

Photographs to be submitted to the SLMC

The Sri Lanka Medical Council requires all applicants and registrants to submit photographs that conform to specified standards. This is to ensure that the photographs accurately reflect the individual's appearance and also meet the necessary technical requirements for use in official regulatory applications.

A. Submission of Photographs

1. Size

- a. Passport size – 45-50mm in height and 35-38mm in width (average)

2. Appearance

- a. They must both show a close up of your face and the top of the shoulders
- b. Your face must take up 70% to 80% of the photo.

3. Age of the photograph

Photos must be less than 6 months old.

4. Image Quality

Photos must:

- a. Be in Colour
- b. Be taken against a light Blue color background
- c. Have sharp focus and be correctly exposed
- d. Have a good Colour balance, natural flesh tones and no 'red eye'
- e. Have good contrast between your facial features and the background
- f. There must be no shadows or glare in the image or in the background.
- g. Have not been edited to alter the natural features of the image (especially the face)
- h. No digital enhancements, filters, or retouching allowed

5. Pose

- a. The subject must be dressed in formal attire that reflects professional status. Photographs taken in scrub suits are not suitable for the purposes of the Council.
- b. The head must be centered in the image. Subject must look directly at the camera and show full face.
- c. Do not tilt or turn the head in any direction.

6. Expression

- a. Expression must be neutral. Do not squint, frown, smile or use any other expression
- b. Eyes must be open and your mouth closed. There must be no hair covering your eyes.

7. Glasses

- a. Do not wear sunglasses or tinted/colored glasses
- b. If you normally wear glasses, your eyes must be clearly visible in the photo.
- c. Do not place stethoscope or similar items in the visible frame

8. Head and Hair Covering

- a. Do not wear a head covering or hair covering, except if you wear it for religious reasons, for example – do not wear a hat, cap, head-band
- b. If you wear a head covering for religious reasons, your face must be clearly visible.

B. Submission of Photographs in the Electronic Format

When submission of an electronic copy or scanned electronic copy of a photograph is required, it should comply with the following specifications:

Specifications	Passport Size
Size (in mm)	45 – 50 mm (or more)
Hight	500 – 600 px (or more)
Width	400 – 450 px (or more)
Resolution	300 dpi (Minimum)
File format	JPG or PNG
File size	50 KB – 500 KB (or more – Max 2MB)
Color Mode	Full color, RGB
Name of the file	Name with initials NIC number (eg. KSPerera 123456789V)

Adherence to the above specification would ensure that the best quality photographs would be used in your online accounts, digital profiles and other web-based regulatory applications of the Council.

