



Photo requirements

Only photographs not older than 6 months will be accepted!

Minimum requirements:

1. Minimum size of 3.5 cm x 4.5 cm
2. Frontal view of the face which covers 70 – 80 % (32 – 36 mm) of the photo
3. Uniform light grey background
4. Clear facial features and eyes not covered by hair or frame of glasses
5. Head coverings of any kind are not accepted except for religious reasons

Specifications:

Format

Full front view of face, centred, features from chin to hairline and both sides of face must be clearly visible. From top to bottom face must fill 70-80% (between 32 and 36 mm) of the photograph. Front of head (including hair) must be completely visible, with dimensions of face as specified. Photograph size must be 45 x 35 mm without frame.

Contrast

Whole face must be clear, with proper contrast and sharpness.

Lighting

Face must be well lit, with no flash reflections, shadows or red eyes.

Background

Background must be uniform, light-coloured (ideally a neutral grey) and provide a good Contrast with face and hair. Best background for light-coloured hair is medium-grey, for dark hair light-grey. Photograph must show subject only (no other person or items permitted, important especially for photographs of young children). Shadows or patterns on background are unacceptable.

Photographic quality

Photograph should be printed on high-quality paper, resolution at least 600 DPI (dots per inch), have no creases or marks and represent natural skin tones.

Head position, facial expression and direction

A position with the head leaning or turned (e.g. half profile) is unacceptable. Facial expression must be neutral and the mouth closed. Subject must look straight into the camera. Eyes must be open and well visible, not covered by hair or frame of glasses.

Glasses

Eyes must clearly visible (reflections on glasses, tinted or sun glasses are unacceptable). The edge of the glasses or frame must not cover the eyes.

Head coverings

Head coverings of any kind are unacceptable. Exceptions are being made due to religious reasons (face must be visible from chin to hairline, no shadows on the face).

Eye coverings

Eyes must be clearly visible. Exceptions are being made only due to medical reasons.

Photo shops familiar with the requirements:**BAHRAIN HOUSE OF PHOTOGRAPHY**

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Applications can be submitted by appointment only. Appointments can be made free of charge online at the Embassy's website www.manama.diplo.de/visa

Appointments cannot be scheduled in person or by telephone, e-mail or fax.

Opening time Visa Section Su –Thu. 08:30- 11:30 am

Collection of passports: Sun – Thu. 12:30 – 01:00 pm