



PHOTO STANDARD FOR MALDIVIAN PASSPORTS

MALDIVES IMMIGRATION



REQUIREMENT FOR PHOTO STANDARDS USED IN MALDIVIAN PASSPORTS

This is the photo standard specifically designed for Maldivian passport.

The following photographic guideline will assist the applicant to submit acceptable photos. Additionally, this guideline will be followed to process other identification documents of Maldives Immigration.

This revised guideline aligns with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) specifications for Machine Readable Travel Documents.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the photo submitted meets with the requirements in this guideline. However, applicants with special needs and other exceptional cases will be considered.

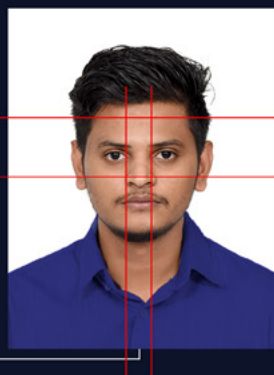
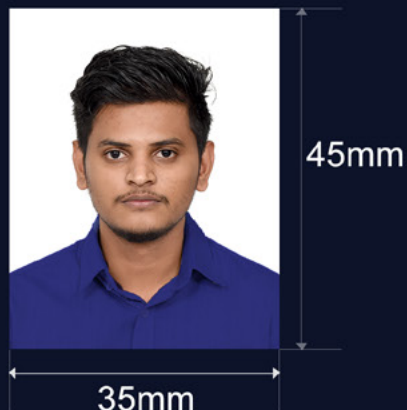
High-quality photos are essential for the perfect reproduction of the image and are a prerequisite for using facial biometrics in passports. Hence, it is absolutely necessary to comply with the requirements described in the guideline.

Second generation Maldivian E-passports are made of polycarbonate biographic page, images printed on the passport (VIZ) would be on black & white grey scale. In order to cater for this the following points must be considered;

- Bald headed people, people with white hair and people with fair skin tone may not appear evidently on a white background. In such cases a soft copy from the vendor is required as edited pictures are not encouraged.
- Light colored attires and hijabs may not appear clearly on a white background. It is always advisable to wear a darker shade of clothe when taking pictures for passports and other identification documents.



