

2. Requirements for the person's position in the photograph:

- The subject of the photograph should be facing forward, with eyes open and mouth closed. He or she should have a neutral expression and the face should be fully in focus.
- There should be no more than one person in the photograph. The back of a chair or children's toys should not be in the shot.
- The background should be a single color. Up to 18% grey or light blue is recommended for the background color. Yellow, red, or otherwise colored lighting is not permitted.
- The face should be lit evenly. The face and eyes should be visible and free from shadows. There should be no dark spots on the photograph. The photograph should not show the person with "red-eye".
- People whose religious beliefs require that they may not show themselves in public without their head covered (for whom wearing headwear at all times is a compulsory part of their culture or religion), may be shown in the photograph with headwear as long as this does not obstruct the face, if the person is also shown wearing headwear in the photograph in his or her passport.
- People who usually wear glasses, may be shown wearing glasses in the photograph, as long as these do not have tinted lenses. The glasses should be clean and transparent (with no marks), and the eyes should be clearly visible. The frames of the glasses should not obstruct the eyes. There should be no flash reflection off the glasses.
- Bandages covering the eyes are only permitted for medical reasons, if the person is shown with a bandage in the photograph in his or her passport.
- The color image must not be edited to improve its appearance.

Examples of pictures

