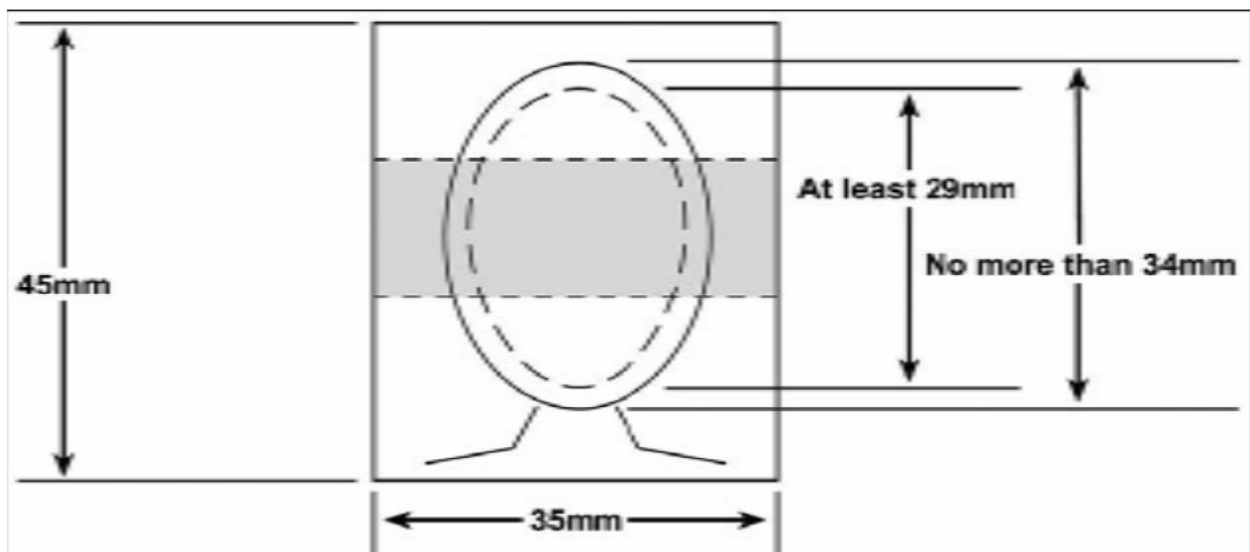


Important Instructions for UK Photographs

All passport applications must include two identical recent photographs. The photographs you send us must meet internationally agreed standards and must be a true likeness of you. The guidance in the following pages will help you send us acceptable photographs, and will help avoid the need for us to ask for more photographs.

The photographs must be:

- identical;
- in colour, not black and white;
- taken within the last month;
- taken against a plain light grey or plain cream background;
- 45 millimetres (mm) high x 35 millimetres (mm) wide (however, please do not trim your photographs to meet this condition); see guide below;
- fit into the template, with your eyes positioned in the area marked by the shaded band;
- undamaged, for example; not torn, creased, or marked;
- free from shadows;
- printed on plain white photographic paper;
- taken with your eyes open and clearly visible (with no sunglasses or tinted glasses, and no hair across your eyes);
- free from reflection or glare on your glasses, and the frames must not cover your eyes (where possible, we recommend that you remove your glasses);
- free from red-eye;
- of you facing forward, looking straight at the camera;
- with a neutral expression and your mouth closed (no grinning, frowning or raised eyebrows);
- of you on your own (no baby's dummy, toys or other people on the photo);
- taken of the full head, without any covering, unless it is worn for religious beliefs or medical reasons; and
- taken with nothing covering your face



EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE PHOTOGRAPHS



(Head coverings for religious or medical grounds only are allowed)

EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE PHOTOGRAPHS



Glasses cover eyes



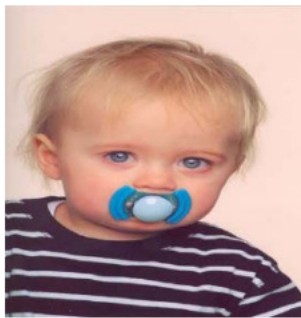
Sunglasses cover eyes



Not looking at camera



Features are covered up



Features are covered up



Smiling not permitted as it distorts the features



Hair is covering face



Hats are not permitted



Too far from camera



Background is not light grey or cream



Contains more than one person



Too close to camera