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Visa Application »PHOTOGRAPH Specifications

✓ Face Square to Camera

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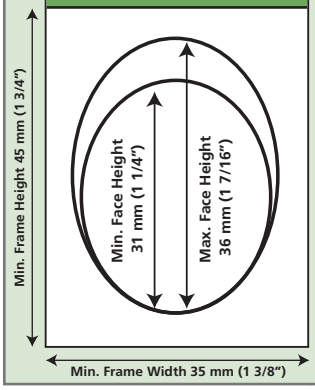
Actual Size



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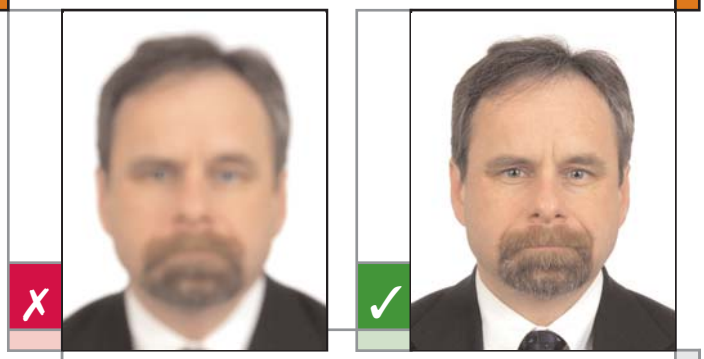
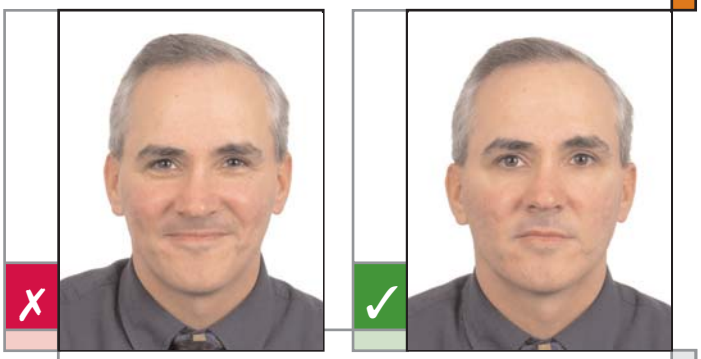
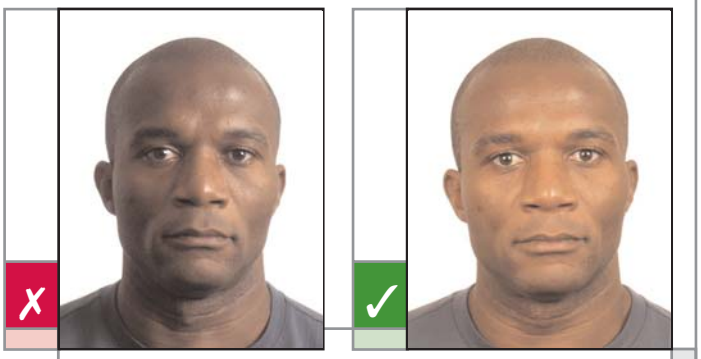


» Blurred photograph



» Non-neutral expression

» Tinted glasses



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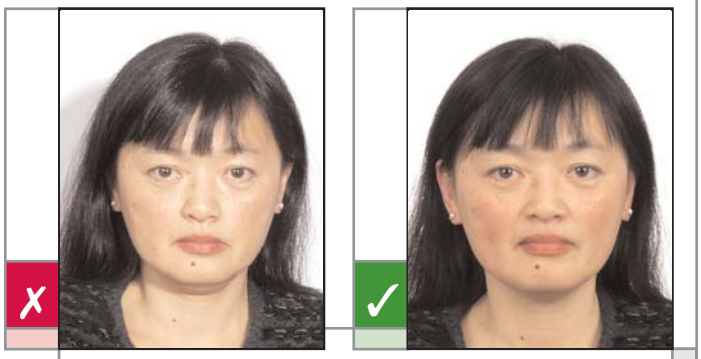

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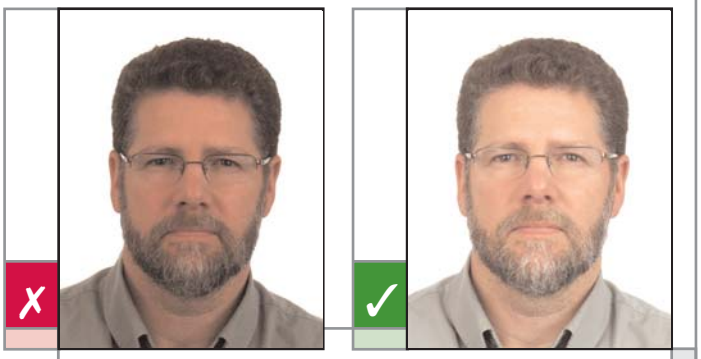

