Passport Photo Requirements

For full details on passport photo requirements, please visit the US Department of State website. The US Department of State also provides passport photo examples that can be viewed here.

- In color
- Printed on matte or glossy photo quality paper
- 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm) in size
- Sized such that the head is between 1 inch and 1 3/8 inches (between 25 and 35 mm) from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head. View the Photo Composition Template for more size requirement details.
- Taken within the last 6 months to reflect your current appearance
- No glasses - If you cannot remove your glasses for medical reasons, please include a signed note from your doctor with your application.
- Taken in front of a plain white or off-white background
- Taken in full-face view directly facing the camera
- Taken with a neutral facial expression (preferred) or a natural smile, and with both eyes open
- Taken in clothing that you normally wear on a daily basis:
  - Uniforms, clothing that looks like a uniform, and camouflage attire should not be worn in photos except in the case of religious attire that is worn daily.
  - You may only wear a hat or head covering if you wear it daily for religious purposes. Your full face must be visible and your head covering cannot obscure your hairline or cast shadows on your face.
  - Headphones, wireless hands-free devices or similar items are not acceptable in your photo.
  - If you normally wear a hearing device or similar articles, they may be worn for your photo.
  - Dark glasses with tinted lenses are not acceptable unless you need them for medical reasons (a medical certificate may be required).