

Digital Image Requirements

The digital image must adhere to the following specifications:

- Dimensions** The image dimensions must be in a square aspect ratio (the height must be equal to the width). Minimum acceptable dimensions are 600 x 600 pixels. Maximum acceptable dimensions are 1200 x 1200 pixels. Please review [photo requirements](#) for specific dimensions.
- Color** The image must be in color (24 bits per pixel) in sRGB color space which is the common output for most digital cameras.
- File Format** The image must be in JPEG file format
- File Size** The image must be less than or equal to 240 kB (kilobytes).
- Compression** The image may need to be compressed in order for it to be under the maximum file size. The compression ratio should be less than or equal to 20:1.

Want to scan an existing photo?

In addition to the digital image requirements, your existing photo must be:

- 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm)
- Scanned at a resolution of 300 pixels per inch (12 pixels per millimeter)

Use the Department of State's free photo tool to:



- select a digital image stored on your computer
- resize and rotate it if necessary
- crop it to a square image of exactly 600 x 600 pixels, and
- save it to your computer to submit online or for printing

Start Photo Tool

Please note: This tool is intended for photo cropping only. A Department of State employee will make the final

decision whether your visa photo is acceptable or not for your application.

While we recommend you use a professional photo service to ensure your photos meet all the requirements, you may take the photo yourself. Please remember that photos must not be digitally enhanced or altered to change your appearance in any way. The acceptance of your photo is always at the discretion of the U.S. embassy or consulate where you apply for a visa.