

Requirements for a photo*:

- The photograph must be a colour photograph and **unedited**
- Size **40x50 mm**
- The **file size of the document photo** must be at least **1 MB** and a **maximum of 5 MB**
- The **photo dimensions** must be at least **1300 X 1600 pixels**
- **Recent photograph**, taken during the last six months
- The photograph must be clear, sharp and in focus
- Close-up of the head and top of shoulders so that the **face takes up 70-80% of the photo**
- **Background** should be a **light**, single colour, without extraneous objects and patterns
- The colours in the photo must be natural tones, it may not be overexposed nor underexposed
- Submitting a scanned photograph or a screenshot of a computer screen is not allowed
- **We recommend taking photos at a professional photographer's studio.** When taking photos with a phone, please use the help of a colleague or a family member and make sure to use the rear camera of the device. The front-side camera distorts the shape of the face
- Applicant must have a neutral facial expression (**no smiling, mouth closed**) and look straight at the camera
- Applicant should not wear headwear or headphones in the photo. An applicant who wears a head cover for religious reasons must submit a written assessment from the Estonian Ministry of the Interior regarding the obligation to wear a head cover due to the applicant's religious beliefs)
- Spectacles should not have toned or reflecting glasses and frames may not cover the eyes
- The photograph may not have any scratches or other defects on it

A digital document photo taken according to the requirement specified above and with a minimum size of 1300 x 1600 pixels and 1 MB can be sent to the State Protocol Department's e-mail diplomaticID@mfa.ee

* Regulation of the Minister of the Foreign Affairs (RT I, 15.02.2017, 8) and Regulation of the Ministry of the Interior (RT I, 08.12.2015, 4)

Example of acceptable photo

