## **Composition Checklist**

## 7 Steps to Successful Photos

- Frame subject with full face, front view, eyes open
- Make sure photo presents <u>full head</u> 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 <u>lighting</u> so that there are no distracting shadows on the face or background
- Encourage subject to have a natural expression

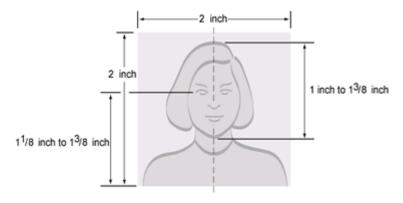


Figure 2. Head Position & Placement

## **Well-Composed Photos**





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