

PERMANENT RESIDENTS PHOTOGRAPH SPECIFICATIONS

Notes to the applicant

TAKE THIS SPECIFICATION SHEET WITH YOU TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER

- ▶ Make sure you provide the correct number of photos specified in your application guide.
- ▶ You must provide identical and unaltered photographs.
- ▶ Photographs may be in colour or black and white.
- ▶ Photographs must be original and **not altered in any way** or taken from an existing photograph.
- ▶ Photographs must reflect your current appearance (taken within the past six (6) months).

Notes to the photographer

The photographs must be:

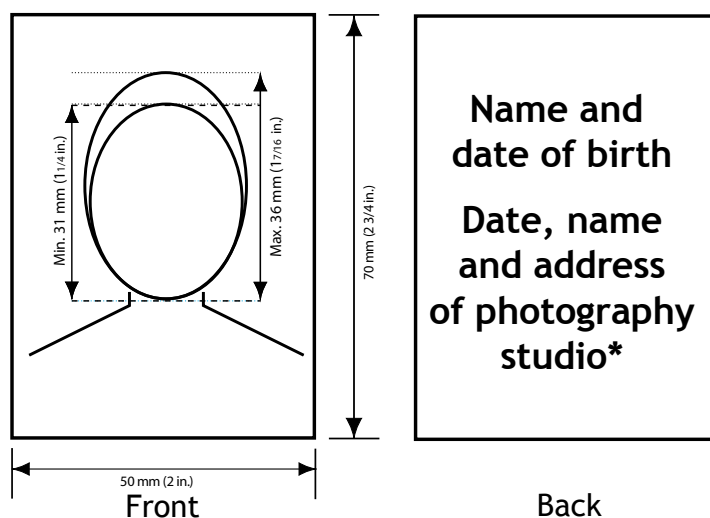
- ▶ taken by a commercial photographer
- ▶ 50 mm x 70 mm (2 inches wide x 2 3/4 inches long) and sized so the height of the face measures between 31 mm and 36 mm (1 1/4 inches and 1 7/16 inches) from chin to crown of head (natural top of head)
- ▶ clear, sharp and in focus
- ▶ taken with a neutral facial expression (**eyes open and clearly visible, mouth closed, no smiling**)
- ▶ taken with uniform lighting and **not show** shadows, glare or flash reflections
- ▶ taken straight on, with face and shoulders **centred** and squared to the camera (i.e. the photographs must show the full front view of the person's head and shoulders, showing full face centred in the middle of the photograph)
- ▶ taken in front of a plain white background with a clear difference between the person's face and the background. Photographs must reflect/represent natural skin tones

For online applications

When applying to renew or correct a permanent resident card through your online account, the requirements for digital photos are the following:

- ▶ format: JPEG
- ▶ file size: 5 megabytes maximum, saved directly from the original file captured by the camera
- ▶ image size: 1 680 pixels high by 1 200 pixels wide

- ▶ chin-to-crown ratio: 50 percent of the image height
- ▶ subject position: The chin should be as close as possible to an imaginary horizontal line at 40 percent of the height of the image.
- ▶ compression: minimal compression to ensure maximum quality
- ▶ general image quality guidelines: all other [photo quality guidelines listed on our website apply](#)



Not actual size. Refer to measurements above.

*The back of one (1) photograph must:

- ▶ bear the name and date of birth of the subject, as well as the name and complete address of the photography studio
- ▶ bear the date the photograph was taken
- ▶ the photographer may use a stamp or handwrite this information. Stick-on labels are unacceptable.

** For digital photographs, this information needs to be provided to the client by the photographer. This could be done, for example, by placing the stamp you now use on the back of a receipt, or including it as a text file on a USB device, or including it in the e-mail if you are delivering the image by e-mail to your clients.

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