PERMANENT RESIDENTS
PHOTOGRAPH SPECIFICATIONS

Notes to the applicant

TAKE THIS SPECIFICATION SHEET WITH YOU TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER

› Make sure you provide the correct number of photos specified in your application guide.
› You must provide identical and unaltered photographs.
› Photographs may be in colour or in black and white.
› Photographs must be original and not altered in any way or taken from an existing photograph.
› Photographs must reflect your current appearance (taken within the past twelve (12) months).

Notes to the photographer

The photographs must be:

› taken by a commercial photographer;
› 50 mm x 70 mm (2 inches wide x 2 3/4 inches long) and sized so the height of the face measures between 31 mm and 36 mm (1 1/4 inches and 1 7/16 inches) from chin to crown of head (natural top of head);
› clear, sharp and in focus;
› taken with a neutral facial expression (eyes open and clearly visible, mouth closed, no smiling);
› taken with uniform lighting and not show shadows, glare or flash reflections;
› taken straight on, with face and shoulders centred and squared to the camera (i.e. the photographs must show the full front view of the person’s head and shoulders, showing full face centred in the middle of the photograph);
› taken in front of a plain white background with a clear difference between the person’s face and the background. Photographs must reflect/represent natural skin tones.

*The back of one (1) photograph must:

› bear the name and date of birth of the subject, as well as the name and complete address of the photography studio;
› bear the date the photograph was taken;
› the photographer may use a stamp or handwrite this information. Stick-on labels are unacceptable.