

IMMIGRANT VISA PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS

General Information

Photos are required of all applicants regardless of age. The photograph should have the applicant's name lightly printed on the reverse side. No head covering or glasses should be worn except for religious purposes. Color Polaroid photos are acceptable. Scanned, retouched or mounted pictures are not accepted.

Specifications

- Two (2) color photographs with white background on glossy paper are required, regardless of age. Poor photo quality or other than white background will not be accepted. **Photos cannot have frames or a date.**
- **Refugee applicants** need eight (8) front color photographs and two (2) right side view photos.
- Photos must be 5x5cm or 5x7cm. **Applicants should not be smiling** in the photo.
- The photographs **must have been taken within 6 months of the visa application interview, and the applicant must present the same characteristics contained on the photo.** Any change in appearance (hair color, haircut, beard, etc.) after photo is taken will require another photograph.
- The photograph must be a **frontal** picture, **head centered**; a **full-face view** is necessary. Applicant must be looking at the camera when the picture is taken, and not looking down or to one side.
- The face must cover 50% of the picture; face must measure 3 cm from chin to top of hair. **Photographs that show only a portion of the chin or have a portion of the head cut off will not be accepted.**
- **Both ears must be totally visible**, free of hair or other covering. Earrings should not be worn, unless they are small, post earrings, and do not cover any part of the ears.
- **No head covering** (except headpieces if worn daily for religious purposes) **or glasses should be worn**; they should not obscure or cast shadows on the eyes or any other part of the face.
- **Eyeglasses** should be worn if normally used by the subject; glare on eyeglasses can usually be avoided with a slight upward or downward tilt of the head.

Example:

