

## Passport photo requirements

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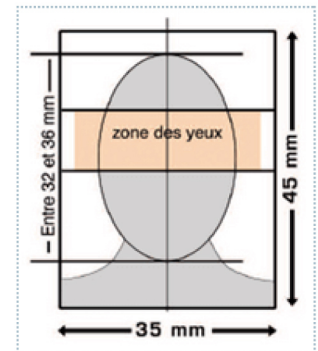
**Important:** Applicants for biometric passport must ensure their photos meet the required standards. If photographs presented do not meet these requirements the application will be rejected.

Please follow these instructions carefully.

#### 1. General requirements

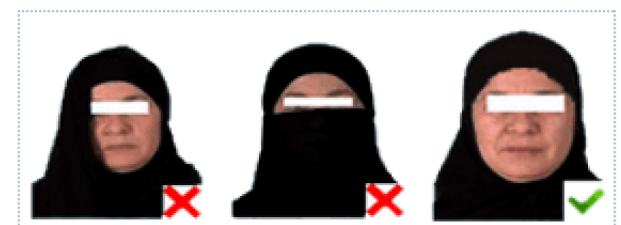
Photos must:

- be colour, recent and identical;
- measure 45mm by 35mm;
- be printed on photo-quality paper without borders;
- Only original photographs are acceptable. Copied or digitally scanned photos of photos will not be accepted. In addition, photos must not be digitally altered or retouched to alter the person's appearance in any way.



#### 2. Face

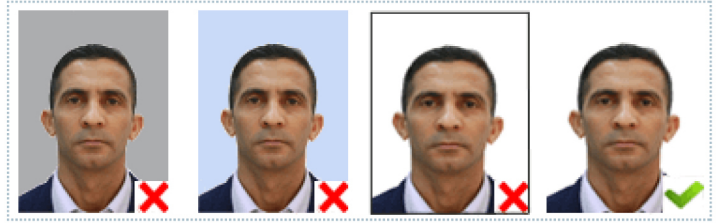
- eyes must be open and clearly visible, with no flash reflections and no red eye;
- facial expression must be neutral (neither frowning nor smiling), with the mouth closed;
- photos must reflect/represent natural skin color;
- photos must show both edges of the face clearly;
- photos must show a full front view of face and shoulders, squared to the camera;
- the face and shoulder image must be centred in the photo, the subject must not be looking over one shoulder (portrait style), or tilting their head to one side or backwards or forwards;
- there must be no hair across the eyes;
- hats or head coverings are not permitted except veil for womens and the full facial features must be clearly visible;
- photos with shadows on the face are unacceptable.



#### 3. Background

Photos must have a background which:

- has no shadows;
- has uniform lighting, with no shadows or flash reflection on the face and head;



- shows a plain, uniform and white;
- photos with dark, busy or patterned backgrounds will not be accepted.

#### 4. Glasses

- as the glasses can often show reflection or glare from flash and the frames can obscure facial features, for applicants who wear glasses it's best to remove them to ensure that the photos obtained meet the required standards;



- photos with dark, tinted or mirrored glasses are not accepted.

#### **New service for citizens whose photo has been rejected**

The attention of citizens, whose biometric passport application has been rejected because the photo does not comply with required standards, that they have the possibility, either to send the new photos which complies with the required standards by mail to the consulate accompanied by a copy of the receipt, or to upload online a photo, taken by a professional photographer, through a portal made by the Ministry of the Interior on his website and send it directly to the Direction of the Securities and Secured Documents of the Ministry by using the following link: <http://passeport.interieur.gov.dz/Ar/WFPhoto.aspx?CchT=WFeH>

#### **خدمة جديدة للمواطنين الذين رفضت صورههم**

ليكن في علم المواطنين الذين رفض طلبهم لجواز السفر البيومتري بسبب عدم توافق الصورة مع المعايير المطلوبة بأن بإمكانهم إما إرسال صور جديدة تتوافق مع المعايير المطلوبة عن طريق البريد إلى القنصلية مرفوقة بنسخة من وصل الإيداع أو تحميل صورة رقمية تتوافق مع المعايير المطلوبة، مأخوذة من طرف مصور محترف، و إرسالها مباشرة إلى مديرية السندات و الوثائق المؤمنة عن طريق البوابة المتاحة على الموقع الإلكتروني لوزارة الداخلية و الجماعات المحلية : <http://passeport.interieur.gov.dz/Ar/WFPhoto.aspx?CchT=WFeH>

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## PASSPORTS

**Passport Requirements: Documents needed for first-time or renewal passport application.**

### Copy of valid Consular registration card:

If not registered, please click on: [Initial consular registration](#),

If card is expired please click on: [Consular Registration Renewal](#).

