

# PHOTO SPECIFICATIONS

Online India Visa Application allows the Applicant to upload a digital photograph of self to complete the regular visa application.

The digital photograph to be uploaded along with the Visa application should meet the following requirements:

Sample Photograph:

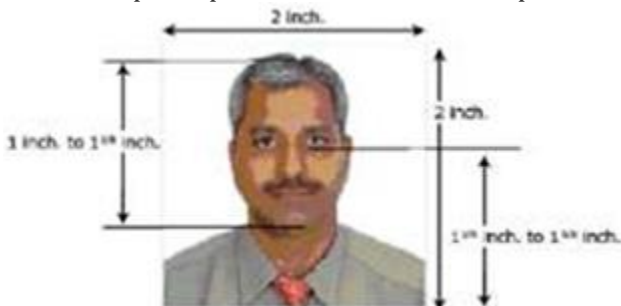
- The photograph should be Minimum 10KB to Maximum 300 KB in size
- The height and width of the Photo must be equal.
- Photo should present Full face, front view, eyes open.
- Center head within frame and present full head from top of hair to bottom of chin.
- Background should be plain light colored or white background.
- No shadows on the face or on the background.
- Without borders.
- Make sure that photo presents full head from top of hair to bottom of chin. Head should measure 1 inch to 1-3/8 inches (25mm to 35mm). Make sure eye height is between 1-1/8 inches to 1-3.

Do's and Don'ts for a Proper photograph

- The photo should capture full face, front view, with eyes open.
- The head should be in the centre of the frame.
- There should be no distracting shadows on the face or background.



- Make sure photo presents full head from top of hair to bottom of chin as shown above.



#### Lighting on face and background

- The light should be even and balanced to avoid shadows on the face.
- Background behind the face should be properly illuminated to avoid shadows in the background.



#### Photograph Print Properties

- The photograph should be in size 2 inch x 2 inch (50 mm x 50 mm) and in color.
- Print photo on thin photo paper.
- Ensure the print is clear and has a continuous-tone quality.
- Do not retouch or otherwise enhance or soften the photo.



#### Resolution and Quality/Contrast and Colour

- Please upload high resolution and clear pictures only.
- High-resolution photography and printing are strongly recommended.
- Digitally printed photos should be produced without visible pixels or dot patterns
- Fine facial features should be discernible.
- Brightness and contrast should be adjusted to present the subject and background accurately.
- Photos without proper contrast or color may obscure unique facial features.
- Color should reproduce natural skin tones.
- Fluorescent or other lighting with

- Unbalanced color may cause unwanted color cast in the photo. Appropriate filters can eliminate



improper color balance.

#### Head & Eyes- Position and Background

- Head should face the camera directly and should not tilt or turned (portrait style).
- Photo must show both edges of the face clearly.
- The eyes must be open, level and clearly visible and must not be covered by hairs or eyeglass



frames.

#### Eyeglasses

- Glare on eyeglasses should be avoided with a slight upward or downward tilt of the head.



- No tinted or dark glasses.

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

#### Exposure and Lighting

- There should not be any over-exposure or underexposure which results in an unusable photo.
- There should be a three-point balanced lighting. Facial features should be clearly evident in the photo.
- Lighting should be adjusted to avoid shadows on the face or background. Diffuse sources of light, such as umbrella lights, are preferable to point



sources.

### Flexibility in Children's photographs

- Babies under one year do not have to have their eyes open.
- As regards the photograph of the children under ten years of age, requirements can be somewhat relaxed in respect of height of the face and the position of the eyes in the photographs; and in case of babies and infants also, the position of the face, the facial expression, the eyes and the line of sight can have some relaxation. However, a frontal photograph with clarity is required for children.
- It should show the child alone (no chair backs, toys or other people visible) looking at the camera with a neutral expression and the mouth



closed.