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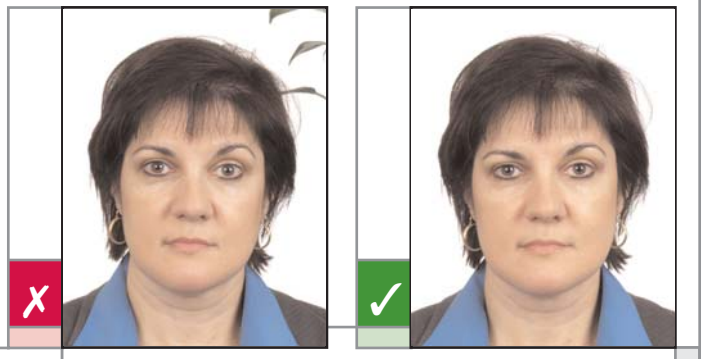

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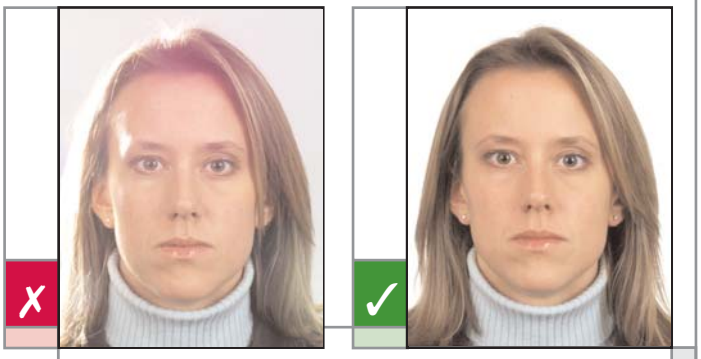

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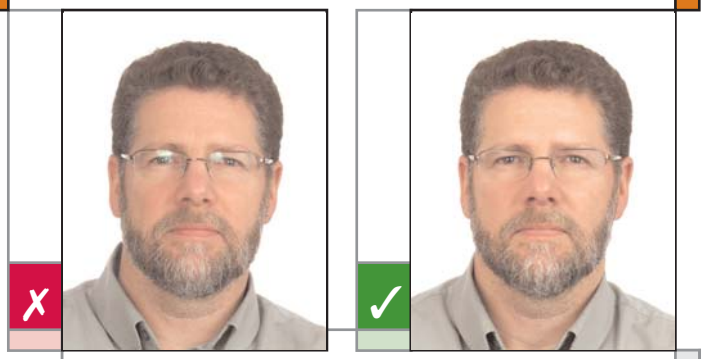
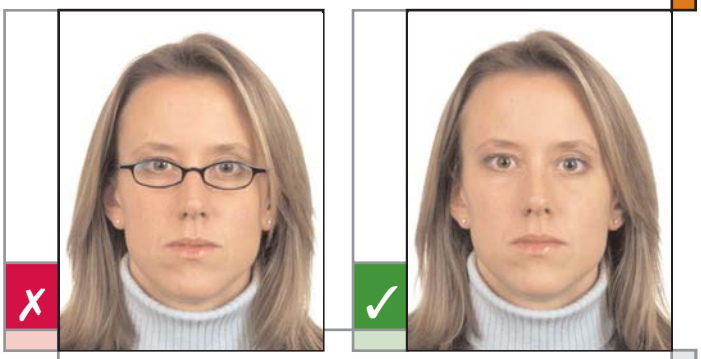
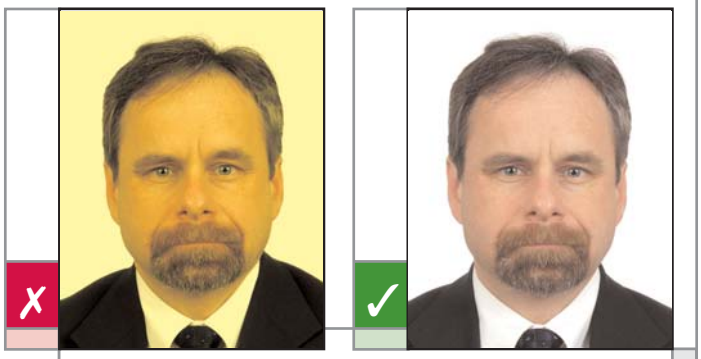