- Fill out **APPLICATION**
- Notarized copy of Alien Registration Card ("Green Card") or first page of US passport
- Statement of employment or school registration
- Marriage certificate for married women
- Divorce certificate for divorced women (To be officially recognized, a divorce judgment pronounced in the USA must be validated by an Algerian magistrate and made enforceable through the Exequatur procedure)
- Expired passport
- Three (3) standard passport-size photos. Photos must be recent, frontal-view, of the same batch, untouched, taken on white background and showing applicant wearing no glasses of any kind, except for prescription eyewear. Please write first and last names of applicant in pencil on back of photos
- A non-refundable US Post Office money-order only acceptable (individual) made payable to the order of the Embassy of Algeria in the amount of **\$75**. Please write first and last names of applicant at bottom of money-order.
- **Cash and personal checks are not accepted**
- Self-addressed US postal express mail.
- When children are added to their mother's passport or are issued passport, a notarized father's authorisation is required.

## WHAT TO DO IN CASE YOU LOSE YOUR PASSPORT

- Provide copy of lost passport
- Provide police report establishing loss of passport
- Additional fee of **\$75** is required for lost, damaged or stolen passports.

## PHOTOCOPIE DES PASSEPORTS RESTITUÉS

Nos compatriotes sont informés que, avant de restituer leurs passeports à l'Ambassade, ils sont tenus d'en faire des photocopies. Aucune suite ne sera donnée par l'Ambassade aux demandes qui pourraient lui être présentées ultérieurement dans ce cadre.

Our fellow citizens are kindly requested to keep a photocopy of the passeports they return to the Embassy.

**Any subsequent request will be denied.**

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### NOTICE TO THE COMMUNITY



The Embassy of Algeria in Washington hereby informs the members of the Algerian community living in the United States within the areas of consular jurisdiction of the Embassy and the Consulate General of Algeria in New York City that operations for customized processing of biometric passports have been launched at all Algerian diplomatic and consular posts around the world, starting Aug. 15, 2013.

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In that respect, Algerian citizens are invited to contact the Embassy or the Consulate General of Algeria in New York City to set up an appointment to submit their application and the documents required for delivery of a biometric passport.

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Applicants are invited to call:



The Embassy of Algeria at **(202) 265-2800 ext 169** or **123**

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The Consulate General of Algeria in New York City at **(212) 486-6931**

### INSURANCE FOR REPATRIATION OF MORTAL REMAINS

Required documents for delivery of biometric passports include the following:



Printed application form available at the respective diplomatic or consular post or filled out online:

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- Application Form - Biometric Passport : to be signed by the applicant or the legal guardian, for underage applicants.
- Annex : Guardian Legal - Spouse/Children

### MILITARY SERVICE EXEMPTION

**1. Applicant's S12 Birth Certificate (Original) issued by either the municipality of the place of birth of the applicant or the Algerian Ministry for Foreign Affairs' Office of Civil Status. Citizens registered with an Algerian Consulate can apply for a transcript of their birth certificate at their respective Consulate.**



**2. Copy of Valid Consular Registration Card.**

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**3. Original and copy of Alien Registration Card ("Green Card") or U.S. passport.**

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**4. Statement or proof of employment.**



**5. Statement of school registration for students or trainees or documents supporting legal status in the country of residence.**

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**6. Proof of Blood Type (Algerian Driver's License or Military card).**

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**7. Three (3) photos (for Requirement of Photos. Please Click Here)**



**8. Money order for the amount of seventy-five (\$75) U.S. dollars made out to the Embassy of Algeria or the Consulate General of Algeria in New York City.**

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### Notice to the Community Regarding Biometric Passport Applications for Minors Under 12

The Embassy of Algeria in Washington hereby notifies the Algerian community living in the United States of a new measure introduced to further streamline the application process for biometric passports and intended to benefit the community at large and particularly **children under the age of 12**. To that end, a recently issued ministerial order published in Journal Officiel Number 24, dated May 13, 2015, set the application documentation and requirements.

In that regard and in keeping with the provisions of that order, the Embassy informs the members of the Algerian community duly registered with its Office of Consular Affairs that **the new application process for biometric passports for children under the age of 12 no longer requires their presence** at application time.

**The applicant's legal guardian can now submit the application and withdraw the newly issued passport on behalf of the minor applicant.**

Nonetheless, it is imperative that the application include appropriate passport-size pictures meeting International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) required standards for biometric passports, defined as follows:

- Color pictures (35 mm in width over 45 mm in height)
- Face must cover about 75% of the picture space
- Picture background must be plain, frameless, and white.

Other required documentation for biometric passports remains unchanged.

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#### PRESS (Specifications for photographs Biometric Passport)

UNDER THE RELIEF OF PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUE BIOMETRIC PASSPORT IS ASKED TO ALL REGISTERED WITH ALGERIAN NATIONALS CONSULAR EMBASSY OF ALGERIA IN WASHINGTON WANT GOOD TO PROVIDE FUTURE IN CASE APPLICATION BIOMETRIC PASSPORT PHOTOS, BY THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

- 1 / PHOTO COLOR WITH 35 mm WIDE AND 45 mm HIGH;
- 2 / FACE MUST OCCUPY APPROXIMATELY 75% OF THE SURFACE OF THE PHOTO;
- 3 / UNI BOTTOM MUST BE WITHOUT FRAME AND WHITE.

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