



too close



too far away



blurred



ink marked/creased



looking away



unnatural skin tones



too dark



too light



washed out colour



pixelated



Photograph quality

The photographs must be:

- 35–40mm in width
- close up of head and top of shoulders so that face takes up 70–80% of the photograph
- in sharp focus and clear
- of high quality with no marks

The photographs must:

- show looking directly at the camera
- show skin tones naturally
- have appropriate brightness and contrast at high resolution

Photographs to be taken with a digital camera must be high quality colour



hair across eyes



eyes closed



portrait style



eyes tilted



busy background



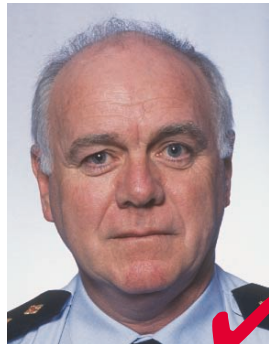
not centred



flash reflection on skin



redeye



shadows behind head



shadows across face



Style and lighting

The photographs must:

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



dark tinted lenses



flash reflection on lenses



Glasses and head covers

If wearing glasses:

- the photograph must show the eyes clearly with no flash reflection off the glasses, and no tinted lenses (if possible, avoid heavy frames—lighter framed glasses to be worn)
- make sure that the frames do not cover any part of the eyes.



frames too heavy



frames covering eyes



Head coverings:

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



wearing a hat



wearing a cap



face covered



shadows across face



Expression and frame

The photographs must:

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



shows another person



mouth open and toy too close to face

