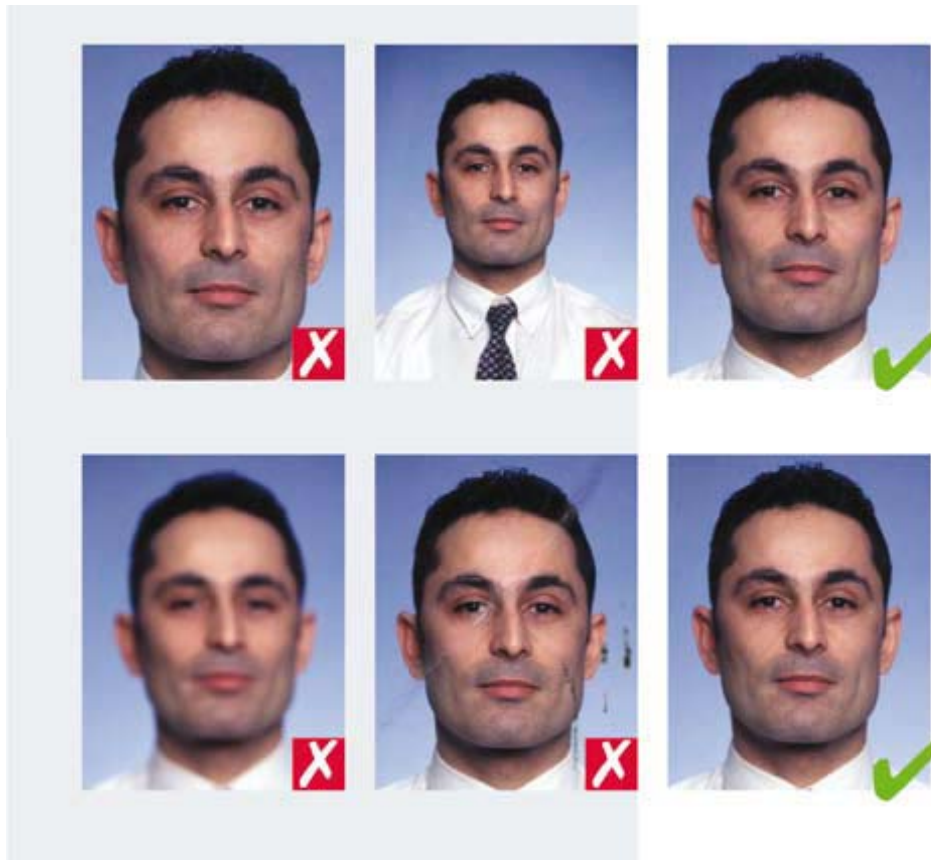


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Photograph requirements



- » No more than 6-months old
 - » 35–40 mm in width
 - » Close-up of head and top of shoulders so that the face takes up 70–80% of the photograph
 - » In sharp focus and clear
 - » Of high quality with no ink marks or creases
- too close too far away
blurred ink marked/creased

