**REQUIREMENT OF PHOTOGRAPH FOR INDIAN PASSPORTS**

Based upon the specifications of the International Standards Organization (ISO) and International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), which is responsible for standardizing travel documents, the most important requirements for a photograph for passport is that the **face must be taken from a full frontal position** and the height of the face must meet the prescribed specifications. The eyes must be open, level and clearly visible within the indicated area. The face should be centered with in the frame.

**Advice for Passport Applicants to Submit Proper Quality Photograph**

The quality of the photograph appearing on the passport depends on the photograph that is submitted at the time of applying for a passport. The passport seekers are, therefore, advised to submit the photographs, as specified, to avoid delay in processing their passport applications.

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| **Sample Photo**  (2 inch x 2 inch) |  | Make sure photo presents  full head from top of hair  to bottom of chin;  height of head  should measure  1.4 inch to 1.6 inch  (35mm to 40mm) |

* The photograph should be in color and of the size of 2 inch x 2 inch (51mm x 51mm).
* The photo-print should be clear and with a continuous-tone quality.
* It should have full face, front-view, eyes open.
* Photo should present full head from top of hair to bottom of chin.
* Center head with in frame.
* The background should be a plain white or off-white.
* There should not be any distracting shadows on the face or on the background.
* Head coverings are not permitted except for religious reasons, but the facial features from bottom of chin to top of forehead and both edges of the face must be clearly shown.
* The expression on the face should look natural.
* The eyes must be open, level and clearly visible and must not be covered by hair or eye-glass frame.
* Glare on eyeglasses should be avoided with a slight upward or downward tilt of the head.
* No tinted or dark glasses.
* Photographs taken with a digital camera should be of high quality color.

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| For children, a frontal photograph with clarity is required. It should show the child alone (no chair backs, toys or other people visible), looking at the camera with a neutral  expression and the mouth closed.  **Sample Photo:** (2 inch x 2 inch) |  |