

BEST PRACTICES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR BIOMETRIC PHOTOS



too close

too far away

blurred

ink marked/creased

Photograph quality

The photographs must be:

- no more than 6-months old
- 35–40mm in width
- close up of your head and top of your shoulders so that your face takes up 70–80% of the photograph
- in sharp focus and clear
- of high quality with no ink marks or creases



hair across eyes

eyes closed

portrait style

eyes tilted

Style and lighting

The photographs must:

- be colour neutral
- show your eyes open and clearly visible—no hair across your eyes
- show you facing square on to the camera, not looking over one shoulder (portrait style) or tilted, and showing both edges of your face clearly
- be taken with a plain

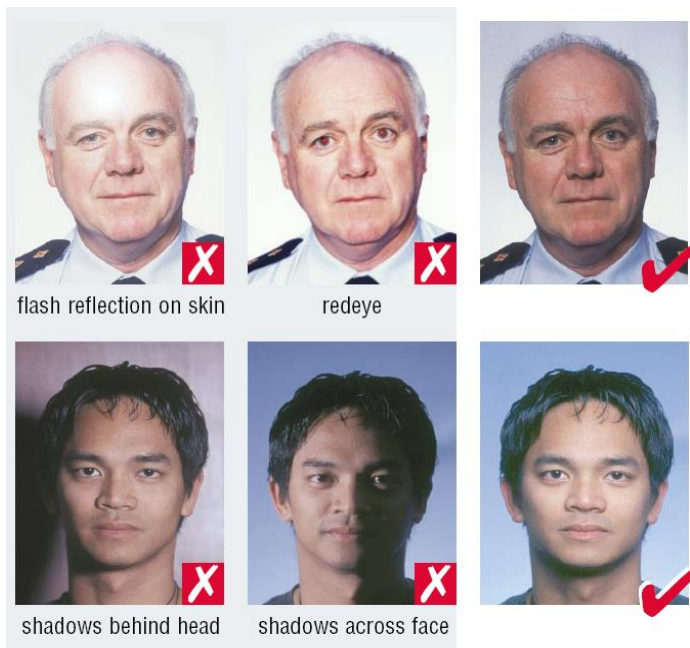


busy background

not centred

light-coloured background

- be taken with uniform lighting and not show shadows or flash reflections on your face and no red eye



Head coverings:

- are not permitted except for religious reasons, but your facial features from bottom of chin to top of forehead and both edges of your face must be clearly shown.

Expression and frame

Your photographs must:

- show you alone (no chair backs, toys or other people visible), looking at the camera with a neutral expression and your mouth closed.

SOME EXAMPLES OF PHOTO PROBLEMS

Too dark



Contrast too high



Over-exposed



Shadows on face



Shadow on background

