
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
- 35-45mm 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.



hair across eyes



eyes closed





portrait style



eyes tilted

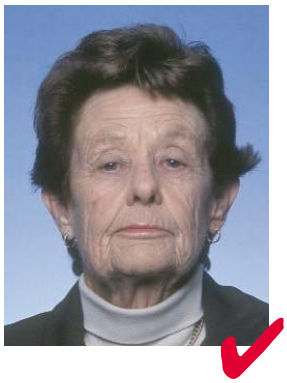




busy background



not centred

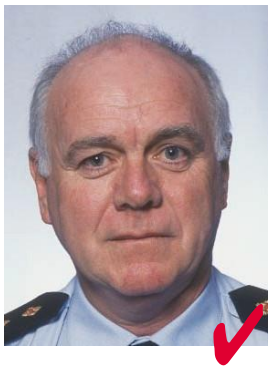




flash reflection on skin



redeye





shadows behind head



shadows across face



Style and lighting

The photographs must:

- be colour neutral
- show your eyes open and clearly visible—no hair across your eyes
- 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
- 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



dark tinted lenses



flash reflection on lenses





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



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.

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.

Expression and frame

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.