PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPHS CRITERIA

All passport applications must include one recent photograph (not older than 6 months) in colour meeting the compulsory internationally agreed standards.

The basic rules are simple:
- face must cover 2/3 of photo and looking straight forward – eyes must be in the upper half of the photograph - neutral expression please and mouth must be closed – hair must not cover face – background must be light and plain – no reflexion on glasses are allowed – photograph must be 45 mm high and 35 mm wide

Please have a look at some samples and turn the page for more detailed information.
The photograph must

- be in sharp focus and clear
- have a strong definition between the face and background
- be printed professionally

The photograph must show

- no shadows
- you facing forwards, looking towards the camera
- a neutral expression, with your mouth closed (no obvious grinning, frowning or raised eyebrows)
- your eyes open and clearly visible (with no sunglasses or heavily tinted glasses, and no hair across your eyes)
- no reflection or glare on your glasses and the frames should not cover your eyes (you may find it easier to remove your glasses)
- your full head, without any head covering, unless it is worn for religious beliefs or medical reasons

CHILDREN Photographs of children must show a clear image that is a true likeness of the child. The eyes should be open and if you need to support a baby’s head, it is important, that your hand cannot be seen in the photograph.

More information can be found here: http://www.passbildkriterien.at/folder24_04_06.pdf