

Eligibility requirements to sponsor a spouse or dependent

- You must be above the age of 18 to participate in.
- You have to be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of the country or a person (Indian) registered in Canada under the Canadian Indian act.
- You should prove that you are not getting social assistance, except for your disability.
- You must be in the low-income category.
- You should be legally married to your spouse.
- Your relationship with the dependents must be genuine.
- You are able to provide basic financial needs for the person you want to sponsor.
- Your child must be under the age of 22 in order to sponsor them.

Documents required to submit for sponsorship application

If you are applying to sponsor a spouse, you are expected to provide the following documents.

- Filled out application forms
- Your proof of status in Canada
- Documents which verifies your identity
- Marriage certificate
- Police certificates or clearance certificates from the countries where your spouse lived for six months or lived longer from the age of 18.
- Medical certificate of your spouse
- Payment proof for applicable government fees.
- Digital Photo
- Wedding invitations and photos
- Birth certificates or adoption documents for the children you and your spouse have together
- Marriage registration authorized by government

You need to provide at least two of the following documents, to demonstrate your relationship,

- Proof about the property that you and your spouse own together.
- Shared bank accounts.
- Utility bills printed both of your names.
- Copies of Government issued IDs.
- Car Insurance.
- Pay stubs or tax forms which show you live at the same address.

How to Apply for a Spouse Visa in Canada ?

You need to consider two applications in order to sponsor your spouse, partner, or child. First, you need to apply to become a sponsor. Second, Your spouse, partner, or child has to apply for permanent residence (PR). Follow the given 4 steps to sponsor your spouse, partner, or child.

1. Apply to become a sponsor

- The sponsor needs to download and complete the PDF forms in the application package. Also, the sponsor needs to sign digitally along with the person you are sponsoring.
- The principal applicant (the person you are sponsoring) will upload those forms in their online application. And, sign electronically the entire application.
- The application package contains - document checklists for the sponsor and the person who are being sponsored, forms sponsor and the person who are being sponsored have to be filled out, and instruction guides to fill the forms correctly.

Note: The sponsorship application fee to process the application will not be refunded.

2. Apply to be sponsored (permanent residence)

- First, you need to sign in or create permanent residence online application portal account
- You have to fill out the following digital forms online
 - Generic Application Form for Canada (IMM 0008)
 - Schedule A – Background/Declaration (IMM 5669)
 - Additional Family Information (IMM 5406)
 - Supplementary Information - Your travels (IMM 5562)
- You need to have one photo for each person on your application. Follow the given instructions online to scan and upload both sides of the photo.
- If you are struggling with technical difficulties when applying for, use the [web form](#). Choose technical difficulties from the drop down menu of type of application/ enquiry. In the text box, you need to specify the program you are applying to. And, you have to upload screenshots of the pages you are having problems with and the error messages you got.

Note: Application needs to be fully completed. If the application is incomplete, then IRCC will return it without processing the application.

3. Paying your application fees

You need to pay fees which includes,

- Processing fee for you, the person you want to sponsor and their dependants
- Fee for the right of permanent residence
- The biometric fee

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Based on your situation, you need to pay third-party fees, which includes

- For Medical exam
- Police certificate

4. Send Additional Information during processing

You need to submit the following documents of the person you are sponsoring,

- Medical exam
- Police certificate
- Biometrics: Your spouse or family member has 30 days to give their biometrics at their closest collection point.

If IRCC needs any further information, they could ask for an in-person interview at any time. And, you must tell IRCC if there is any change in circumstances, such as birth or adoption of children, marriage/ divorce/ separation, death of an applicant or dependent.

Note: Before submitting the application, check and make sure you answered all the questions, signed electronically, included a processing fee receipt, and uploaded all the supporting documents.