

Specifications of the Sri Lankan Passport Photographs



1. The image should be 3.5cm x 4.5cm in size.
2. The photo must have plain light background (white/light blue or light grey background) and must contrast with face and dress.
3. The eyes must be open and no hair obscuring the face, forehead and ears.
4. The image should be straight-looking, centred with neutral expression.
5. Face should be in sharp focus and clear with no ink marks/creases/lines.
6. Head coverings, head-dress or facial ornaments should not obscure the face.
7. The image must have adequate brightness and contrast.
8. The skin tone should be natural. In case of over-exposure or under-exposure of the photo, the skin is either too dark or too light, photo will not be accepted.
9. It should show a close up of the head and (partial) shoulders.
10. The face (from forehead edge to bottom of chin) should be 70 to 80% of the photo or of 2.5cm height.
11. Spectacles are not accepted.
12. There must be no other people or object in the photo.
13. The lighting must be uniform with no shadows on the face or behind.
14. Red eye photos are not allowed.
15. No lines are allowed.
16. The photo should be ideally printed in professional photo printing papers with continuous tone and good resolution. Polaroid photos or photos printed with ordinary printers are not suitable.
17. Passport applications with photos that do not match these specifications are liable to be rejected by the Department of Immigration and Emigration of Sri Lanka and could result in delay in the process.
18. Hence passport applicants are advised not to submit photos with any of the defects listed above.