

## PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH SPECIFICATIONS

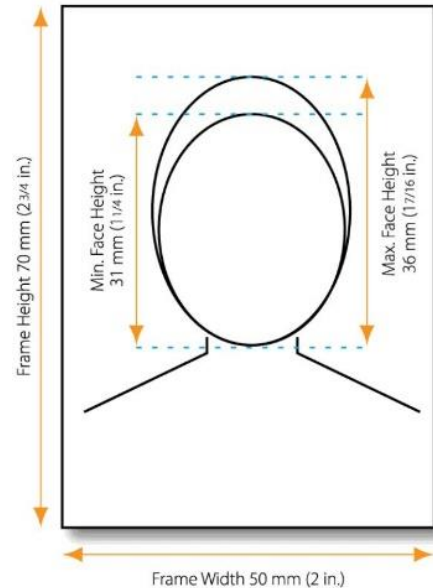
### Photograph quality

#### The photographs must be:

- taken in person by a commercial photographer or studio (eg “Gastown Photos” in Vancouver or similar)
- no more than 6 months old (3 months for children under 10 years of age)
- 50 mm wide x 70 mm high (Canadian-passport size); the height of the face should measure between 31 mm and 36 mm from chin to crown of head (natural top of head)
- in sharp focus and clear
- of high quality with no ink marks or creases

#### The photographs must:

- show you looking directly at the camera
- show your skin tones naturally
- have appropriate brightness and contrast
- be printed on high quality paper, and at high resolution



### Glasses and head covers

#### If you wear glasses:

- the photograph must show your eyes clearly with no flash reflection off the glasses, and no tinted lenses (if possible, avoid heavy frames – wear lighter framed glasses if you have them)
- make sure that the frames do not cover any part of your eyes
- coloured contact lenses are not permitted

#### Head coverings:

- are not permitted except for religious reasons, but your facial features from bottom of chin to top of forehead and both edges of your face must be clearly shown

## Expression and frame

### **Your photographs must:**

- show you alone (no chair back, toys, or other people visible), looking at the camera with a neutral expression and your mouth closed

## Style and lighting

### **The photographs must:**

- be color neutral
- show your eyes open and clearly visible – no hair across your eyes
- show you facing square on to the camera, not looking over one shoulder (portrait style) or tilted, and showing both edges of your face clearly
- be taken with a plain light-coloured background
- be taken with uniform lighting and not show shadows or flash reflections on your face and no red eye
- feature good lighting on your entire face (no lighting only from the top)