SAMPLE PHOTOS

High-quality photo is essential for the perfect reproduction of an image and a prerequisite for using facial biometrics. Photos:

- Should have a white background.
- Should have no objects or persons other than the main subject.
- Should have no flash reflection on the face.
- Should be in sharp focus, clear and with proper contrast.
- Should be printed on high-quality paper with a print ratio of 3:4.
- Should not be older than six months.
- Should be in color.
- Should be in a neutral or light-grey area.
- Should be suitable for use in ID documents.

FCUS AND CONTRAST

- The eyes must be open and clearly visible and must not be covered by hair or eyeglass frames.
- The nose must be visible without reducing the size of the face, if possible.
- The mouth must be closed and must not show redness.
- The ear must be visible without reducing the size of the face, if possible.
- The face must be centred in the photo.
- The background must be one colour and bright (ideally a neutral grey colour) and in a contrasting colour to the face and hair. In the case of a dark eyeglass frame, the background must not be black and not have a dominant light grey colour.
- Photos may be in black and white or in colour.
- Colour photos must have proper colour balance and reproduce natural skin tones.
- The photo must be clean, undamaged and free of creases.
- The photo must show only the person to be photographed (no other persons or objects in the photo).
- The background must have a neutral grey and red eyes are to be avoided.
- No tinted lenses or sunglasses.
- The background must not be patterned.
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LIGHTING

- The photo must be taken with even lighting; shadows, reflections and red-eye effects are to be avoided.
- The photo must clearly show the person's facial features from the bottom of the chin to the crown (the top of the head).
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BACKGROUND

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EXPRESSION

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HEAD POSITION AND FACIAL FEATURES

- The head of the person photographed should be neither tilted up nor tilted down.
- No head coverings should be worn for photos; the passport photograph should be taken with the person's head in a neutral position for religious reasons.
- The head position and facial features must be neutral and not turned (portrait style).
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EYES AND LINE OF SIGHT

- The person in the photo must be looking directly at the camera.
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GLASSES

- Eyeglass frames must not cover any part of the face.
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HEAD COVERINGS

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CHILDREN

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BABIES AND VERY YOUNG CHILDREN

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