***Rules for the Issuance of Bulgarian Identity Documents***

„Article 9. (1) When filing the application, the applicant shall submit, upon the filing of the application, a colour photograph which is compliant with the requirements set out in [**Annex No 5**](https://web6.ciela.net/Document/DocumentHighlighted?dbId=0&documentId=2135663268&searchedText=%D0%B7%D0%B0%20%D0%B8%D0%B7%D0%B4%D0%B0%D0%B2%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B5&edition=2147483647&iconId=1&stateObject=%7b%22kind%22:%22getSearchResults%22,%22page%22:1,%22navigateTo%22:%22/AllProducts%22,%22sortAsc%22:%22desc%22,%22sortCol%22:%22Score%22%7d).

(2) The photographs for Bulgarian identity documents shall be prepared by photographers who are registered under the Commerce Act or under the laws of a Member State of the European Union (EU) or of another State which is a party to the European Economic Area (EEA) and who are familiar with the relevant requirements that are exhibited visibly in their shops.

(3) The photographs under paragraph 1 shall not be required at the premises where applications are submitted where these premises are equipped for digital photographing of the applicant’s face. This photographing shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements set out in paragraphs 12 – 16 of [**Annex No 5**](https://web6.ciela.net/Document/DocumentHighlighted?dbId=0&documentId=2135663268&searchedText=%D0%B7%D0%B0%20%D0%B8%D0%B7%D0%B4%D0%B0%D0%B2%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B5&edition=2147483647&iconId=1&stateObject=%7b%22kind%22:%22getSearchResults%22,%22page%22:1,%22navigateTo%22:%22/AllProducts%22,%22sortAsc%22:%22desc%22,%22sortCol%22:%22Score%22%7d).”

Annex No 5 to [**Article 9(1)**](https://web6.ciela.net/Document/DocumentHighlighted?dbId=0&documentId=2135663268&searchedText=%D0%B7%D0%B0%20%D0%B8%D0%B7%D0%B4%D0%B0%D0%B2%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B5&edition=2147483647&iconId=1&stateObject=%7b%22kind%22:%22getSearchResults%22,%22page%22:1,%22navigateTo%22:%22/AllProducts%22,%22sortAsc%22:%22desc%22,%22sortCol%22:%22Score%22%7d) of the Rules for the Issuance of Bulgarian Identity Documents

*Requirements to the photographs under* [***Article 9(1)***](https://web6.ciela.net/Document/DocumentHighlighted?dbId=0&documentId=2135663268&searchedText=%D0%B7%D0%B0%20%D0%B8%D0%B7%D0%B4%D0%B0%D0%B2%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B5&edition=2147483647&iconId=1&stateObject=%7b%22kind%22:%22getSearchResults%22,%22page%22:1,%22navigateTo%22:%22/AllProducts%22,%22sortAsc%22:%22desc%22,%22sortCol%22:%22Score%22%7d)

1. Photographs must reflect the current appearance and they must be taken within two years of the date of the application.

2. Photographs must be in colour and of visibly good quality.

Photographs copied on scanning or copier devices or retouched photographs are not acceptable.

3. Photographs must be printed on a material of a smooth matte surface and thickness ranging from 0.12 mm to 0.20 mm.

Photographs printed on glossy or dot paper are not acceptable.

4. Size: photographs must measure 45 mm high by 35 mm wide.

After cutting, photographs may measure 47 ±2 mm high by 37 ±2 mm wide.

5. The image of the face from the lower part of the chin to the crown of the head (the hair included) must be 31.5 mm to 36 mm long or, for persons below the age of 14, 25 mm to 35 mm long.

6. Photographs must be taken in full-face view and the head must be in the centre of the frame.

Photographs taken in right or left half-face view are not acceptable.

7. Photographs must be taken without any foreshortening – the lens axis must be horizontal and at the level of the eyes.

Photographs taken with low angle foreshortening (the lens axis placed under the level of the eyes) or high angle foreshortening (the lens axis placed above the level of the eyes) are not acceptable.

8. Photographs must be taken in front of a neutral background of light grey colour –grey density of 20 %. The background may range between 15 % and 25 % of the grey scale.

9. The lighting of the face on the photograph must be even, without any shadows, glares or defects.

Photographs with a “red eye” defect or back lighting are not acceptable.

10. Photographs must be taken with normal exposure.

Overexposed or underexposed photographs are not acceptable.

11. Photographs must have normal and balanced colours.

Photographs with reddish, blue-green or yellowish nuances are not acceptable.

12. No hats, caps or headwear are allowed on the photographs.

Photographs may be taken with a hat, cap or headwear provided that the two ears and at least 1 cm of the hair are visible on the photograph.

13. Eyeglasses are not allowed on photographs, except in cases when eyeglasses are normally worn all the time, the glasses are not darkened and have no glares that deteriorate the quality of the eye image.

14. Beards and moustaches are allowed provided that they are normally worn all the time. When the beard or the moustache is removed, a new photograph is taken and the Bulgarian identity document is renewed.

15. Wigs are allowed provided that they are normally worn all the time.

16. All details of the face on the photograph must be clearly visible and distinct.

*Requirements to the signature under Article 10 of the Rules for the Issuance of Bulgarian identity Documents*

In the box for the signature in application form for the issuance of a card (Article 10, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4), persons below the age of 14 shall not put their signature under the photograph and the application shall be signed by the parent.

Persons aged 14 or above shall put their signature under the photograph and sign the application in their own handwriting.

The signature shall be put by the person in his or her own handwriting and in his or her own style, without crossing the borders of the box for the signature in the application form.

The signature shall conform to the signature on the national identity document.