US Visa (DS-160) photo

U.S. nonimmigrant visa — DS-160 (also DS-1648) digital image upload

File	600×600 px JPEG, up to 240 KB
Head size	Sized such that the head is between 1 inch and 1 3/8 inches (22 mm and 35 mm) or 50% and 69% of the image's total height
Background	Taken in front of a plain white or off-white background
Glasses	Eyeglasses are no longer allowed in new visa photos, except in rare circumstances when eyeglasses cannot be removed for medical reasons (signed medical statement required).
Head covering	Do not wear a hat or head covering that obscures the hair or hairline, unless worn daily for a religious purpose. Your full face must be visible...
Expression	With a neutral facial expression and both eyes open
Taken within	6 months

Official wording

“Please remember that photos must not be digitally enhanced or altered to change your appearance in any way.”

Sources (checked 2026-11-07):

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