

Frequently Asked Questions

[Can I wear glasses, sunglasses, or tinted glasses in my passport photo?](#)

No, take them off for your passport photo.

If you cannot remove your glasses for medical reasons, you must submit a signed statement from your doctor with your passport application.

[What pose should I be in for my photo?](#)

Face the camera with your head centered in the frame and not tilted with a neutral expression or natural smile.

[Can I wear a hat or head covering in my photo?](#)

You may wear a hat or head covering, but you must submit a signed statement that verifies that the hat or head covering is part of recognized, traditional religious attire that is customarily or required to be worn continuously in public or a signed doctor's statement verifying the item is used daily for medical purposes.

Your full face must be visible and your hat or head covering cannot obscure your hairline or cast shadows on your face.

[Can I wear a uniform in my photo?](#)

No. Both adults and children cannot wear uniforms, clothing that looks like a uniform, or camouflage attire in their photos.

[Can I remove red-eye from my photo?](#)

No, you can not digitally alter a photo to remove red eye. You will have to submit a new photo without red eye.

[Can I smile in my passport photo?](#)

Yes, but it must be a natural, unexaggerated smile. Both your eyes must be open.

What's the best way to take a photo of a baby or toddler?

When taking a photo of your baby or toddler, no other person should be in the photo.

Lay your baby on his or her back on a plain white or off-white sheet. Make certain there are no shadows on your baby's face, especially if you take a picture from above. Covering a car seat with a plain white or off-white sheet and taking a picture of your child in the car seat may also be helpful.

Is it acceptable for my child's eye to be closed in his or her photo?

It is acceptable if an infant's eyes are not open or entirely open. All other children must have their eyes open.

Do I need a new photo if my appearance has changed (grown a beard, dyed my hair)?

Only if your appearance has significantly changed from what is in your current passport. Growing a beard or coloring your hair would not constitute a significant change. If you can still be identified from the photo in your current passport, you do not need to apply for a new passport.

You may have to [apply for a new passport](#) if you have:

- Undergone significant facial surgery or trauma
- Added or removed numerous/large facial piercings or tattoos
- Undergone a significant amount of weight loss or gain
- Made a gender transition

If the appearance of your child under the age of 16 has changed due to the normal aging process, you do not need to apply for a new passport for him or her.