Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 14.00 Photographing an Applicant

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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Background: Every application for a driver's license and/or identification card, whereby a credential is issued as a result of such application, shall contain the photograph of the applicant.

Requirements:

- An applicant will not be photographed when it is obvious he/she is purposely altering his/her appearance in an effort which would misguide/misrepresent his/her identity.
    - An applicant will not be considered to be misrepresenting his/her identity based on the applicant's makeup, clothing, or accessories not matching the traditional expectations of an applicant's gender. Makeup is defined as regular everyday cosmetics used by an applicant, regardless of gender, where it is the intent to highlight natural beauty and/or hide blemishes or flaws.
- The photograph may be taken with or without prescription glasses, regardless of the restriction.
- An applicant may not wear dark glasses or sunglasses for the photograph.
- An applicant will not be photographed with a facial covering. Facial covering shall not include facial hair.
- An applicant will not be photographed with head coverings such as hats, scarves, or other adornments unless:
    - The applicant is a member of a religion that requires a head cover be worn. Religious head coverings may not present and obstruction or hides facial features to the extent it renders the photograph inadequate.
    - The applicant who is undergoing medical treatment for cancer may wear a head cover, provided it does not obstruct facial features.

Related Policies:
Section 1, Policy 22.01 Gender Change/Reassignment