

Photograph Requirements – Irish Travel Document

Please ensure that the photographs you submit with your application meet the very specific requirements outlined here. These are the same as for an Irish passport, and you can mention this when having your photo taken in a photographic outlet, as staff will be familiar with Passport Office requirements. If your photos do not meet these requirements, your application will be returned to you.

Four identical photographs, no more than six months old, must be submitted.

Size

They should be 45-50mm in height and 35-38mm in width. They should show a close-up of your face and the top of your shoulders. Your face should take up 70-80% of the frame.

Pose

The head should be centred in the image. A frontal pose looking directly at the camera and showing full face must be used and should be taken against a plain white, cream or light grey background. There should be a marked contrast between your facial features and the background of the photographs. Rotating or tilting of the head in either an up/down or left/right direction must be avoided.

Expression

Your expression should be neutral with both eyes open and mouth closed. There should be no hair covering the eyes. Contrived expressions such as raised eyebrows, squinting or frowning are not acceptable.

Glasses

Sunglasses are not acceptable. If glasses are worn they should be of clear glass so that the eyes are clearly visible.

Head Coverings

Only head coverings worn for religious reasons are permitted. Hair bands should not be worn.

Print Quality

The photographs must be in sharp focus and correctly exposed. There should be no shadows or glare on the image or background. The photographs must have a good colour balance and natural flesh tones, and no 'Red-Eye'.

Your photograph will be digitally printed onto the Travel Document in black and white. We recommend that black and white photographs are submitted, although colour is acceptable. Photos must be printed on high quality paper, at a high resolution and with no ink marks or creases. If a digital camera is used, photographs must be printed on photo-quality paper. Reverse of photograph must be white and unglazed.

Submitting your Photographs

A member of An Garda Síochána must also sign and stamp the back of two of your photographs when witnessing your form. Photographs should **not** be attached to your application form. Photographs with any staple or pin marks will be returned to you.

Infants and Children

Infants or very small children who are unable to support themselves should be photographed lying down. Hands, arms etc. used to support the child should not be visible in the photographs.

It will also be necessary to have one photograph signed by a member of An Garda Síochána. A second photograph must be signed by either the school your child is attending, if child is of school-going age and under 16 years, or by your GP where the child is not yet of school-going age. No stamp should be placed on the photograph by the school or doctor.