

# Passport & ID Photograph Specifications

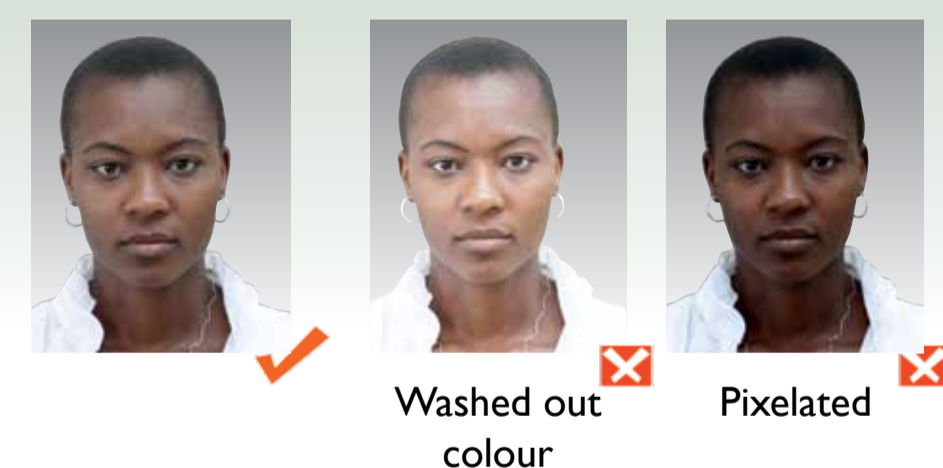
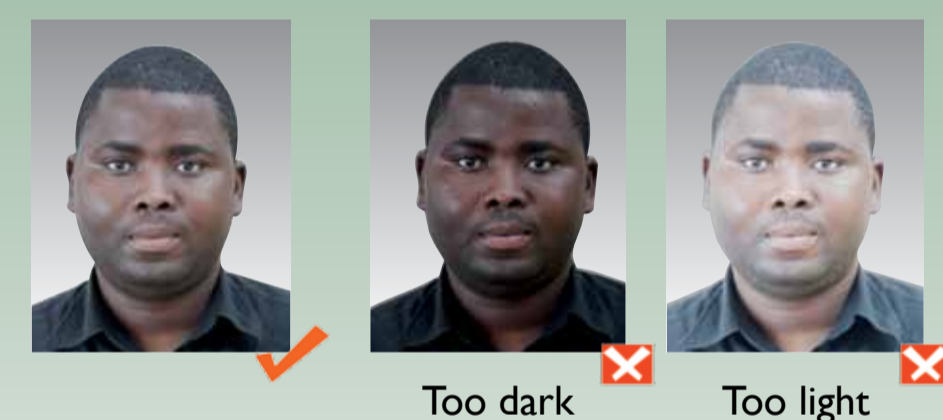
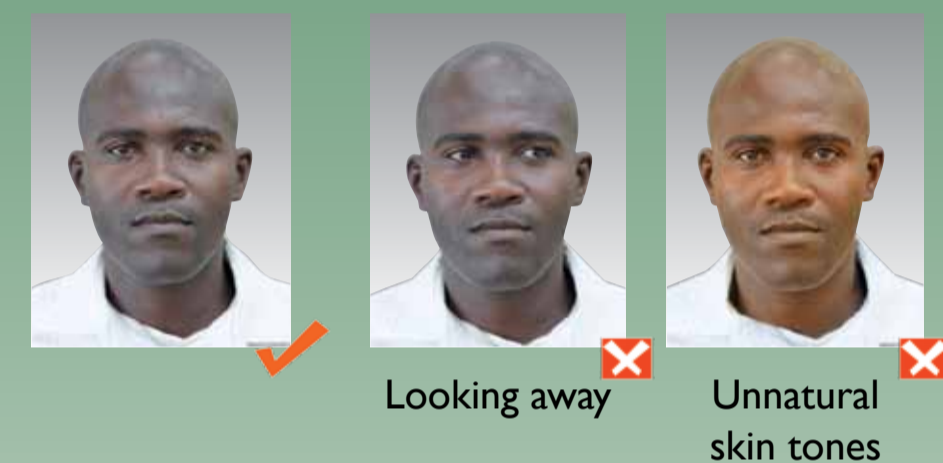
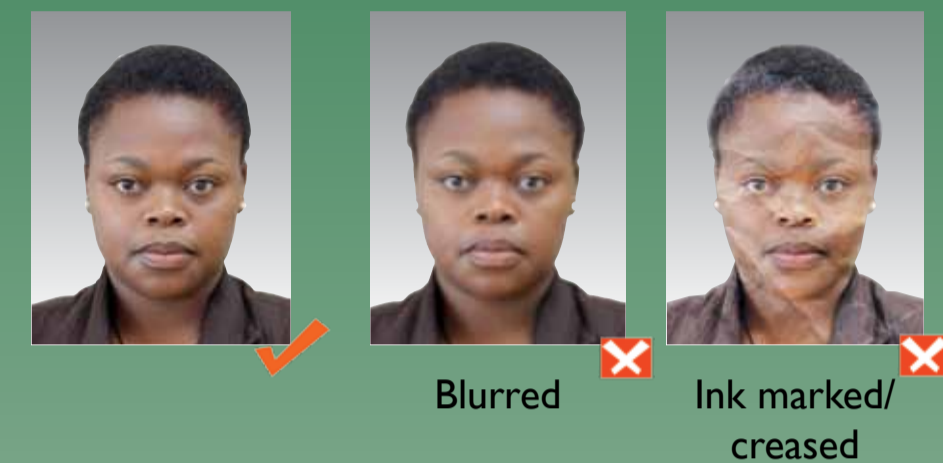
## Photograph quality

