

Photographic Template

The photographs must:

- ▶ be in sharp focus and clear
- ▶ have a strong definition between face and background, and
- ▶ be printed professionally - photographs printed at home are not likely to be of an acceptable quality

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Passport & ID

Photograph Specifications



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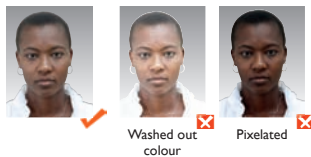
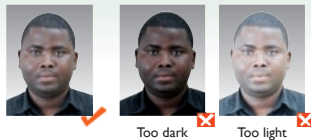
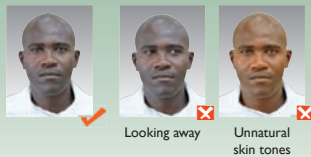
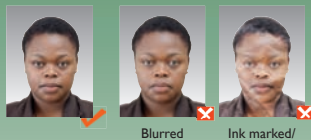
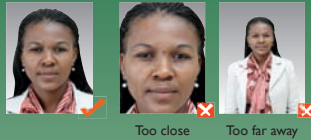
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Photograph quality

The photographs must be:

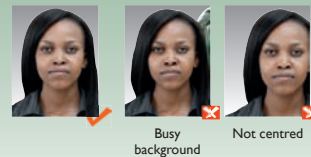
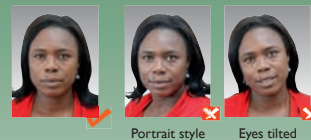
- ▶ two identical colour photos for passports
- ▶ two identical colour or black and white photos for IDs
- ▶ not more than one (1) month old
- ▶ 35mm in width and 45mm in height
- ▶ a close-up of your head and top of your shoulders so that your face takes up 70 – 80% of the photograph
- ▶ of high quality with no ink marks or creases and not damaged



Style and lighting

The photographs must:

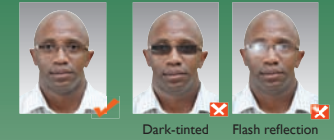
- ▶ show your natural colour
- ▶ show your eyes open and clearly visible - no hair across your face
- ▶ show you facing square onto the camera, not looking over one shoulder (portrait style) or tilted
- ▶ show both edges of your face clearly
- ▶ be taken with a light grey or plain cream-coloured background
- ▶ be taken with uniform lighting and not show shadows or flash reflections on your face and no red-eye
- ▶ show you alone (no chair backs, toys or other people visible)



Glasses and head covers

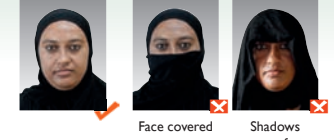
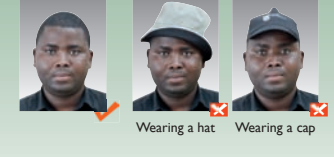
If you wear glasses:

- ▶ the photograph must show your eyes clearly with no flash reflection off the glasses
- ▶ no dark-tinted lenses or heavy frames
- ▶ make sure that the frames do not cover any part of your eyes



Head coverings:

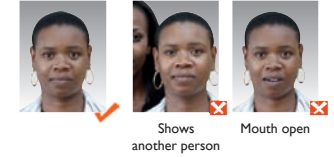
- ▶ are not permitted except for religious reasons, but your facial features from bottom of chin to top of forehead and both edges of your face must be clearly shown



Expression

The photograph must:

- ▶ show you looking at the camera with a neutral expression and mouth closed
- ▶ no obvious grinning, frowning or raised eyebrows



Black and White Photos

- ▶ Black and white photos for IDs must also meet these requirements

