Guidelines for ICAO Compliant Photographs for Passport Applications

Here are the photograph guidelines as per ICAO standards to be adhered to while photograph capturing or uploading for passport services:

- Close-up of the head and top of the shoulders such that the face takes up 80-85% of the photograph.
- The photograph should be in colour and dimensions should be 630*810 Pixels.
- Photograph should be unaltered by computer software.
- Background of the photograph should be White.
- The photographs must –
    - o Show the applicant looking directly at the camera.
    - o Show the skin tones naturally.
    - o Have appropriate brightness and contrast.
    - o Show the applicants eyes open and clearly visible.
    - o Not have hair across the eyes.
    - o Be taken with uniform lighting and not show shadows or flash reflections on the face and not have red eye.
    - o Not show applicant's mouth open.
    - o Be taken from distance of 1.5 meters from a camera (not too close).
    - o Not be blurred.
- Photograph should have full face, front view, eyes open.
- Photograph should present full head from the top of hair to the bottom of chin.
- Head should be at the centre within the frame (head should not be tilted).
- There should not be any distracting shadows on the face or in the background (should not have reflection of the glasses; glasses to be taken off to avoid reflections).
- Illumination should not cause any red eye effects visible in the eyes or other effects reducing the visibility of the eyes.
- Head coverings are not permitted except for religious reasons, but the facial features from the bottom of chin to the top of forehead and both the edges of the face must be clearly shown.
- The expression on the face should look natural.