

# Digital Photo Guidelines

**Visa and Passport photographs must meet specific requirements. Check your visa or passport application kit to ensure that your photos meet the specific requirements for your particular application.**

**Before you submit, ensure that your photos meet these minimum standards. The photos should:**

- Be in color and free of shadows
- Be taken against a white background unless directed otherwise
- Have been taken in the last six months
- Show the applicant looking directly into the camera, facing-forward and with head straight
- Have eyes open, pupils and irises visible
- Have a neutral expression when required, otherwise a natural smile is acceptable
- Not display hats, uniforms or head covering except for religious purposes

Examples of acceptable photos



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Can eyeglasses be worn for the photo?**

No. Neither the U.S. Passport Office nor the foreign consulates permit the wearing of eyeglasses in photographs.

### **Can I use a digital camera to take my photo?**

Yes, you can use a digital camera. Most web-cams and mobile phones cannot provide images of sufficient quality. See other side for instructions on setting taking your own photo.

### **Is it acceptable for my child's eyes to be closed in his/her photo?**

It is acceptable if an infant's eyes, particularly a newborn's, are not, or are not entirely, open. All other children must have their eyes open and looking straight ahead towards the camera.



**For detailed examples of acceptable (and unacceptable) passport photos, visit**  
<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/passports/photos/photo-examples.html>

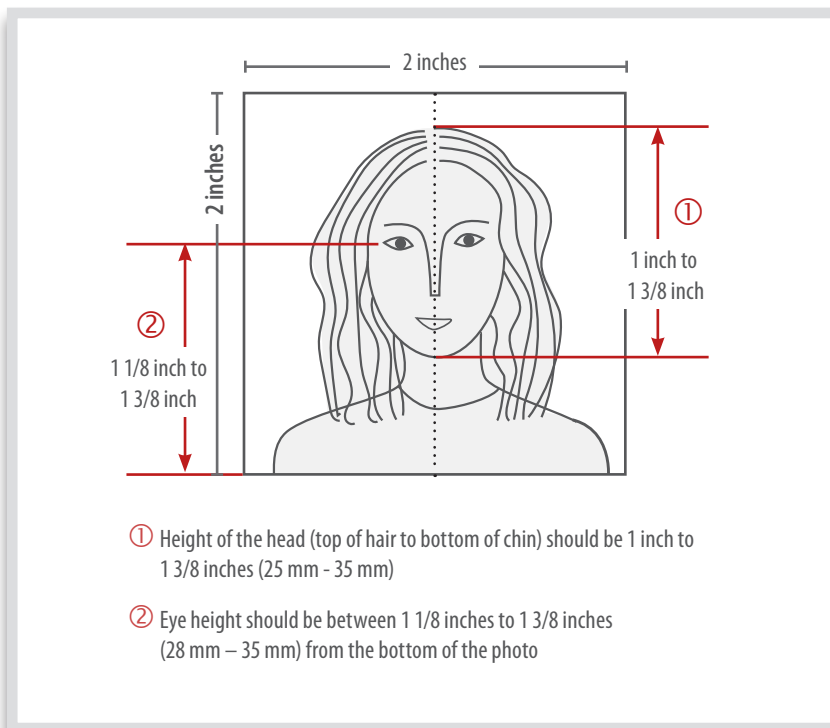
# Taking Your Own Photo

## PHOTO GUIDELINES

Photos should be

- In sharp focus with no visible pixels
- Reproduce color accurately
- Subject should fit in the frame as shown on the right
- Properly exposed with no shadows
- At least 2 MB and up to 15 MB

## Composition Template



## Setting Up the Shot

