

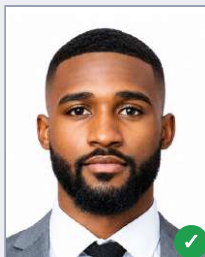
PHOTOGRAPH QUALITY



too close



too far away



blurred



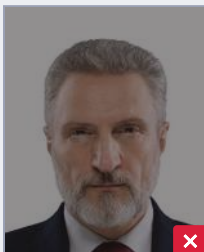
ink marked/creased



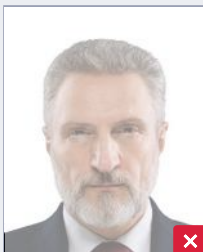
stretched/distorted



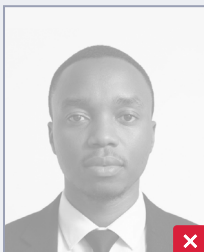
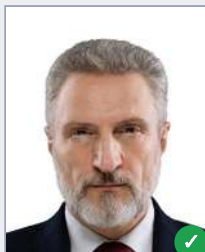
unnatural skin tones



too dark



too light



washed out colour



pixelated



STYLE AND LIGHTING



hair across eyes



eyes closed



busy background



not centred



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PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH GUIDELINES

For all applicants

Photograph quality

The photographs must be:

- no more than 6 months old
- supplied as a JPEG image file
- in portrait format, 35–40 mm wide when printed (ratio 4:5)
- a close-up of your head and the top of your shoulders, so that your face takes up 70–80% of the photograph
- in sharp focus and clear
- of high quality, with no ink marks or creases

The photographs must:

- show you looking directly at the camera
- show your skin tones naturally
- have appropriate brightness and contrast
- be of high resolution

Photographs taken with a digital camera or phone must be high-quality colour. Do not use filters, beauty effects or digital editing.

Style and lighting

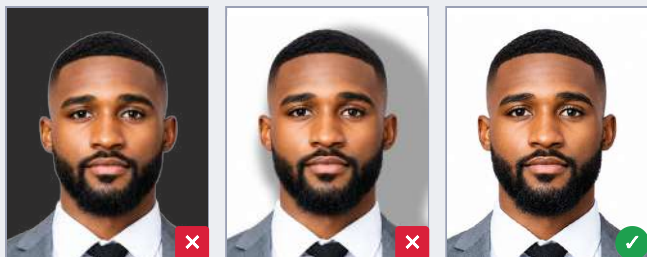
The photographs must:

- be colour neutral
- be taken against a plain white background, with no patterns, objects or shadows
- show your eyes open and clearly visible — no hair across your eyes
- show you facing square on to the camera, with your head straight (not turned or tilted), centred in the frame and showing both edges of your face clearly
- be taken with uniform lighting and not show shadows or flash reflections on your face, and no red eye

PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH GUIDELINES

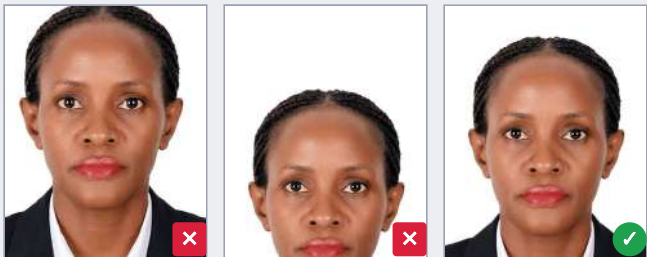
For all applicants

Style and lighting



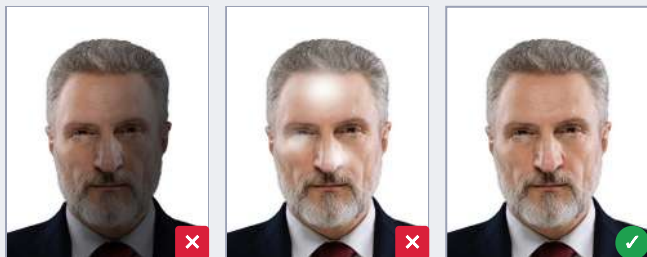
dark background

shadows behind head



top of head cut off

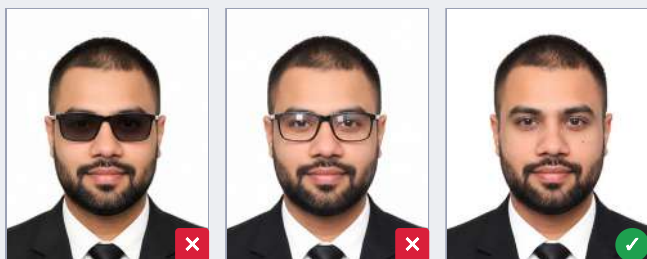
chin cut off



shadows across face

flash reflection on skin

GLASSES AND HEAD COVERS



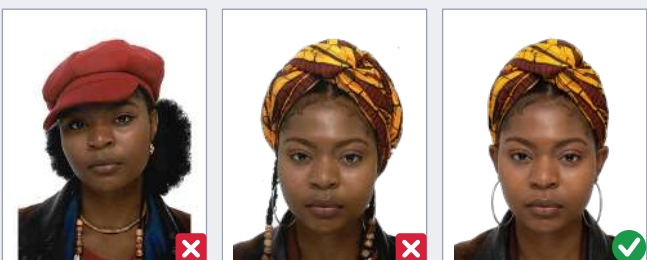
dark tinted lenses

flash reflection on lenses



face covered

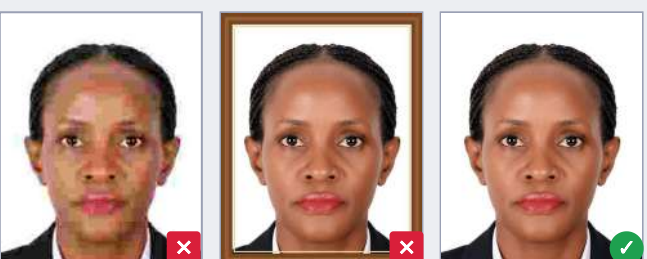
forehead covered



wearing a cap

wearing a headwrap

EXPRESSION AND FRAMING



heavily compressed

border or frame

Glasses and head covers

If you wear glasses:

- the photograph must show your eyes clearly, with no flash reflection off the glasses and no tinted lenses (if possible, avoid heavy frames — wear lighter framed glasses if you have them)
- make sure the frames do not cover any part of your eyes

Head coverings:

- are not permitted except for religious or medical reasons, but your facial features from bottom of chin to top of forehead and both edges of your face must be clearly shown

Expression and frame

Your photographs must:

- show you alone (no other people or objects visible), looking at the camera with a neutral expression and your mouth closed
- be free of text, dates, stamps and watermarks
- be upright, unedited and not rotated or filtered
- show the whole head, from the top of your hair to your chin, inside the frame

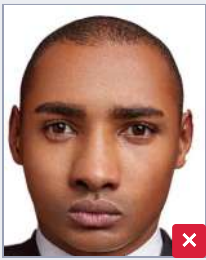
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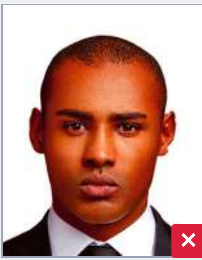
Expression and frame

Your photographs must:

- be in natural colour — not black and white and not over-saturated
- have no borders, frames or decorative effects
- be saved at high quality — not heavily compressed
- be taken at eye level from about 1.5 m away, then cropped. Taking the photo too close with a phone distorts your face
- show a plain, white background — not a room, a wall or a coloured screen



wide-angle distortion



over-saturated colour



shows another person



mouth open

