

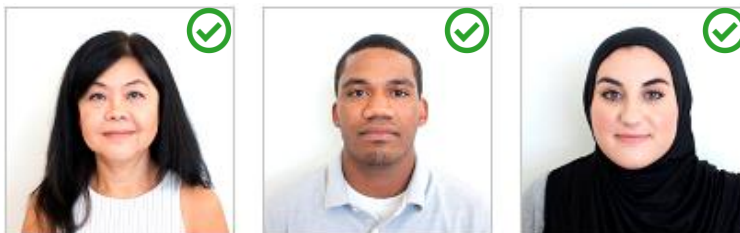
Photo Requirements

Requirements for a Good Passport Photo

- Size of photo
 - 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.
 - View the [Photo Composition Template](#) for more size requirement details.
- Matte or glossy photo quality paper
- Plain white or off-white background
- Head must face the camera directly with full face in view
- Taken with a neutral facial expression or a natural smile, with both eyes open
- In color
- Taken in clothing normally worn on a daily basis
- **NO GLASSES** (If you cannot remove your glasses for medical reasons, please include a signed note from your doctor with application).
- No hats or head coverings (Unless worn daily for religious or medical purposes. Submit a signed statement that verifies that the hat or head covering is part of recognized, traditional religious attire that is customarily or required to be worn continuously in public or a signed doctor's statement verifying the item 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.)
- No headphones or wireless hands-free devices.

Well Composed Photo Composition Examples

(<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/photos/photo-examples.html>)



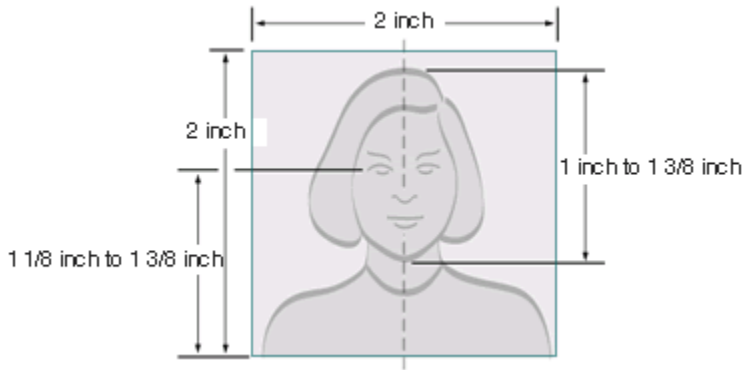
UNACCEPTABLE – glasses not allowed

**Starting November 1, 2016, eye glasses will
no longer be allowed in visa photos.**

Photo Composition Template

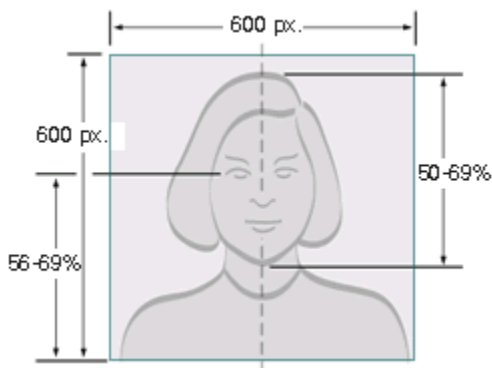
- Make sure the photo presents the full head from the top of the hair to the bottom of the chin
- Center the head with the frame
- The person in the photo should have a neutral expression and be facing the camera

Paper Photo Head Size Template



- Photo must be 2 inches by 2 inches
- The height of the head (top of hair to bottom of chin) should measure 1 inch to 1 3/8 inches (25 mm - 35 mm)
- Make sure the eye height is between 1 1/8 inches to 1 3/8 inches (28 mm – 35 mm) from the bottom of the photo

Digital Image Head Size Template



- The top of the head, including the hair, to the bottom of the chin must be between 50% and 69% of the image's total height. The eye height (measured from the bottom of the image to the level of the eyes) should be between 56% and 69% of the image's height.
- Image pixel dimensions must be in a square aspect ratio (meaning the height must be equal to the width). Minimum acceptable dimensions are 600 pixels (width) x 600 pixels (height). Maximum acceptable dimensions are 1200 pixels (width) x 1200 pixels (height).