### The photographs must be:

- ▶ two identical colour photos for passports
- ▶ two identical colour or black and white photos for IDs
- ▶ not more than one (1) month old
- ▶ 35mm in width and 45mm in height
- ▶ a close-up of your head and top of your shoulders so that your face takes up 70 – 80% of the photograph
- ▶ of high quality with no ink marks or creases and not damaged

### The photographs must:

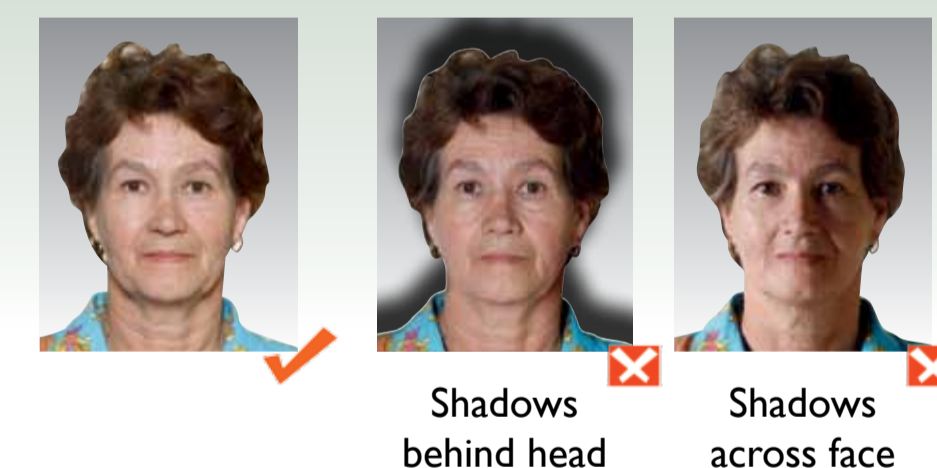
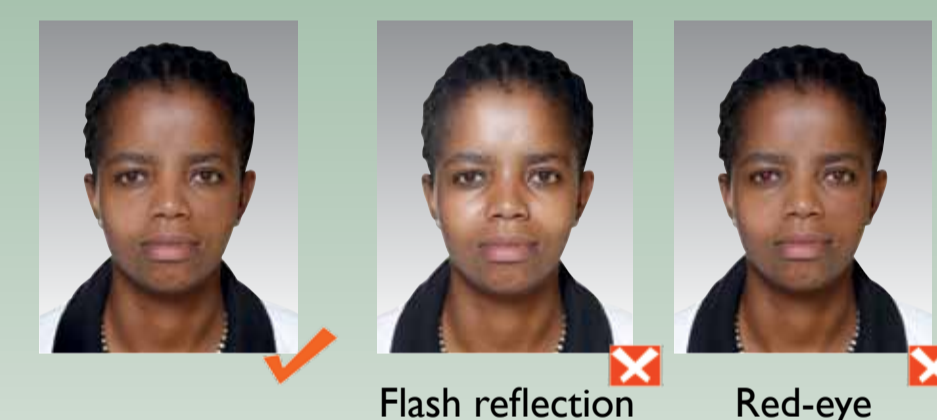
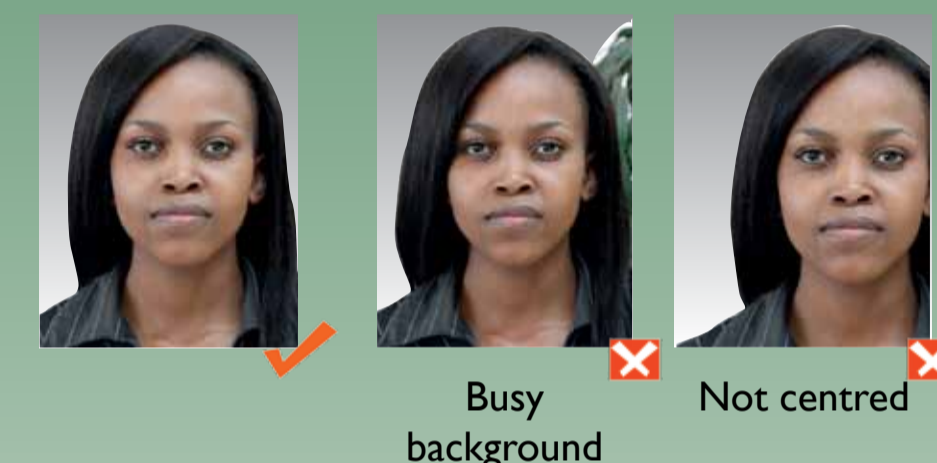
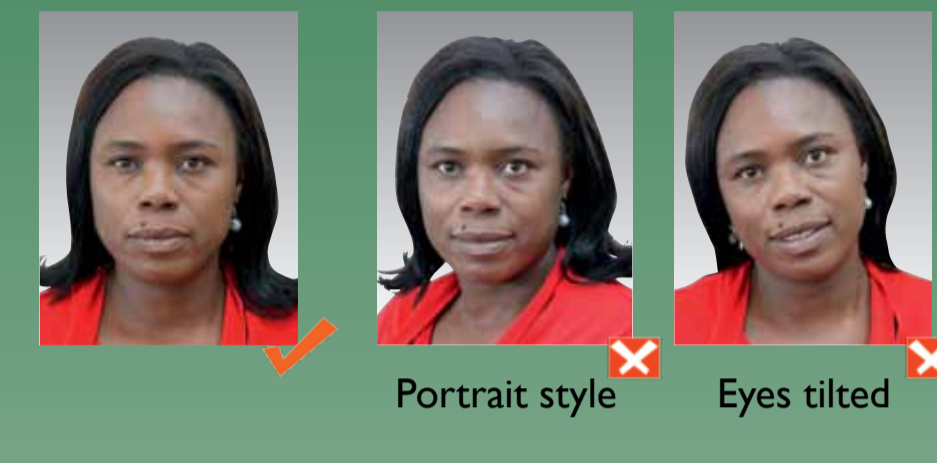
- ▶ show you looking directly at the camera
- ▶ have appropriate brightness and contrast
- ▶ be printed on high-quality photo paper