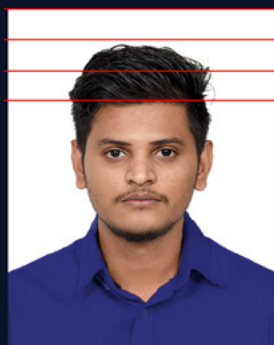
SAMPLE PHOTO



Eye area, maximum

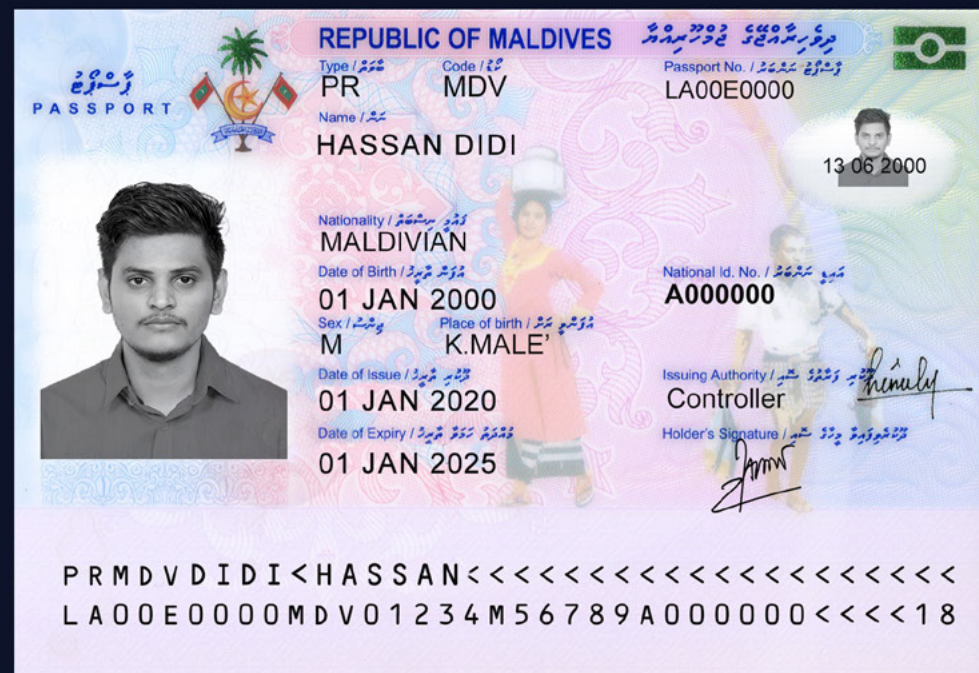
Eye area, minimum

Centre of nose
in the dark area



Maximum face height tolerated
Optimum face height, maximum (36mm)
Optimum face height, minimum (32mm)
Minimum face height tolerated

- Chin line



1. FORMAT

The photo must clearly show the person's facial features from the bottom of the chin to the crown (the top of the head, not the top of the hair) as well as the left and right sides of the face.

The face must take up 70-80% of the photo. This corresponds to a height of 32-36mm.

It is often difficult to determine where the top of the head would be without hair, photos should be rejected only if the face measures less than 27mm or more than 40mm.



Too close



Too far



Not centred



2. FOCUS AND CONTRAST

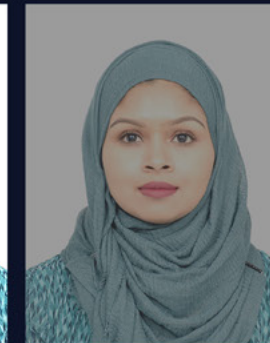
The photo must be in sharp focus, clear and with proper contrast



Blurred



Too light



Not enough contrast



3. LIGHTING AND EDITING

Photos must be taken with even lighting; shadows, reflections and red eyes are to be avoided

Sharp edge edits on the photo will not be accepted.



Too dark



Flash reflection
on face



Shadow behind
head



Shadow across
face



Red eye



Sharp edge edits
on hair



Sharp edge edits
on hair



4. BACKGROUND & BORDERS

The background must be in white colour in contrast with face and hair.

The background must not be patterned.

The photo must not include any borders.

The photo must show only the person to be photographed (no other persons or objects in the photo).



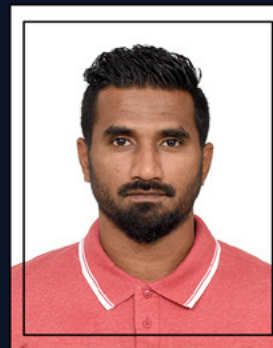
Busy background



Blue background



Not enough contrast



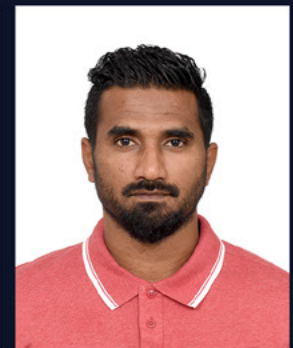
Line borders



Thick and bold borders



Narrow borders



5. PHOTO QUALITY

The photo must be printed on high-quality paper with a print resolution of at least 600 dpi (especially when taken with a digital camera).

The photo must be clean, undamaged, and free of creases.

Photo must not be damaged by staples, pins, paper clips, folding, ink marks or pen indentations.

The photo must be taken within the last 30 days.



Unnatural
color



Creases



Pixelated



Staples



Ink spots



Paperclips



6. HEAD POSITION AND FACIAL EXPRESSION

The head of the person photographed should be neither tilted nor turned (portrait style).

The facial expression must be neutral with the mouth closed and looking directly at the camera.



