

PhotoQuest Categories — Simple Guide

TRADITIONAL (Color or Monochrome)

Represents what was in front of the camera, with only basic enhancements.

Allowed:

- 1 Exposure, contrast, and color adjustments
- 2 Cropping and straightening
- 3 Dodging and burning
- 4 Sharpening or softening
- 5 Removing dust spots or minor blemishes

Not Allowed:

- 1 Removing or adding objects
- 2 Replacing skies or backgrounds
- 3 Combining multiple images
- 4 Moving or reshaping elements

AUGMENTED (Color or Monochrome)

Changes the original scene to create something new or different.

Allowed:

- 1 Removing or adding elements
- 2 Sky replacement
- 3 Compositing multiple images
- 4 AI-assisted edits
- 5 Major retouching or reshaping

The One Rule

Did I change what was in front of the camera?

NO → Traditional

YES → Augmented

Quick Tip

Traditional = Improve the image

Augmented = Change the image