Format and quality of the photo

- Photo must be clean, without fold or mark.
- Photo must have a minimum resolution of 300 pixels per inch (DPI), for a minimum resolution of 248 x 349 pixels.
- The size of the face from the bottom of the jaw to the crown, must occupy 70-80% of the shot. The crown means the top of the skull or, if covered by hair or a head covering, the place where the top of the skull would be seen if it were visible.
- Photo must have been taken within the last six months.

Luminosity, contrast and colors

- Photo must be in color.
- Images must be well-lit, distinct and without shadow falling on either the face or the background.
- The background must be uniform and light colored (light blue, light grey or white)

Head

- Prostheses/cosmetic accessories are acceptable if they do not disguise the natural appearance of the candidate.
- If the subject must wear a head covering, all facial features must be clearly visible.
- Photos must show a frontal view of the head with the face in the center of the frame, and must include the upper part of the shoulders.

Face

- The subject must be looking straight at the camera with a neutral expression and mouth closed.
- The face must be unobstructed. Eyes must be fully visible and open.

Glasses and frames

- If the candidate wears glasses, s/he is not required to wear them in the photo.
- If the s/he does wear them in the photo, s/he must observe the following requirements:
  - Frames may not be thick
  - Frames may not hide the eyes
  - Lenses may not be tinted or colored
  - There must be no reflections in the glasses
- The candidate may wear non-tinted corrective lenses as long as the eyes are clearly visible
- Sunglasses are not permitted