Mouth open ❌



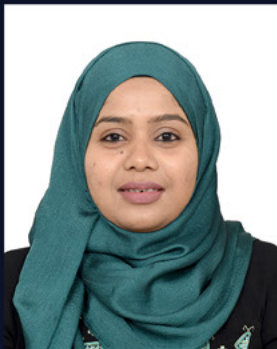
Head tilted ❌



Portrait style ❌



Chin up ❌



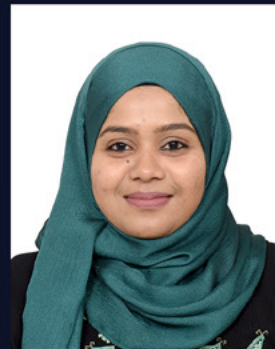
Mouth partially open ❌



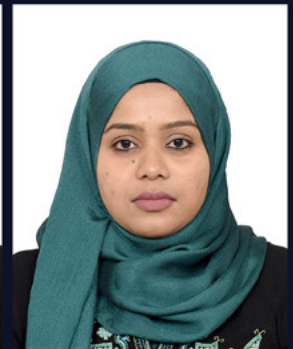
Pout style ❌



Looking away ❌



Smiley ❌



7. EYES AND LINE OF SIGHT

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

The eyes must be open and clearly visible and must not be covered by hair or eyeglass frames.

Flash reflection on the lenses or sunglasses are unacceptable.

The edge of the lenses or frames should not cover any part of the eyes.



Frames covering eyes ❌



Dark tinted glasses ❌



Flash reflection on glasses ❌



Eyes closed ❌



Eyes partially open ❌



Hair across eyes ❌



8. HEAD COVERINGS

Hats or head coverings are not permitted; exceptions may be made, in particular for religious reasons (women wearing hijab).

If a head covering is allowed, the face must be visible from the bottom of the chin to the crown.



Headwear



Headwear



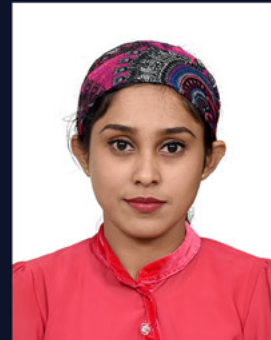
Headwear



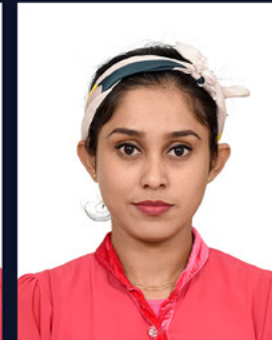
Headwear



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Face covered



Hijab covering chin and eyebrows



9. ACCESSORIES: FACIAL ORNAMENTS AND MAKE-UP

Any facial ornaments that obscure the face shall not be worn.

Make-ups that are non-neutral and deceiving look shall not be worn.



Nose rings



Hoops



White pearls



Contact lenses



Fake eyelashes



Over
make-up



10. CHILDREN

For children aged 09 and under, the face should take up 50-80% of the photo from the bottom of the chin to the crown (the top of the head, not the top of the hair) and should measure between 22 and 36mm.

It is often difficult to determine where the top of the head would be without hair, photos should be rejected only if the face measures less than 17mm or more than 40mm.



Headwear



Headwear



Hair across
face



Head position



Hair across
face



11. BABIES

For children aged 5 and under, the face should take up 50-80% of the photo from the bottom of the chin to the crown.

Children aged 5 and under do not need to have a neutral expression or look directly at the camera, and their heads do not have to be centred in the photo.



Headwear
and light colored
attire



Head position



Headwear



Headwear



Object in the
photo



Second person
in the background



12. ATTIRE

It is important to wear a darker shade of attire as the photo must have a white background.

Light shade of clothes will blend in with the background of the photo.

Photos taken in uniforms will not be accepted if it has any components of the uniform.



Light colored attire



Light colored attire



Light colored attire



Light colored hijab



Light colored hijab



Light colored hijab



Uniform components



13. OTHERS

In some special cases, a soft copy of the photo will be required.



Bald headed



Grey hair



Fair skin tone