» Reflection on glasses



» Glasses frame covering eyes



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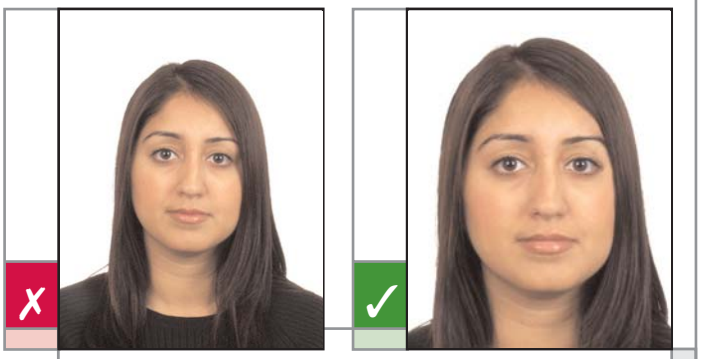
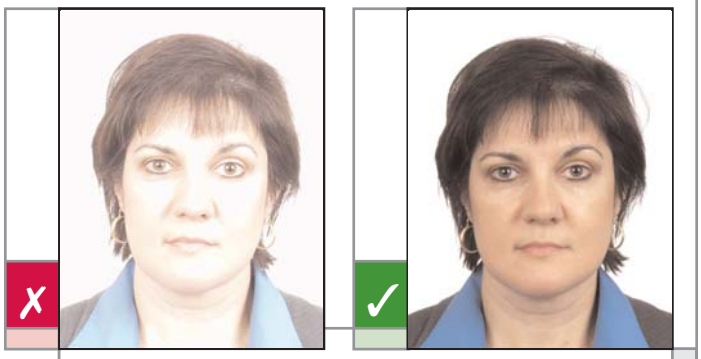
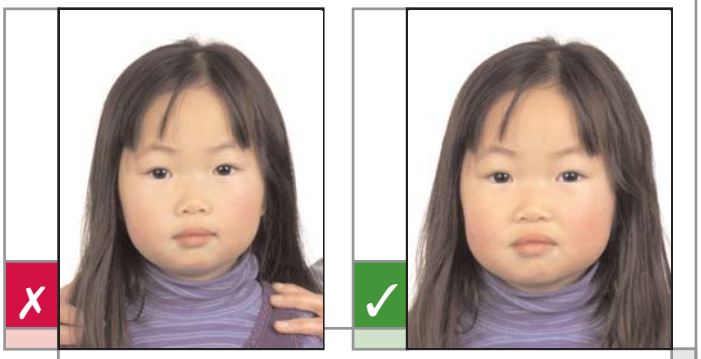


» Face too small



» Washed out



» Hands in picture

» Hair covering part of face

» Face covered

TAKE THIS SHEET WITH YOU TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER

Requirements

Provide two photographs of yourself and each accompanying family member with your application.

Your photographs must comply with the specifications below. **If the photographs do not meet the specifications, you will have to provide new photographs before your application can be processed**.

Photographs must be printed on quality photographic paper.

Specifications

The photographs must be identical and taken within the last six months. They may be either black and white or colour.

The photographs must be clear, well defined and taken against a plain white or light-coloured background.

If the photographs are digital, they must not be altered in any way.

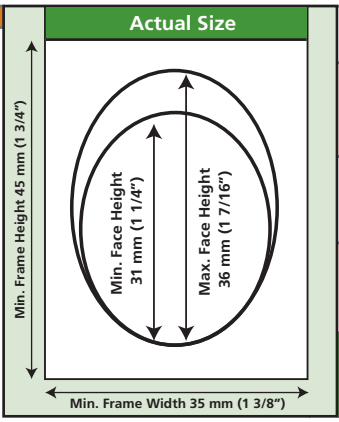
Your face must be square to the camera with a neutral expression, neither frowning nor smiling, and with your mouth closed.

You may wear non-tinted prescription glasses as long as your eyes are clearly visible. Make sure that the frame does not cover any part of your eyes. Sunglasses are not acceptable.

A hairpiece or other cosmetic accessory is acceptable if it does not disguise your normal appearance.

If you must wear a head covering for religious reasons, make sure your full facial features are not obscured.

Photograph and Head Size Specifications



The frame size must be at least 35 mm X 45 mm (1 3/8" X 1 3/4").

The photographs must show the full front view of the head, with the face in the middle of the photograph, and include the top of the shoulders.

The size of the head, from chin to crown, must be between 31 mm (1 1/4") and 36 mm (1 7/16").

Crown means the top of the head or (if obscured by hair or a head covering) where the top of the head or skull would be if it could be seen.

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