Schengen Visa photo

Schengen short-stay visa (C) photo – EU-level rule

Print size	35×45 mm
Head size	face takes up 70–80% of the photograph (EU-hosted ICAO guideline); ICAO TR: chin-to-crown L/B 60–90%
Background	be taken with a plain light-coloured background
Glasses	eyes clearly visible, no flash reflection, no tinted lenses, frames must not cover eyes
Head covering	not permitted except for religious reasons; chin to forehead and both face edges visible
Expression	neutral expression, mouth closed, looking at camera
Taken within	6 months

Official wording

“The face images shall not be modified locally, e.g., for removal of scars, pimples or other skin impurities or to modify the shape or location of the nose, the eyes…”

Sources (checked 2026-11-10):

https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen-borders-and-visa/visa-policy/applying-schengen-visa_en
https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5bb16566-c8c2-4afb-b038-530f488cb72a_en?filename=icao_photograph_guidelines_en.pdf
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