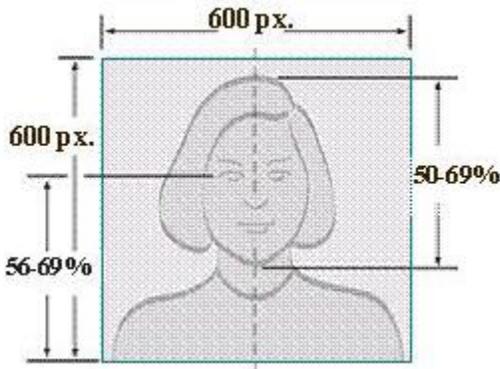


Digital Photo Requirements

Your visa application photo must meet certain criteria regarding size and content. Submitting photos that do not meet these criteria can delay the visa application process. **To reflect your current appearance, your photo must be taken within the last six months. If you are renewing a previous visa, this generally means your photo must not be the same one that appeared on your old visa.**

If your photo does not meet the requirements, you will be required to submit a new photo before your visa is processed, even if the visa application system accepted it as a digital photo upload.

Digital photos uploaded with your DS-160 must meet the guidelines shown in the image below:



Head

Size

Your head height, measured from the top of your head, including the hair, to the bottom of your chin, must be between 50% and 70% of the photo's total height. Your eye height, measured from the bottom of the photo to the level of your eyes, should be between 55% and 70% - or roughly $\frac{2}{3}$ - of the photo's height.

Photo

Dimensions

Your photo must be 5cm x 5cm and square-shaped, meaning the photo's height must be the same as its width. The minimum dimensions for your photo are 600 pixels x 600 pixels (height x width). The maximum dimensions are 1200 pixels x 1200 pixels (height x width).

7 Steps to Successful Photo

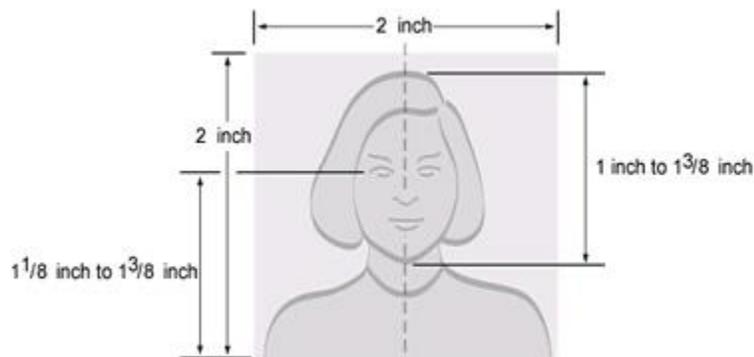
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Orientation

It is important when taking your visa photo. Frame yourself within the photo so that your full face shows. Face directly toward the camera and make sure your eyes are open.

Fill the Frame

Your photo must show your entire head, from the top of your hair to the bottom of your chin. In a good photo, the height of your head will measure 1-1/8 inches (25 to 35mm), or fill between 50%-70% of the photo, like this:



Stay Centered

Center your head within the frame.

Show Your Eyes

Make sure your eyes are open. Your eyes should be $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way up the photo, or between 1- $\frac{1}{8}$ inches to 1- $\frac{3}{8}$ inches (28 mm and 35 mm) - about 60% - from the bottom of the photo.

Background

The area behind you in the photo should be uncluttered and either white or off-white. Sit in front of a plain white or off-white background for best results.

Eliminate

Sit so that your face is fully-lit and there are no distracting shadows across your face or in the background.

Shadows

Relax and Look Natural

Be sure to have a natural expression on your face when you take your photo, like those shown here:

