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Expression	have a plain expression and your mouth closed; eyes open and visible

Official wording

“Your photo must not be altered by computer software or through other means (for example, by adding a filter).”

Sources (checked 2026-11-07):

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-take-a-photo-for-a-visa-application-or-permission

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