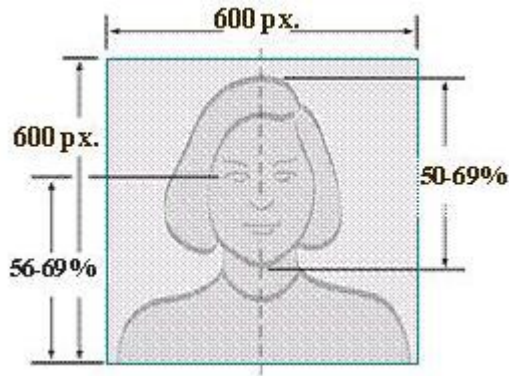


Digital Photo Specifications

Your visa application photo must be taken within the last 6 months and meet certain criteria regarding size and content. Submitting photos that do not meet these criteria can delay the visa application process. **Note: This is applicable for Drop Box eligible applicants and for children under 14 years only..**



Head

Size

Your head height, measured from the top of your head, including the hair, to the bottom of your chin, must be between 50% and 70% of the photo's total height. Your eye height, measured from the bottom of the photo to the level of your eyes, should be between 55% and 70% - or roughly 2/3 - of the photo's height.

Photo

Dimensions

Your photo must be square-shaped, meaning the photo's height must be the same as its width. The minimum dimensions for your photo are 600 pixels x 600 pixels (height x width). The maximum dimensions are 1200 pixels x 1200 pixels (height x width).

7 Steps to Successful Photo

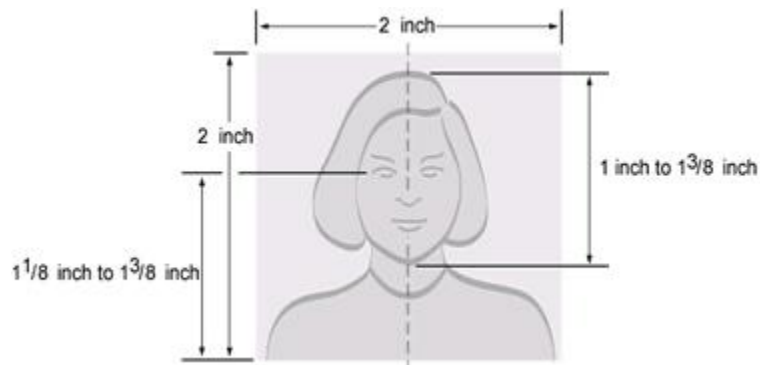
Head

Orientation

[Head orientation](#) is important when taking your visa photo. Frame yourself within the photo so that your full face shows. Face directly toward the camera and make sure your eyes are open.

Fill the Frame

Your photo must show your [entire head](#), from the top of your hair to the bottom of your chin. In a good photo, the height of your head will measure 1-1-3/8 inches (25 to 35mm), or fill between 50%-70% of the photo, like this:



Stay Centered

Center your head within the frame.

Show Your Eyes

Make sure your eyes are open. Your eyes should be $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way up the photo, or between 1- $\frac{1}{8}$ inches to 1- $\frac{3}{8}$ inches (28 mm and 35 mm) - about 60% - from the bottom of the photo.

Background

The area behind you in the photo should be uncluttered and either white or off-white. Sit in front of a plain white or off-white [background](#) for best results.

Eliminate Shadows

[Sit](#) so that your face is fully-lit and there are no [distracting shadows](#) across your face or in the background.

Relax and Look Natural

Be sure to have a natural expression on your face when you take your photo, like those shown here:



Photo Specifications for U.S. Visa Renewal

- **Size:** 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm)
- **Head dimensions:** Between 1 inch and 1 3/8 inches (25 mm to 35 mm) from chin to top of head
- **Background:** Plain white or off-white
- **Color:** Must be in color (no black-and-white photos)
- **Recency:** Taken within the last 6 months
- **Quality:** High-resolution, no blurriness, graininess, or pixelation
- **Expression:** Neutral facial expression or natural smile, both eyes open
- **Pose:** Face the camera directly, full face in view

What to Avoid

- **Glasses:** Not allowed unless medically necessary (must include a signed doctor's note)
- **Headwear:** Not permitted unless worn daily for religious or medical reasons (requires a signed statement)
- **Uniforms or camouflage:** Not allowed; wear everyday clothing
- **Filters or digital alterations:** Strictly prohibited
- **Selfies:** Not acceptable—have someone else take the photo