

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATIONS

The passport photograph for non-immigrant visas must meet the following requirements:



The photograph of each applicant must be a full-face photo, taken within the past six months. The applicant must be facing the camera directly. The applicant should not be looking down or to either side.

The face should cover about 50% of the area of the photo.

The head of the applicant, including both face and hair, should be shown from crown of the head to the tip of the chin, and from hair line to hair line on each side.

Ears must be exposed. Applicants with long hair should tuck their hair behind the ears or wear their hair back. Applicants may not wear earrings for the photograph.

The photograph should measure 1 ½ inches to 2 inches square. It should be in color and should have a light background.

Head coverings, hats, or sunglasses are only acceptable for religious or medical purposes, and in such case, should not obscure the applicant's face.