# Angolan PHOTOGRAPH GUIDANCE

for visa applications made in the UK (version 01/2013)

The photographs which you have to provide with your application must be in the format specified below. These format requirements meet internationally agreed standards. If the photographs are not in this format, the application will be rejected as invalid. In particular, the format specified in the first list of requirements below is mandatory.

#### The photographs must be

- in colour, not black and white.
- taken against a light grey or cream background.
- 45 millimetres (mm) high x 35 mm wide.
- able to fit into the template opposite, with the eyes positioned in the shaded area.
- free from shadows.
- taken with the eyes open and clearly visible (with no sunglasses or tinted spectacles, and no hair across the eyes).
- with the subject facing forward, looking straight at the camera.
- with a neutral expression with the mouth closed (no grinning, frowning or raised eyebrows).
- of each person on their own (no objects such as dummies or toys, or other people visible).
- taken with nothing covering the face.
- in sharp focus and clear.
- with a strong definition between face and background.

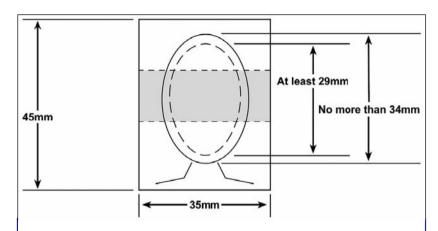
The requirements listed above are mandatory for ALL applications.

### The photographs must also

- be taken within the last month.
- be undamaged (not torn, creased or marked).
- be free from reflection or glare on spectacles, the frames of which must not cover the eyes if possible, we recommend photographs without spectacles to avoid the risk of rejection because of glare or reflection.
- be free from "redeye".
- be free from airbrushing or similar enhancement.
- be taken of the full head, without any covering.
   unless worn for religious or medical reasons.
- be printed professionally or taken in a passport photo booth. Photos printed at home are unlikely to be of an acceptable standard.
- have the person's full name on the back of the photograph.

#### More help

If you need more advice, or you have a disability preventing you from meeting one or more of our requirements, please contact the the Visa Section at visas@angola.org.uk.



The photographs below are for guidance only. They provide examples of acceptable photographs. Examples of unacceptable photographs are given on the following page.







Good

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Acceptable
But preferable to
remove spectacles to
avoid any possibility
of your photo being
rejected



Acceptable
Head coverings
for religious or
medical grounds
are allowed



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#### Children

- Photographs of children aged six and over must meet the full format requirements set out in this guidance.
- Photographs of **children aged five and under** must show a clear image that is a true likeness of the child. As young children can be difficult to photograph, children aged five and under do not need to have a neutral expression or to look directly at the camera, but they must face forward and meet all other format requirements.
- In addition, **babies under one year old** do not need to have their eyes open even though this is preferable. All other requirements must be met. If the baby's head needs to be supported, the supporting hand must not be in the picture.
- If you have difficulty in meeting these conditions, you should use a photographer instead of a photo booth.

If you choose to use a professional photographer, please ensure that they are aware of the format requirements specified in this guidance, particularly that the photographs will not show a white background when printed.

**Please note** that it is your responsibility to provide acceptable photographs in the format specified in this guidance. If you do not, your application may be delayed or, in the cases mentioned on the first page, rejected as invalid.

Please also note that the photographs provided by you become part of our official records and we will not return them.

## **Examples of unacceptable photographs**



Not acceptable
Portrait style
photographs are not
permitted



Not acceptable
Dark glasses and
smiling are not
permitted



Not acceptable Covering of facial features is not permitted



Not acceptable
Any dummies should
be removed before
the photo is taken



Not acceptable
Hair covering the
face is not
permitted



Not acceptable
The spectacles cover
the eye



Not acceptable
The scarf creates a shadow.



Not acceptable Hats are not permitted



Not acceptable
The photograph
is blurred



Not acceptable Opening the mouth



Not acceptable
The photograph
contains more than
one person



Not acceptable
Even a slight smile
distorts the normal
facial features



Not acceptable
The subject is too far
from the camera



Not acceptable
The subject is too close to the camera



Not acceptable
The background is
not light grey or
cream

# NATIONAL PASSPORT -1st ISSUE

Print



To apply for new passport under Decree No. 3/00, 14 January the application form can only be given to you at the Consular Section upon presentation of the document's below:

- Norm requesting the passport (to be completed by the resposibile adult);
- Application form fully completed in capital letters, black ink and no errors or erasures. If in doubt leave the field blank and point out to the agent when returning the form. The form must be signed in the presence of a consular agent.
- Four(4) photographs in color and passport size, taken with white background and recent. The applicant should not have braids,

sunglasses and should wear a shirt with collar with or without tie;

# Original and photocopy of ONE of the following angolan documents:

- Expired passport, Angolan Identity card, Birth certificate issued in Angola (authenticated by the Registry Office of Ministry of External Relations), "Cédula Pessoal", only for minors up 10 years old).
- Term of Responsability, from one of the parents or guardian (To be issued by the Consular Section);
- Original and photocopy of the following angolan documents:
- Identity Card;
- Birth Certificate;
- Personal ballot (for minors);
- -Time: Service from 9:00 to 13:00;