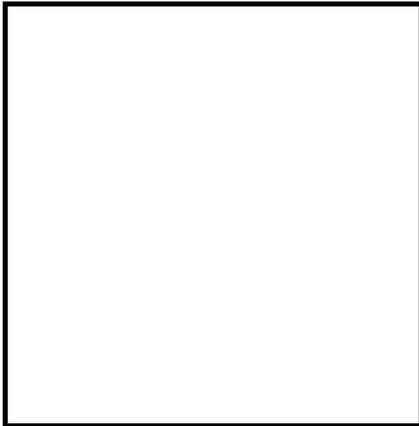




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**Do not staple the photo.**

## APPENDIX TO RESIDENCE PERMIT APPLICATION; PASSPORT PHOTO

A photo of the applicant must be appended to the residence permit application. This photo must comply with the passport photo guidelines issued by the police and must not be more than six (6) months old. Affix the photo in the box on the right using glue.



Using a thin black felt pen, sign your name in the centre of the box, making sure to keep clear of the edges.

**The official receiving the application identifies the applicant from the passport and confirms that the photo and specimen signature are of the applicant.**

The photo must be 47mm high and 36mm wide. The distance between the top of the head without hair and the bottom of the chin must be 32-36mm in the photo.

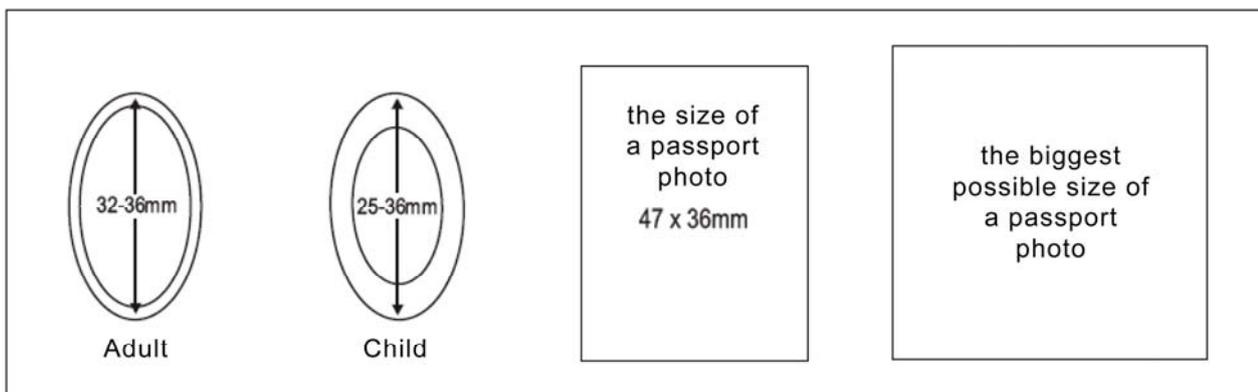
The head must be straight and in the middle of the photo. Both the head and the shoulders must be turned straight towards the camera. Portrait-style photos where the subject looks over one shoulder are not acceptable. The photo must be taken straight from the front, not from higher up, lower down or from the side. The subject must look straight at the camera.

The photo must show the subject's full face. The expression must be neutral. The mouth must be closed. The eyes must be open and clearly visible. The photo must show the subject's full face; e.g. garments or hair must not cover any part of the face. Particularly eyes must be clearly visible. Glasses can always be removed for the photo. Tinted glasses and eye patches are allowed only for medical reasons.

The photo must be taken against a plain background. The colour of the background must be neutral and light. There must be no shadows in the background. The face must be clearly distinguishable against the background. Other people or objects must not be visible in the photo. A small child may be supported, but no part of the supporter is to be visible. For children younger than 11 years old, a photo with a smaller head size is acceptable, if blurring or other distortion cannot otherwise be avoided. In such photos, the height of the head must still be at least 25mm.

The lighting must be uniform: the face and the background must be free of shadows and hot spots. The red-eye effect must be prevented. The colour of the lighting must be natural, not bluish or reddish, for example. The photo must not be over- or under-exposed.

The photo must be printed on high-quality photograph paper. The photo must be sharp and in focus; it must not be blurred or grainy. The photo must be clean: no scratches, stains or creases are allowed. No manipulation or retouch of the photo is allowed. Optical and other distortions of the dimensions of the face that impede visual or automatic identification are not allowed.



For more specific instructions, see the police website [www.poliisi.fi](http://www.poliisi.fi) → English → Licences → Passport → Passport photo guidelines).

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