

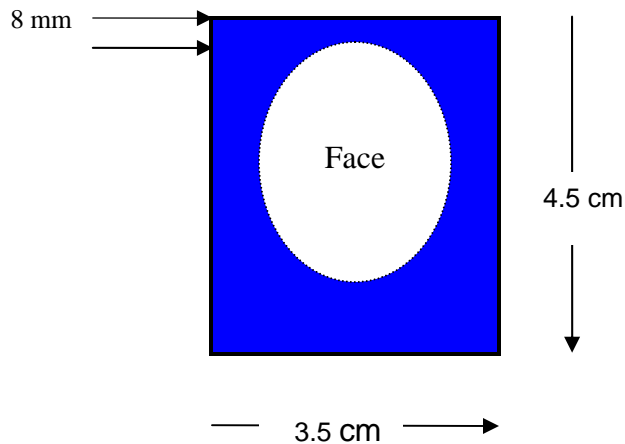
Guidelines on Photo Requirements for Machine-Readable Passport

The Embassy of the Philippines in Washington, D.C. wishes to inform Filipinos of the new PHOTO requirements for Machine-Readable Passport.

The photograph of the passport holder is important because it verifies the identity of the holder.

Photo specifications:

- Background: **ROYAL BLUE**
- Size: 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm



- There should be at least 8 mm space at the top of the photo between the edge of the photo and the head of the person.
- Pose: Full frontal facial image (no tilting of head)
 - Image of the applicant should occupy 70%-80% of the photograph
 - Collared shirt/decent attire
 - Both ears visible
 - Prescription eye-glasses allowed, provided there is no glare
- Taken within the last six (6) months
- Photos can be rejected for the following reasons:
 - Distorted image – head is tilted or smile is too wide
 - Women – excessive make-up, large earrings
 - Men – Wearing make-up, earrings
 - Colored contact lenses
 - Use of headgear other than a scarf or veil for religious or health reasons
 - Use of dark eyeglasses
 - Photos with “red-eye” effect
 - Dirty photos/ poor photo quality/poor or uneven lighting
 - Digitally altered photos/ unnatural skin tones
 - Hair across the eyebrow

Please check the Embassy of the Philippines website: www.philippineembassy-usa.org for the latest information regarding the Philippine Machine Readable Passport.