

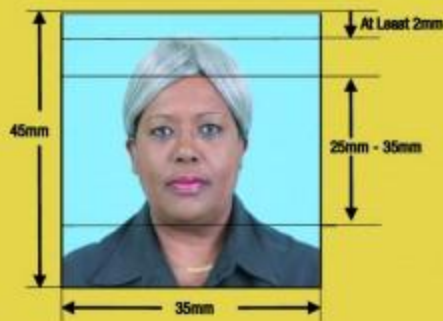
Passport Photo Requirements

- 2 identical photographs are required
- Photographs should be taken in colour with a matte/dull finish, against a plain background
- Applicants of light complexion should avoid wearing white clothing and should have photographs taken against a pastel shaded background
- Applicants of dark complexion should wear coloured clothing and photographs should be taken against a white background.
- Applicants with grey/white hair should have their photograph taken against a pale blue or pastel background
- There must be no other person or object in the photograph
- There should be no background shadows
- A full frontal pose is required
- There should be no creases or ink marks on the photograph
- Exposed shoulders and chest must be avoided
- Bright coloured clothing is not recommended
- Eye glasses should not have tinted lenses
- Heavy (thick) frames should be avoided
- Headgear is permitted ONLY for religious purposes. Facial features including the outline of the face from the bottom of the chin to top of the forehead must be clearly shown
- Photographs submitted with an application become the property of the Government of Jamaica

Photograph Specifications for Jamaican Passports

In order to produce the right quality photographs for the Jamaican passport, please note the following guidelines:

PHOTOGRAPH SIZE



PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE:

- 45 millimetres (length) x 35 millimetres (width)
- A close-up of the face and shoulders so that the face covers approximately 68 to 75% of the photograph
- With a margin of no less than 2mm from the top of the head (including hair) to the edge of the photograph
- Showing the length of the face to be 25mm to 35mm from chin to the top of the head

BACKGROUND



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- The photograph should be taken in colour against a plain background.
- Applicants should avoid wearing white clothing and should have the photograph taken against a pastel shaded background.
- Applicants with grey/white hair should have their photograph taken against a pale blue or pastel background.
- There must be no other person or objects in the photograph.
- Only the applicant should be visible in the photograph. Any object, including the back of chairs, flowers, patterns etc., in the background of a photograph is unacceptable.
- There should be no background shadows.

PHOTOGRAPH QUALITY



- Two (2) passport-sized photographs are required for a passport application.
- The two photos must be identical.
- The photographs should not be more than 6 months old.
- The photographs must be in sharp focus, high quality with no creases or ink marks
- Photographs should be printed on high quality paper (semi-gloss recommended) with a high quality resolution (1200 DPI recommended).
- A professional camera is recommended (8 mega pixels and above).
- The photograph should show the applicant looking directly at the camera. It should have the appropriate brightness and contrast. It should show color and skin tones naturally.

STYLE AND LIGHTING



- Excessive light reflections on the image is unacceptable.
- Light distribution should be even throughout photograph.
- Lighting must be uniform with no shadows or reflections on the face or in the background.
- Both edges of the face must be clearly visible; as far as possible both ears ought to be visible.
- There should be no 'red' eyes.
- The photograph should be colour neutral and should reflect applicant's natural skin tone.

DRESS AND ATTIRE



- Photographs should display appropriately clad images; exposed shoulders and chest should be avoided.
- Bright coloured clothing is not recommended. Where bright-coloured clothing is worn, the colour of the clothes should not reflect on any part of the face.
- Dark attire is recommended.

POSE AND EXPRESSION



- The photograph should show the subject facing forward, looking directly at the camera.
- Photographs should provide a full frontal view of the head, neck and top of the shoulders with ears clearly visible.
- Expression should be neutral. Smiling is not acceptable.
- Eyes must be shown open and clearly visible.

HEAD COVERING



- Applicants should not wear head covering while taking photographs. However, it is permitted only for religious reasons.
- Where head gear is worn for religious reasons, facial features, including the outline of the face from bottom of chin to top of forehead, must be clearly shown.
- There should be no hair across the eyes or on the forehead.

HANDLING OF PHOTOGRAPHS



- Stamps or seals should not be affixed to photographs.
- Only one photograph should be certified, which should bear the inscription: "I certify that this is a true photograph of the applicant".
- Do not affix photo to application form.
- Avoid the use of paperclips and staples as these can damage the image/photo.
- Carry photographs in proper packaging to preserve quality.

EYE GLASSES



- There should be no reflections from the eyeglasses.
- Glasses should not have tinted lenses.
- Photographs must show eyes clearly.
- Heavy (thick) frames should be avoided, lighter frames are preferred.
- Frames should not cover any part of the eyes. It is strongly recommended that glasses be removed.



