

Please note: The photograph should have a White background



too close

too far away



blurred

ink marked/creased



looking away

unnatural skin tones



too dark

too light



washed out colour

pixelated

Photograph Quality

The photographs must be:

no more than 6-months old
35–40mm in width

close up of your head and top of your shoulders so that your face takes up 70–80% of the photograph

in sharp focus and clear

of high quality with no ink marks or creases

The photographs must:

show you looking directly at the camera

show your skin tones naturally

have appropriate brightness and contrast

be printed on high quality paper, and at high resolution

Photographs taken with a digital camera must be high quality colour and printed on photo-quality paper.

Style and lighting

The photographs must:

be colour neutral

show your eyes open and clearly visible—no hair across your eyes



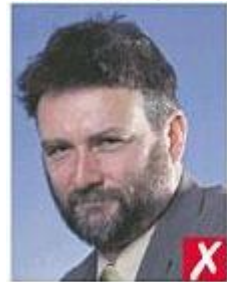
hair across eyes



eyes closed



show you facing square on to the camera, not looking over one shoulder (portrait style) or tilted, and showing both edges of your face clearly



portrait style



eyes tilted



be taken with a plain light-coloured background

be taken with uniform lighting and not show shadows or flash reflections on your face and no red eye



busy background



not centred



Glasses and head covers

If you wear glasses:

the photograph must show your eyes clearly with no flash reflection off the glasses, and no tinted lenses (if possible, avoid heavy frames—wear lighter framed glasses if you have them)

make sure that the frames do not cover any part of your eyes.



flash reflection on skin



redeye



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.



shadows behind head



shadows across face

Expression and frame:



dark tinted lenses



flash reflection on lenses



Your photographs must:

- show you alone (no chair backs, toys or other people visible), looking at the camera with a neutral expression and your mouth closed.



frames too heavy



frames covering eyes



wearing a hat



wearing a cap



face covered



shadows across face



shows another person



mouth open and toy too close to face