## Style and lighting

### The photographs must:

- ▶ show your natural colour
- ▶ show your eyes open and clearly visible - no hair across your face
- ▶ show you facing square onto the camera, not looking over one shoulder (portrait style) or tilted
- ▶ show both edges of your face clearly
- ▶ be taken with a light grey or plain cream-coloured background
- ▶ be taken with uniform lighting and not show shadows or flash reflections on your face and no red-eye
- ▶ show you alone (no chair backs, toys or other people visible)



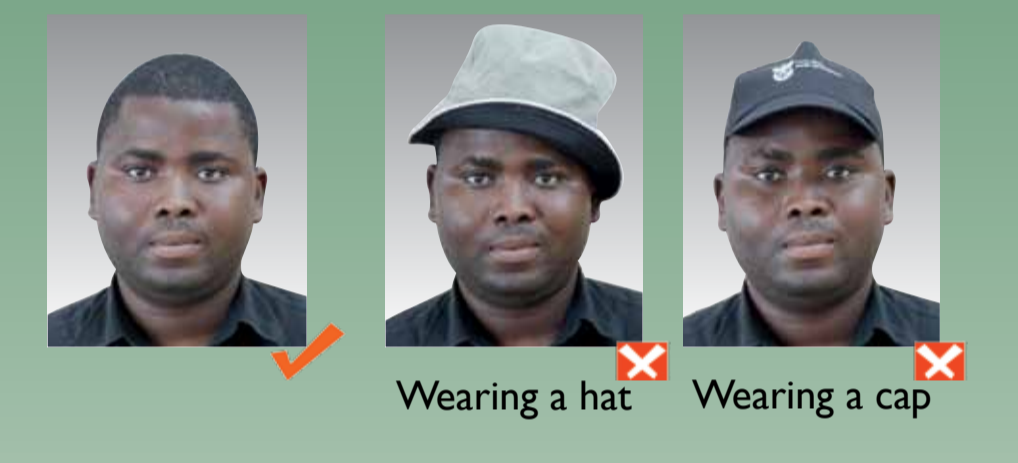
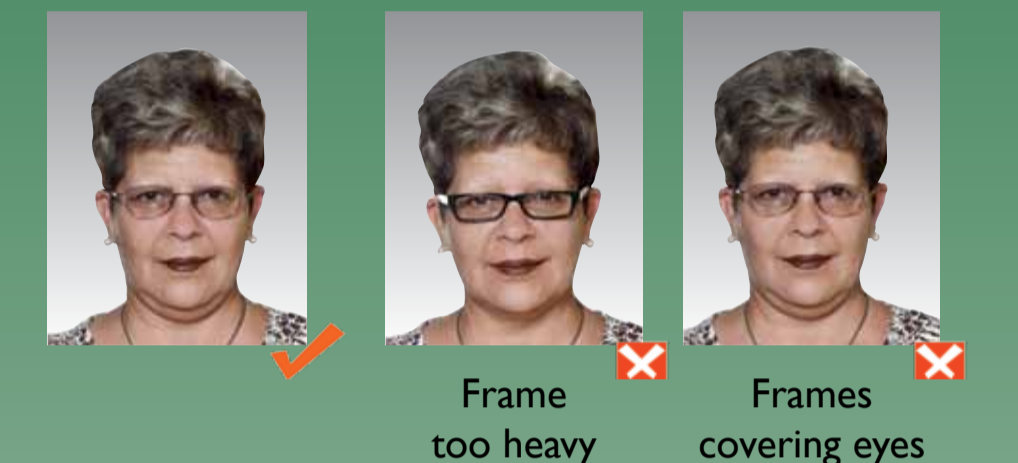
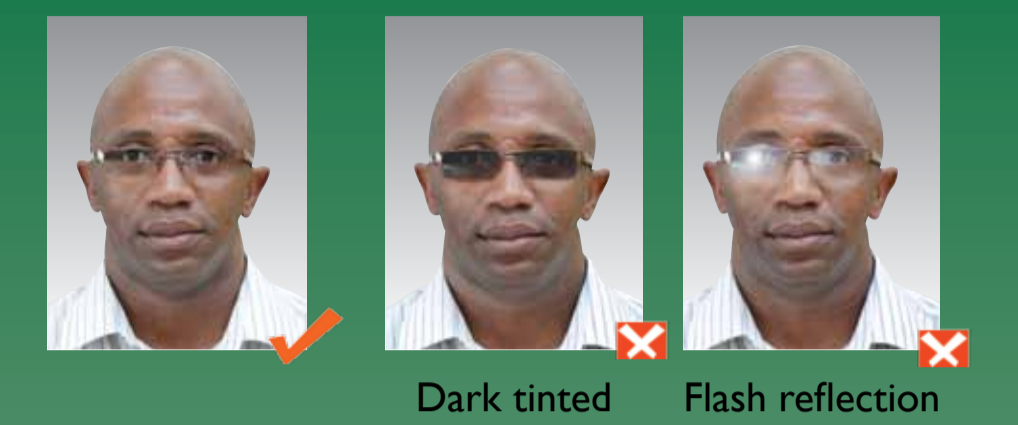
## Glasses and head covers

### If you wear glasses:

- ▶ the photograph must show your eyes clearly with no flash reflection off the glasses
- ▶ no dark-tinted lenses or heavy frames
- ▶ make sure that the frames do not cover any part of your eyes

