IMMIGRATION PHOTO SPECIFICATIONS

Photos MUST conform to precise guidelines. Do not cut photos. Measurements refer to “image” size, not entire photo size.

Use of digital images: digital cameras may be used if the camera has sufficient resolution (capable of capturing and storing images with 1 million pixels (1 megapixel) or more). For more detailed information please visit: http://travel.state.gov/passport/pptphotos/index.html.

Composition Checklist

☑ Frame subject with full face, front view, eyes open
☑ Make sure photo presents full head from top of hair to bottom of chin; height of head should measure 1 inch to 1-3/8 inches (25 mm to 35 mm)
☑ Center head within frame (see Figure 2 below)
☑ Make sure eye height is between 1-1/8 inches to 1-3/8 inches (28 mm and 35 mm) from bottom of photo
☑ Photograph subject against a plain white or off-white background
☑ Position subject and lighting so that there are no distracting shadows on the face or background
☑ Encourage subject to have a natural expression

Figure 2. Head Position & Placement

Well-Composed Photos