Guidelines for e-Passport Photographs

Qualified photographs

In compliance with regulations of the International Civil Aviation Organization, applicants should submit two identical color, 35 mm x 45mm, front, without hat, with facial features, white background photographs taken within six months (the length from the top of the head to the chin should be between 32mm to 36mm). The subject must not wear color eyeglasses. Eyes, nose, mouth, face, outline of ears, special moles, birthmarks, and scars should be distinct and uncovered. Photographs must not be modified, and photomontages are not allowed.

Unqualified Photographs

too light  too dark  contrast too low, washed out color  contrast too high  unnatural skin tones  underexposed  overexposed  frames too heavy  frames covering eyes

redeye  shadow behind head  shadow across face  resolution too low  blurred, incorrect focus  flash reflection on lenses  face and ears covered  too far away  too close or hair touches the edge

head not facing camera, looking away  head tilted  background colors are not identical  eyes or ears covered by hair  not looking directly forward  wearing color or pupil distortion on contact lenses  show another person  mouth covered by hands  eyes closed  unnatural facial expression or crying

Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs reminds you as above