

## Passport Photographs: Composition Checklist

(from [http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/guide/composition/composition\\_874.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/guide/composition/composition_874.html))

### 7 Steps to Successful Photographs:

- ✓ Frame subject with **full face, front view, eyes open**
- ✓ Make sure photo presents **full head** from top of hair to bottom of chin; height of head should measure 1 inch to 1-3/8 inches (25 mm to 35 mm)
- ✓ **Center head** within frame (see Figure 2 below)
- ✓ Make sure **eye height** is between 1-1/8 inches to 1-3/8 inches (28 mm and 35 mm) from bottom of photo
- ✓ Photograph subject against a plain white or off-white **background**
- ✓ **Position subject** and **lighting** so that there are no distracting shadows on the face or background
- ✓ Encourage subject to have a **natural expression**

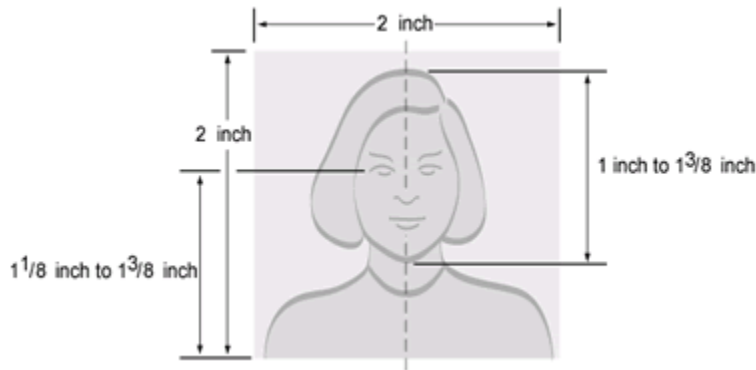


Figure 2. Head Position & Placement

### Well-Composed Photos



## Frequently Asked Questions about Passport Photographs

(from: [http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/guide/faq/faq\\_881.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/guide/faq/faq_881.html))

### Do the photos have to be in color?

Yes, the photos must be in color.

### How recent must the photos be?

The photos must be no older than 6 months.