

NEW PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS FOR IMMIGRATION APPLICANTS

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The USCIS is transitioning away from the immigration-style photograph (requiring a 3/4 angle pose) in favor of "passport-style" photos. Until September 1, 2004, USCIS will accept either style. However, beginning September 1, 2004, all photographs submitted to the USCIS in connection with an immigration application must be "passport-style", meaning the photo must be a straight-on head shot of the individual similar to the style found in most passports. Applicants who submitted applications with the old-style (3/4 angle pose) will not have to re-submit passport-style photos unless specifically requested to do so by USCIS.

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