New Zealand Passport photo

New Zealand passport — online application digital photo

File	900×1200 px JPEG, up to 5000 KB, at least 250 KB
Head size	There must be a clear gap around the sides and top of your head. Your shoulders and upper chest should be included in the photo.
Background	There must be a strong contrast between your face and the background, and no shadows or objects behind your head.
Glasses	Prescription glasses OK if not tinted or thick-framed; clear gap eyes–frames; no glare; no sunglasses.
Head covering	You can only wear a head covering in your photo for religious or medical reasons.
Expression	Keep your expression neutral – no smiling; mouth closed, eyes open.
Taken within	6 months

Official wording

“Your image must show your natural appearance. Do not edit, apply filters, or use AI tools to modify how you look.”

Sources (checked 2026-11-10):

https://www.passports.govt.nz/passport-photos
https://web.archive.org/web/20260919065517/https://www.passports.govt.nz/?a=54753

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