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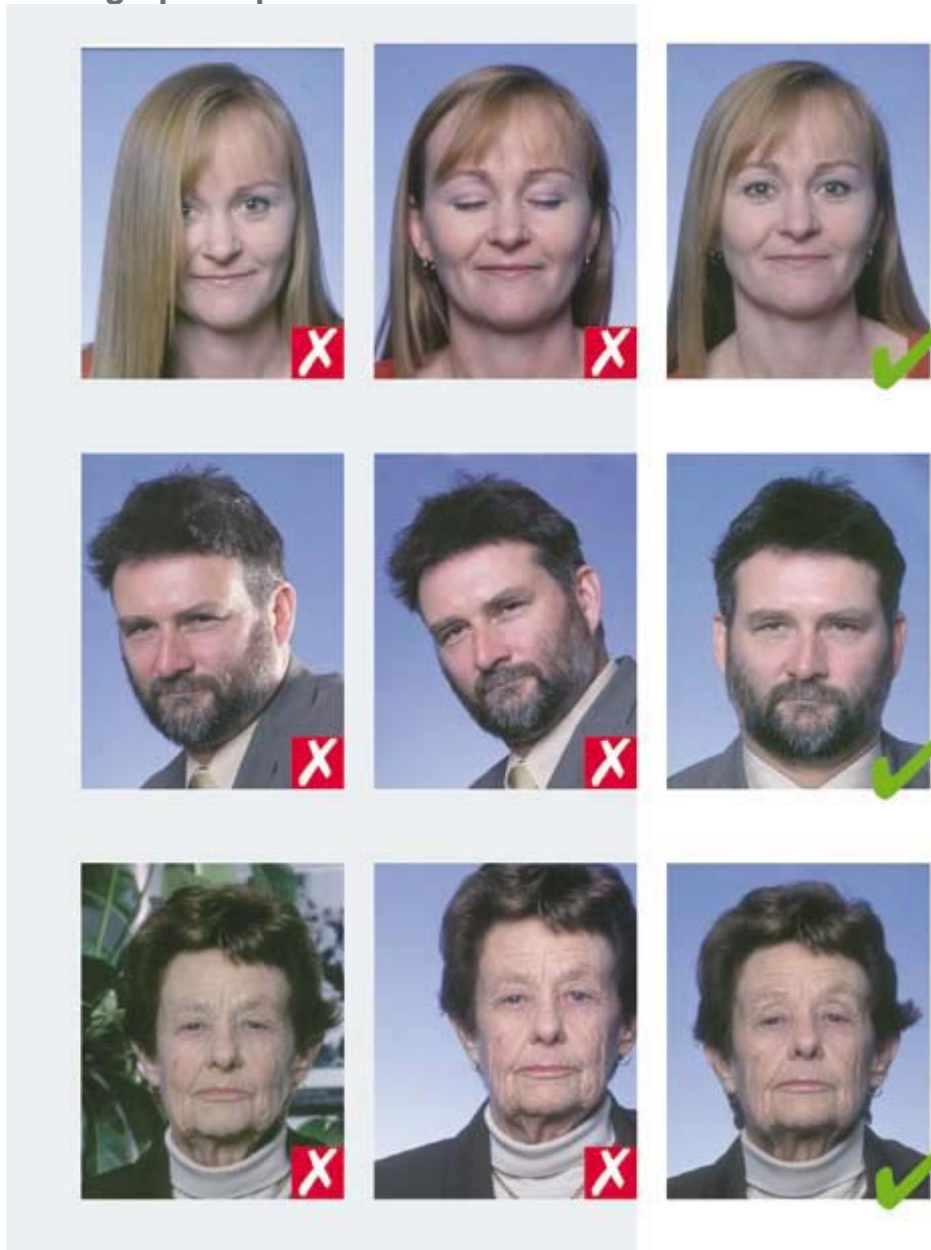
Photograph requirements



- » **Show looking directly at the camera**
 - » **Show skin tones naturally**
 - » **Have appropriate brightness and contrast**
 - » **Printed on high-quality paper and at high resolution**
- Photographs taken with a digital camera must be in high-quality colour and printed on photo-quality paper.
- looking away unnatural skin tones
too dark too light
washed-out colour pixelated

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Photograph requirements



- » Be colour-neutral
 - » Show eyes open and clearly visible – no hair across eyes
 - » Show facing square on to the camera, not looking over one shoulder (portrait style) or tilted, and show both edges of face clearly
- hair across eyes eyes closed
portrait style eyes tilted
busy background not centred

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Photograph requirements



flash reflection on skin redev

shadows behind head shadows across face

» Taken with a plain light-coloured background

» Taken with uniform lighting and not show shadows or flash reflections on face and no red eyes

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Photograph requirements



If you wear glasses:

» The photograph must show eyes clearly with no flash reflection off the glasses, and no tinted lenses (if possible, avoid heavy frames and wear lighter framed glasses)

» Make sure that the frames do not cover any part of the eyes

dark tinted lenses flash reflection on lenses
frames too heavy frames covering eyes

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Photograph requirements



wearing a hat wearing a cap
 face covered shadows across face
 shows another person mouth open and toy
 too close to face

» **Head coverings are not permitted except for religious reasons, but facial features from bottom of chin to top of forehead and both edges of face must be clearly shown**

» **Photograph must show one person only (no chair backs, toys, or other people visible), looking at the camera with a neutral expression and with mouth closed**