

Important Passport Photo Requirements

Photo Composition Requirements:

- Photo must have plain white background
- You must face forward with eyes open and neutral facial expression
- The lighting must be even, with no obscuring shadows or glare
- On the printed photo, your head must measure between 1 inch to 1 3/8 inches from the top of your head to chin

What Should I **NOT** Wear In My Passport Photo?

- Eyeglasses of any type-including sunglasses (As of November 1, 2016)
- Headbands, Hair Bows, or Head Scarves
- Hats of any kind
- Uniforms of any kind
- Camo

Please note: If you wear religious headgear on a daily basis, such as a yarmulke or headscarf, you may wear this in your passport photo. You will need to submit a letter explaining that you wear this headgear daily for religious reasons. Your headgear must not obscure your face in the photo

Passports For Children:

- Babies/Children are subject to the same passport photo requirements as adults. It can be challenging to get squirmy children to sit still for a photo, but make sure the photo meets the following guidelines:
 - No Pacifiers, toys, furniture, or other objects are allowed in the photo
 - No other people may be in the photo, not even a parent's hand
 - No headbands, hair bows, or hats are allowed
- The Child must look directly at the camera and have both eyes open (they will allow if baby is 6 months or younger and have their eyes partially closed)

Tip: The best way to take a passport photo of a baby is to place baby on white sheet or blanket and take the photo from above