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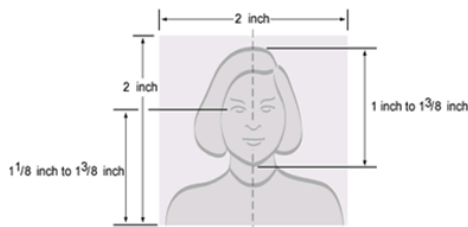
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Tips for Taking Photos at home for converting into Passport pictures (Passport photos)

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- * Find a place that has a plain white/light colored wall to use as background or use white bed sheet as a background.
- * Stand 2 to 3 feet away from the background to minimize shadows on the background.
- * Try taking the photos at a time when there is good indirect natural light. If the light is not uniform and one side of the face gets darker compared to the other, force the camera to apply flash (Compulsory FLASH ON mode). Flash will uniformly brighten the face and this will result in nice passport photos. However Flash creates shadows so it is preferred to take photos without Flash.
- * Keep camera around 4 to 5 feet away from the subject (person whose photo is being taken) and at subject's eye-level.
- * DO NOT ZOOM IN too much. We do not need just the face! Please make sure you include at least full shoulders.
- * Remember this rule: Keep eyes open and mouth closed while being photographed for a Passport photo.
- * Make sure there is ample blank space above head, and on right and left side of your face as shown below. Make sure at least your FULL shoulders are visible in the picture. Pictures up to elbow level are recommended.

How to take good photos without using in-built Camera Flash (to avoid shadows created by in-built flash):

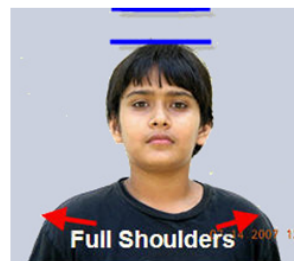
- * Use Natural light: Find a place (with plain white or light colored background) where there is good amount of light coming directly on the face and not from one side. If needed, try to adjust time.
- * If it is still dark, if your camera allows, please try boosting up ISO to around 400 level. Try with different ISO settings.
- * If you Camera has Av Mode, set Aperture wide open (smaller f value) so more light passes through than compared to narrow opening.
- * If you have a separate Flash unit, use it instead of the built-in Flash.

If you have to use the built-in Flash to get nice exposure, try using Camera in different positions. Hold it horizontally and take some photos. Then hold the Camera vertically and see if the shadow is minimized.

* We can digitally remove some shadows but if it is mixing with hair, it is a tough challenge to eliminate it neatly. So if possible, tie your hair so the shadow and the hair do not get mixed up.

* If you are using Flash, do not wear glasses to avoid glare in the photo. Most passport/visa photo require no glare on the glasses.

- X Your photo should NOT be a close-up. Face should be around 10%-20% of the photo or full shoulders (both) should be visible with some open space above the head.
- X Photo background should be light colored and uniform
- X Your photo should have enough resolution. File size of the picture must be more than 50KB
- X Face in the photo should be uniformly exposed (One side side of the face should not be remarkably darker or lighter than the other)
- X Avoid shadows created by camera flash (We can fix some shadows but if the shadow is mixing with hair, we can not fix it)



Composition tip:

-Imagine the photo you are taking is made up of 9 identical pieces/squares. The face has to be no bigger than one of those 9 squares and should be in the middle. The square in Green line shows how a Passport



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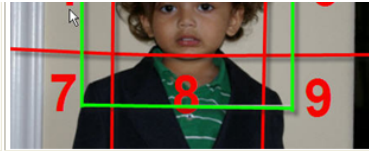
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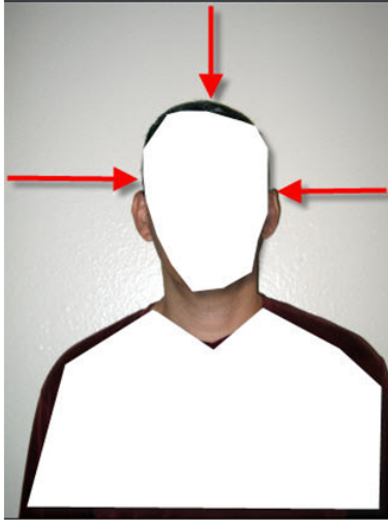
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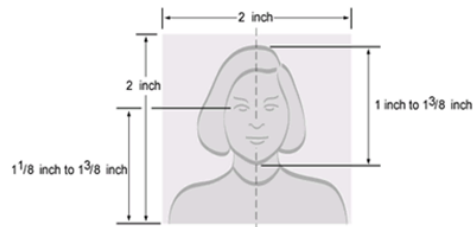
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Here is the list of complete guideline for Passport Photos for US Passport application (We print [passport photos for Australian Passport](#), Canada, India, China too. Click [here](#) for details). US Passport Photo requirements.

"Passport Photo Size": Passport Picture Size 2"x2"

- Two Passport Photos (Don't worry. OnlinePassportPhoto.com will take care of this)
- "Passport Photo Size"- Your photographs must be 2x2 inches in size (Don't worry. OnlinePassportPhoto.com will take care of *Passport Photo Size*)
- Identical (Don't worry. OnlinePassportPhoto.com will take care of this)
- Taken within the past 6 months, showing current appearance
- Color
- Full face, front view with a plain white or off-white background between 1 inch and 1 3/8 inches from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head (Don't worry. OnlinePassportPhoto.com will take care of this)
- Taken in normal street attire Uniforms should not be worn in photographs except religious attire that is worn daily.
- Do not wear a hat or headgear that obscures the hair or hairline. If you normally wear prescription glasses, a hearing device, wig or similar articles, they should be worn for your picture.
- Dark glasses or nonprescription glasses with tinted lenses are not acceptable unless you need them for medical reasons. A medical certificate may be required.



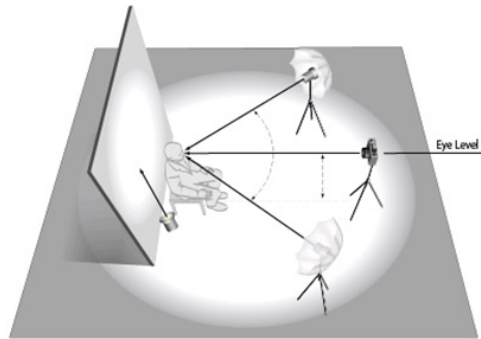
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Note: You don't have to follow every step but this will be helpful to make your picture stand out on your passport.

- Position light sources on both sides of subject to avoid shadows on face. (Desirable but no need to worry about it. Use can use a white wall. Stand 4 feet away from it and fire Flash (Flash Fill in) to take a nice picture)
- Use a light source to illuminate background behind subject to avoid shadows in background.



- Camera/ Subject Position Place camera approximately 4 ft (120 cm) from the subject.
- Have camera at subject's eye level. Position subject facing the camera.

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