

Passport Photo Guidelines

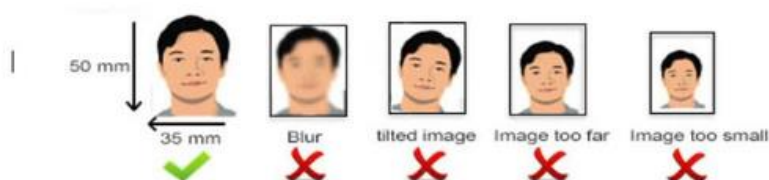
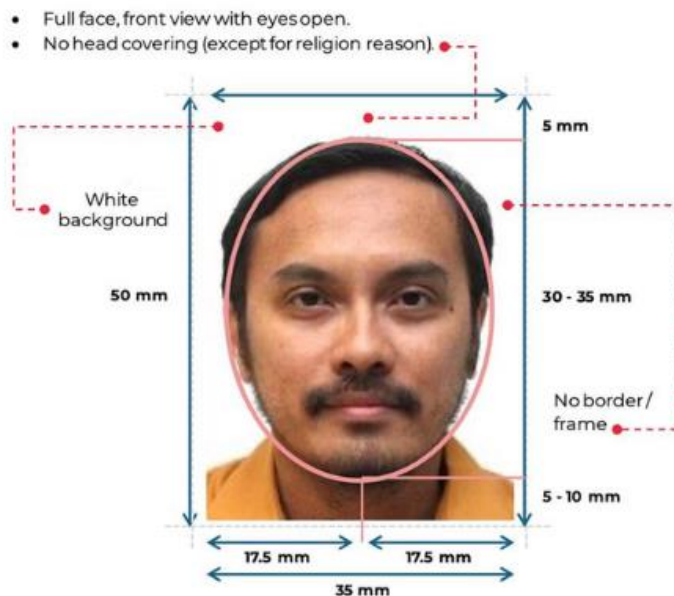
Please find below the photo guidelines for submitting a passport photo to EMGS. Kindly note that this is important since the same picture will be used on the Immigration System as well as printed on the iKad.

Institutions will be requested to adhere to the guidelines below to avoid any delay in processing as well as avoiding any untoward issues with law enforcement officials checking the iKad.

Your photo must be taken by a professional photographer in a photo studio to ensure high quality, proper lighting, and compliance with all the specified requirements.

1. **In Color:** Your photo must be in color and not black and white.
2. **White Background:** The background for the photo must be plain white to ensure that you stand out clearly.
3. **Size Specifications:** The photo must be 50mm high and 35mm wide, should not be trimmed or altered from a larger image to fit these dimensions.

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS



The Malaysian government enforces strict guidelines regarding the applicant's photo. Non-compliance with these requirements will lead to the rejection of your application.

4. **No Editing, No Selfies:** The photo should not be digitally altered in any way (e.g., no filters or image enhancements) and should not be self-taken.
5. **No Eyeglasses:** You should remove your glasses to avoid glare or reflection and to make sure your eyes are clearly visible.
6. **Clear Contrast:** You should stand out from the background, meaning your clothes should not be of a similar color to the background.
7. **Free from Shadows:** The lighting should be even and balanced to prevent shadows on the face or background.
8. **Facing Forward:** You must be facing the camera directly, with face and shoulders squarely aligned towards the camera.
9. **Lips Closed:** Your mouth should be closed so that the facial features are neutrally presented.
10. **Individual Photo:** The photo must contain only the person applying for visa; no other people or objects should be in the picture.
11. **Headgear Rules:** No hats or head coverings, except for those worn for religious reasons, and they should not obscure any facial features.
12. **Free from 'Redeye':** The photo should not have 'red-eye', which is often caused by flash photography.
13. **Facial Features Visible:** The entire face should be visible from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head (crown), including the hairline.
14. **Recent Photo:** The photograph must be recent and clearly reflect the applicant's current appearance.
15. **Face Visibility:** Hair must not cover or obstruct any part of the face, including the eyes, eyebrows, or facial features. The full face must be clearly visible.
16. **Photo Quality:** The photograph must be clear, sharp, and high-quality. It must not be blurred, pixelated, or contain any visible distortion.
17. **Head Covering:** Head coverings are not permitted, except for religious reasons. In such cases, the face must remain fully visible, with no obstruction to the eyes, eyebrows, or facial features.

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