Machine Readable Travel Documents



too close



blurred



ink marked/creased





unnatural skin tones



looking away

too dark



washed out colour







PORTRAIT QUALITY

The portrait shall be not more than 6 months old.

It shall be 35×45 mm (1.38 x 1.77 in) in width and height. The issuing State will scale the portrait to a size suitable for the td1 or the td2. The portrait shall show a close-up of the applicant's head and the top of the shoulders. The face should take up 70-80 per cent of the vertical dimension of the picture.

The portrait must be in sharp focus, of high quality with no creases or ink marks.

The portrait must show the applicant looking directly at the camera. It should have appropriate brightness and contrast. If in colour, it should show skin tones naturally.

If submitted as a print, it should be on high quality paper with high resolution.

Portraits taken with a digital camera should be at high quality and resolution and be printed on photo-quality paper.

IV-34



hair across eyes



portrait style



eyes tilted







not centred



flash reflection on skin

busy background



shadows behind head







STYLE AND LIGHTING

The portrait shall be colour neutral showing the applicant with the eyes open and clearly visible; there must be no hair obscuring the eyes. The applicant must be shown facing square to the camera, not looking over one shoulder (portrait style).

The head should be upright so that an imaginary horizontal line drawn between the centres of the eyes is parallel to the top edge of the picture.

Both edges of the face must be clearly visible.

The background shall be plain and light coloured.

The lighting shall be uniform with no shadows and no reflections on the face.

There shall be no red-eye.

IV-35



dark tinted lenses



frames too heavy



wearing a hat



face covered



shows another person





wearing a cap

shadows across face











mouth open and toy too close to face

The portrait shall show the eyes clearly with no light reflection off the glasses and

GLASSES AND HEAD COVERS

no tinted lenses. If possible, avoid heavy frames. The frames must not cover any part of the eyes.

Glasses:

Head coverings:

Head coverings shall not be accepted except in circumstances which the competent State authority specifically approves. Such circumstances may be religious, medical or cultural.

EXPRESSION AND FRAME

The portrait shall show the applicant alone with no other people, chair backs or toys visible. The applicant shall be looking at the camera with a neutral expression and the mouth closed.