### Head coverings:

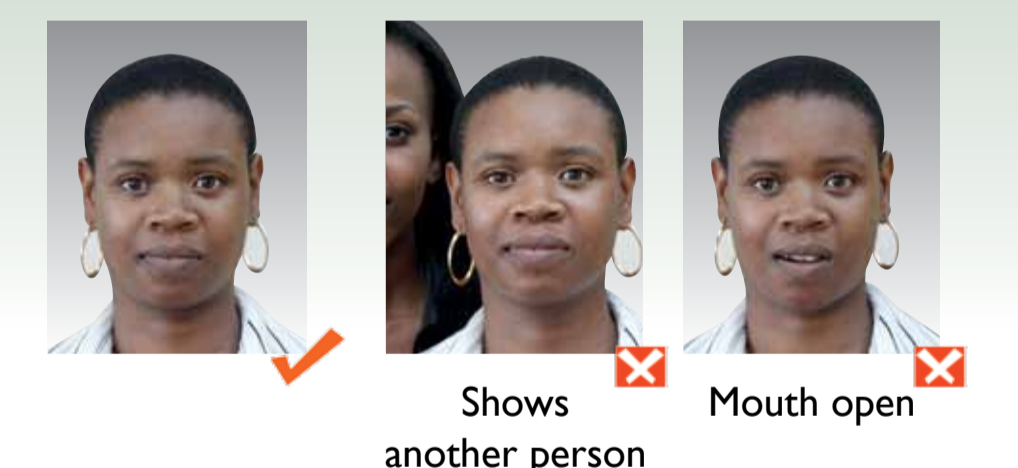
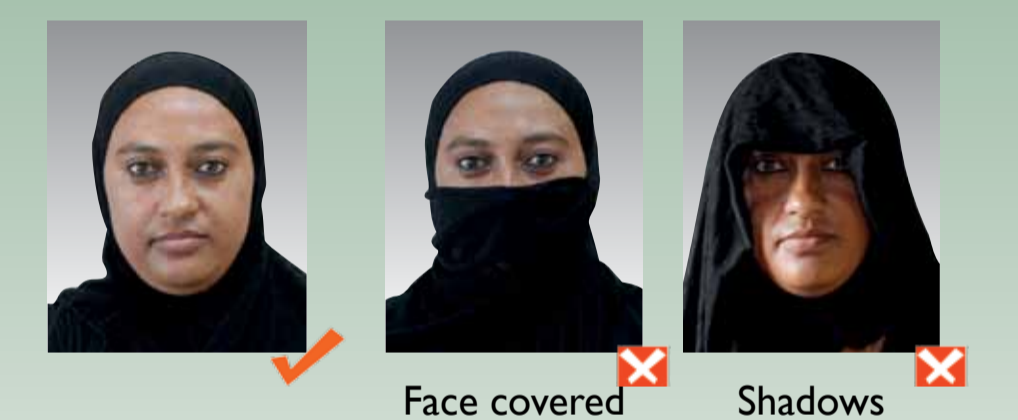
- ▶ are not permitted except for religious reasons, but your facial features from bottom of chin to top of forehead and both edges of your face must be clearly shown



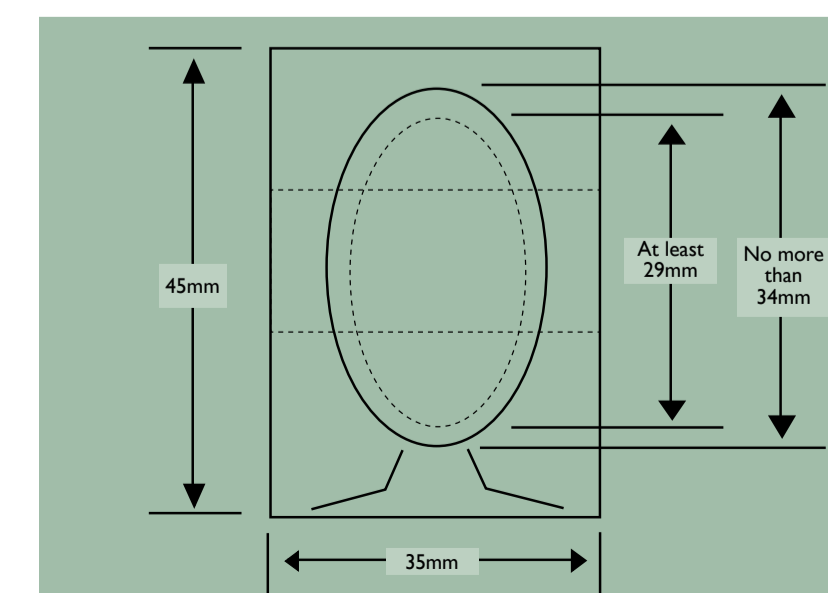
## Expression

### The photograph must:

- ▶ show you looking at the camera with a neutral expression and mouth closed
- ▶ no obvious grinning, frowning or raised eyebrows



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### Photographic Template

#### The photographs must:

- ▶ be in sharp focus and clear
- ▶ have a strong definition between face and background, and
- ▶ be printed professionally - photographs printed at home are not likely to be of an acceptable quality

### Black and White Photos

- ▶ Black and white photos for IDs must also meet these requirements



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