Passport Book & Card Photograph Quality Requirements

In order to print your passport picture, clear and correctly exposed photos must be submitted with your application – especially when applying for the U.S. passport card which displays a black and white image of the bearer. See the following examples of acceptable and unacceptable photos to ensure that the photographs you submit are correct.

The most common reason for a passport photo to be rejected for use is the over exposure or lightness of the photograph.

Photographs should be \(2 \times 2\) inches in size. The face size, measured from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head (including hair), should not be less than 1 inch or more than 1 3/8 inches.

Other examples of unacceptable and acceptable passport photographs include:

- Shadows on Face
- Poorly Focused
- Low Quality/Visible Dots
- Incorrect Facial Direction
- Dark Photo