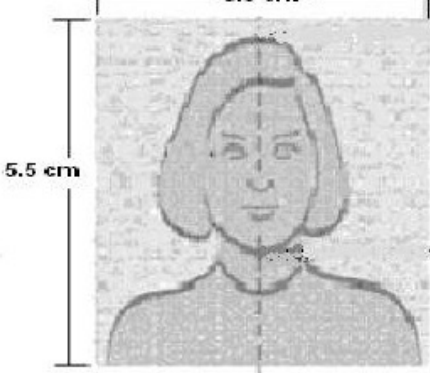


- > The photograph must be in colour.
 - > It should have a light background.
 - > It should have a close up of your head and top of your shoulders so that your face takes up 70-80% of the photograph.
 - > It should be in sharp focus and clean.
 - > It should be of high quality with no ink marks and creases.
 - > The photograph must show you looking directly at the camera.
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- The image shows a square photograph of a woman's face and shoulders. The photograph is centered on a white background. A vertical dimension line on the left side of the photograph is labeled '5.5 cm'. A horizontal dimension line at the top of the photograph is also labeled '5.5 cm'. The woman has short, dark hair and is looking directly at the camera. Her face occupies most of the square frame.
- > It should be 5.5cm * 5.5cm for Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Kolkata.
 - > It should show your skin tone naturally.
 - > It should have appropriate brightness and contrast.
 - > The photograph should be a recent one not more than 6 months old.
 - > It is to be taken without headgear.
 - > Photograph can be taken with headgear, after consideration on case to case basis if the applicant wears headgear on religious grounds. The main characteristics of the face must be apparent from the photograph. Chin, nose, eyes and eyebrows must not be covered, the forehead should be uncovered to the extent that the shape of the face is apparent.
 - > It should be without hat/cap.
 - > It should be with the applicant's hair tucked behind his/her ears.
 - > The photograph should not have any staple marks.