**Photo Validation Instructions**

Please refer to the Instructions for the 2010 Diversity Immigrant Visa Program (DV-2010) for technical specifications and compositional specifications for the digital image. You will use one of the following methods to enter the image into eDV:

- Take a new digital image.
- Use a digital scanner to scan a submitted photograph.

Specific instructions are included for both methods.

**Photograph File Name**

You can browse for the file or use the check photo button.

**Check Photo**

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**Photo Requirements**

The submitted image must adhere to the following specifications. Photographs submitted must be a recent photograph, taken within the last 6 months. Please be advised that **failure to comply with any of the following requirements may result in disqualification from the lottery**.

**Image Acquisition**

- The image file may be produced by acquiring an image with a digital camera or by digitizing a paper photograph with a scanner.
- Digital enhancement or other alterations or retouching are not permitted.
- The original aspect ratio of the image must be preserved. (No image stretching is allowed.)

**Compositional Specifications**

**Content**

- The image must contain the full face, neck, and shoulders of the entrant in frontal view with a neutral, non-smiling expression and with eyes open and directed at the camera.
- The image must not contain any parts of the body below the entrant's shoulders.
- The image must not include other objects or additional people.
- Entrant must be vertically oriented in the image.
- The image must be from a recent (within 6 months) photo of the entrant.

**Head Position**

- Subject must directly face the camera.
- Head must not be tilted up, down, or to the side.
- The head height (measured from the top of the head, including the hair, to the bottom of the chin) must be between 50% and 69% of the image’s total height. The eye height (measured from the bottom of the image to
the level of the eyes) should be between 56% and 69% of the image's height. The diagram below shows these measurements on a correctly-proportioned image.
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Background

- Subject must be surrounded by a plain, light-colored background with no distracting shadows on the subject or background.

Focus/Resolution

- The entire face must be in focus.
- Fine facial features should be discernible
- No discernible pixels or dot patterns

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**Decorative Items**
- Photos in which the person being photographed is wearing sunglasses or other items that obscure the face are not acceptable.

**Eyeglasses**
- Eyeglasses are acceptable in photo only if the lenses are not tinted and there is no glare, shadows, or rims/frames obscuring the eyes. Glare on eyeglasses can usually be avoided by a slight upward or downward tilt of the head.

| INCORRECT | Glare On Glasses |
Head Coverings and Hats

- Hats or head coverings are only allowed if worn for religious reasons AND if they do not obscure any facial features.
- Photos containing tribal or other headgear not specifically religious in nature are unacceptable.
- Photos of military, airline, or other personnel wearing hats are not acceptable.

Brightness, Contrast, and Color

- Color should reproduce natural skin tones.
- Brightness and contrast should represent subject accurately.

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Contrast Too High
Exposure and Lighting
- Photo may not be over- or under-exposed
- Avoid shadows on face or background

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