



Ministry of Labour And Home Affairs

Frontal Images For Omang & ePassport



Guideline On Photographic Image Requirements For National Registration Card And ePassport

The Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs is charged with the function of National Registration and the production of the National Identity Card as mandated by the National Registration Act CAP 01:02. Further to this the Ministry is charged with management of migration and border control as well as the production of e-passport. Production of both the National Identity Card and the e-passport is regulated by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) through the Facial Image Standard 9303. On this note ICAO has requirements on photo image that must be complied with in producing identification and travel documents. To achieve the requirement the following are the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs guidelines for taking the ICAO 9303 compliant facial images:

1. Pose – the full face frontal pose shall be used.
2. Expression – the expression should be neutral with both eyes open normally and not wide open and mouth closed.
3. Background – the background should be plain, and shall contain no texture containing lines or curves. The background should be a uniform colour or a single colour pattern
4. Lighting – lighting shall be equally distributed on the face. There shall be no significant direction of the light from the point of view of the photographer.
5. There shall be no artificial hair extensions and wigs must be removed.
6. There shall be no portrait style images
7. The face must be centred with no busy background.
8. No red eye. Red eye is normally caused by too close flash light to the face.
9. No shadows on the face.
10. No sunglasses.
11. No glare on glasses
12. No glare on spectacles
13. Glasses avoid covering eyes (if possible)
14. Remove hats and headgears. If headgear is worn for cultural or religious a statutory affidavit must be completed for that purpose.
15. Remove caps (affects algorithms)
16. No shadows on face from traditional or religious headgears
17. Lower veil to expose centre of face from roughly crown to chin and ear to ear.



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