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Canadian Immigration: Family Sponsorship 2024



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Who can you sponsor?

- Parents
- Grandparents
- Spouses
 - Married
 - Common-law
 - Conjugal relationship
- Dependent Children
 - Under the age of 22
 - Financially dependent due to disability
 - Can be your child or the child of the family member you are sponsoring
- Orphaned sibling, niece, nephew or grandchild who is under 18
- Lonely Canadian
 - They do not have any other living relative they can sponsor
 - They do not have a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, sibling, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece who is a Canadian/Permanent Resident



Requirements for the Sponsor

- 18+ years of age
- Residence in Canada
 - If PR – must reside in Canada
 - If Citizen – must show intent to return to Canada after family members become PR
 - Must be reside in Canada to sponsor parents/grandparents
- Cannot sponsor another spouse within 5 years of being sponsored by another spouse
- Other sponsorship bars
 - Receipt of social assistance
 - Owing money to the government, child support, bankruptcy, etc.
 - Convicted of serious criminality or family violence or subject to removal order
- Meets income requirement



Minimum Income Requirement

- You are exempt if you are sponsoring your spouse or dependent child
- For Parents and Grandparents:
 - 3 years of meeting the MNI (LICO + 30%) - see [here](#)
- Others – [LICO](#)
- Co-signers – Spouses can co-sign a sponsorship

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Sponsorship Periods

- Parents/Grandparents – 20 years (if application received after January 1, 2014)
- Spouse – 3 years
- Dependent children
 - Under 22 - 10 years or until the child turns 25
 - Over 22 – 3 years
- Other – 10 years



Parents/Grandparents Sponsorship Lottery

- Since 2020, only those who had entered into the 2020 pool are able to be eligible for the lottery
- Still 110,000 in the pool and estimated 35,000 people may be selected for the lottery in 2024



Super visas

- Issued up to 10 years or to the end of the passport
- Can stay for up to 5 years
- Sponsor must meet [LICO](#)
- Spouses can co-sign
- Must undertake a medical
- Must hold health insurance for a full year for 100k coverage



Other Options

- Humanitarian and Compassionate Application
- Economic Class – if you can get a job offer, study, or start a business
- Understand whether you actually lost your permanent residence



Practical Recommendations

- Do not assume based on other cases that you've heard of as to what would work for you
- Stay in status
- Do not misrepresent
- Look for a lawyer who specializes in immigration law



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