

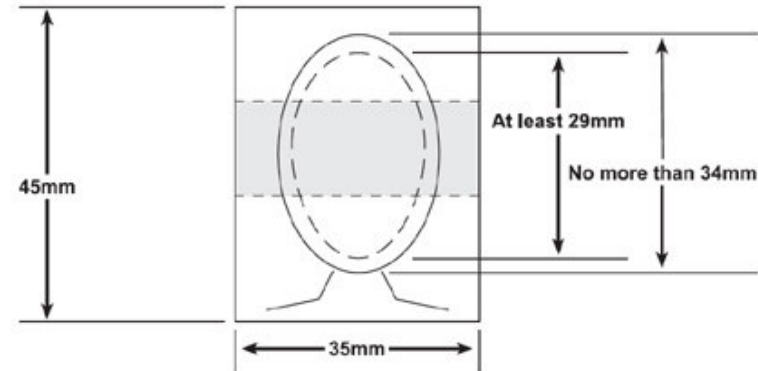
## Photo Requirements

United Kingdom visas will be issued showing a photograph of the passport holder. This is in common with visas issued by all other EU countries.

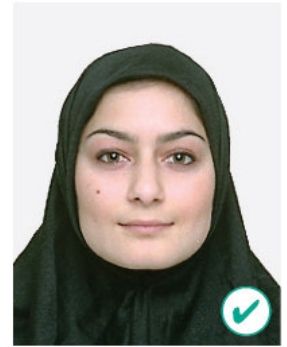
Regardless of age, all visa applicants must present 2-colour identical recent photographs. The guidance in this leaflet will help you send us acceptable photographs, and will help avoid the need for us to ask for more photographs.

### THE PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE:

- Identical;
- Recent (I.E. Taken within the last six months);
- 45 millimetres(mm) X 35 millimetres; **(please do not trim your photographs to meet this condition)**
- Printed on low-gloss (matte), plain white photo quality paper (with no water marks, embossing or printing on the background)
- Undamaged (E.G. By creases from paperclips).
- A close-up of your head and shoulders so that your face covers 70 to 80% of the photograph;
- Taken against a white background so that your features are clearly distinguishable against the background.
- Be in sharp focus and clear;
- Taken with a standard single lens reflex type camera using film standard processing (instant type photograph or digital quality is not acceptable.)
- Printed without borders.
- Have a strong definition between the face and background.
- A close-up of your head and shoulders so that your head, from the bottom of your chin to your crown (that is, the top of your head without hair), is between 29mm and 34mm high.



Good



Good



Good



Good



Too close



Too far



Shows another person



Busy background

## THE PHOTOGRAPHS MUST SHOW:

- Your full face, looking straight at the camera;
- A neutral expression, with your mouth closed; (no obvious grinning, frowning or raised eyebrows)
- Your eyes open and clearly visible (with no sunglasses or heavily tinted glasses, and no hair across your eyes)
- No reflection on your spectacles, if you wear them, and the frames should not cover your eyes;
- No shadows;
- Your full head, without any head covering, unless worn for religious beliefs; and
- Your face uncovered.

## PHOTOGRAPHS OF BABIES AND CHILDREN:

It is very important that the full face of the baby or child can be seen and the child is photographed alone. No toys, other people, adult's hands, or baby soothers should be visible. For children over six months old, the photograph must show the colour of their eyes.



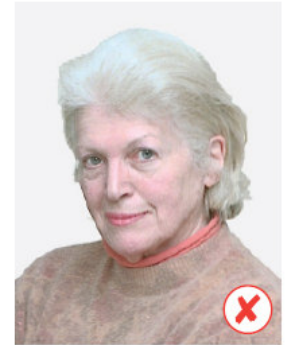
Blurred or too light



Shadows across face



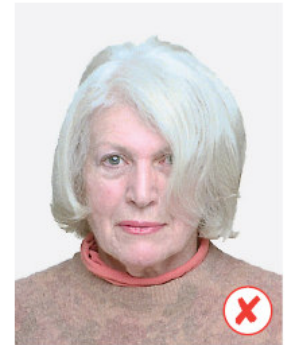
Looking away



Portrait style



Mouth open



Hair across eyes



Frames covering eyes



Dark tinted glasses



Wearing a hat



Face covered

Passport photographs, which do not meet these criteria, will not be accepted, which will delay the processing of your application. It is in everyone's best interest to submit photographs, which meet the criteria above.