advised to submit the photographs, as specified, to avoid delay in processing their passport applications.

Sample Photo

- The photograph should be in color and of the size of 2 inch x 2 inch (51mmx51mm).
- The photo-print should be clear and with a continuous-tone quality.
- It should have full face, front-view, eyes open.
- Photo should present full head from top of hair to bottom of chin.
- Center head with in frame.
- The background should be a plain white or off-white.
- There should not be any distracting shadows on the face or on the background.
- The photograph must be taken in a **colored attire**, for example, a medium blue shirt etc.
- The attire should **not be** patterned / textured or pure white.
- Head coverings are not permitted except for religious reasons, but the facial features from bottom of chin to top of forehead and both edges of the face must be clearly shown.
- The expression on the face should look natural.

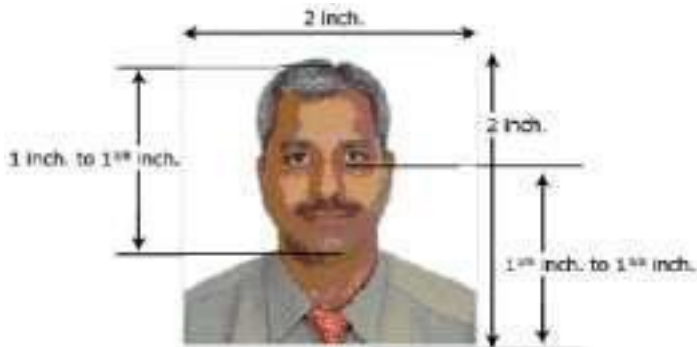


2 inch

Do's and Don'ts for a Proper photo

The photo should capture full face, front view, with eyes open. The head should be in the centre of the frame.

There should be no distracting shadows on the face or background.



Distracting Not centered background.

Make sure photo presents full head from top of hair to bottom of chin; height of head should measure 1 inch to 1-3/8 inches (25 mm to 35 mm). Make sure eye height is between 1-1/8 inches to 1-3.

Lighting on face and background

The light should be even and balanced to avoid shadows on the face.

Background behind the face should be properly illuminated to avoid shadows in the background.



Shadows behind head. across the face.

Photograph Print Properties

The photograph should be in size 2 inch x 2 inch (51 mm x 51 mm) and in colour.

Print photo on thin photo paper or stock.

Ensure the print is clear and has a continuous-tone quality. Do not retouch or otherwise enhance or soften the photo.



Blurred Ink marked/ creased

Resolution and Printing Quality

High-resolution photography and printing are strongly recommended.

Both conventional and digital photography are acceptable, and conventional or digital printing methods may be used.

Resulting print should exhibit a continuous-tone quality regardless of the print method used (dye sublimation, ink jet, laser, etc.)



Digitally printed photos should be produced without visible pixels or dot patterns

Fine facial features should be discernible.

Contrast and Colour

Brightness and contrast should be adjusted to present the subject and background accurately.

Photos without proper contrast or colour may obscure unique facial features. Colour should reproduce natural skin tones.

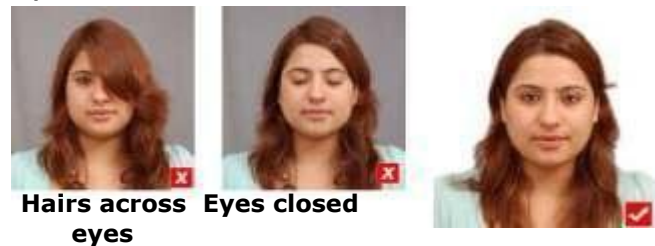


Fluorescent or other lighting with unbalanced colour may cause unwanted colour cast in the Photo. Appropriate filters can eliminate improper colour balance.

Head & Eyes- Position and Background

Head should face the camera directly and should not tilt or turned (portrait style).

Photo must show both edges of the face clearly.



The eyes must be open, level and clearly visible and must not be covered by hairs or eye-glass frames.

Eyeglasses

Glare on eyeglasses should be avoided with a slight upward or downward tilt of the head. No tinted or dark glasses.



Head coverings

are not permitted except

for religious reasons, but the facial features from bottom of chin to top of forehead and both edges of the face must be clearly shown.



face covered



shadows across face



Exposure and Lighting

There should not be any over-exposure or under-exposure which results in an unusable photo.

There should be a three-point balanced lighting. Facial features should be clearly evident in the photo.

Lighting should be adjusted to avoid shadows on the face or background. Diffuse sources of light, such as umbrella lights, are preferable to point sources.



Flexibility in Children's photographs

Babies under one year do not have to have their eyes open.

As regards the photograph of the children under ten years of age, requirements can be somewhat relaxed in respect of height of the

face, and the position of the eyes in the photographs; and in case of babies and infants also, the position of the face, the facial expression, the eyes and the line of sight can have some relaxation.



However, a frontal photograph with clarity is required for children. It should

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

Photographs taken with a digital camera should be of high quality color.