COME TO CANADA

A guide to sponsor your spouse, partner or child

1. CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

Who can be a sponsor?

Who can be sponsored?

Application guide

Frequently asked questions

2. SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

Follow the document checklist, make sure your application is complete and submit your application.

If your application is incomplete, we will return it to you without processing it.

3. WE PROCESS YOUR CASE

12 MONTHS TOTAL

PROCESSING TIME

New applications are expected to take **12 months until a decision is made.**

This includes a **2 - 3 month wait period** for us to make sure your application is complete and ready for processing.

See top questions about **processing times.**

APPLICATION STATUS

You can track and update your application online.

BIOMETRICS

We may ask the person you're sponsoring for their biometrics. They have **30 days** to give their biometrics.

INTERVIEWS

We may ask for more information or an in-person interview **at any time.**

MEDICALS

We will ask your family members to do medical exams. They have **30 days** to do the exam.

4. WE MAKE A DECISION

We let you know if your application is approved. **Processing time ends.**

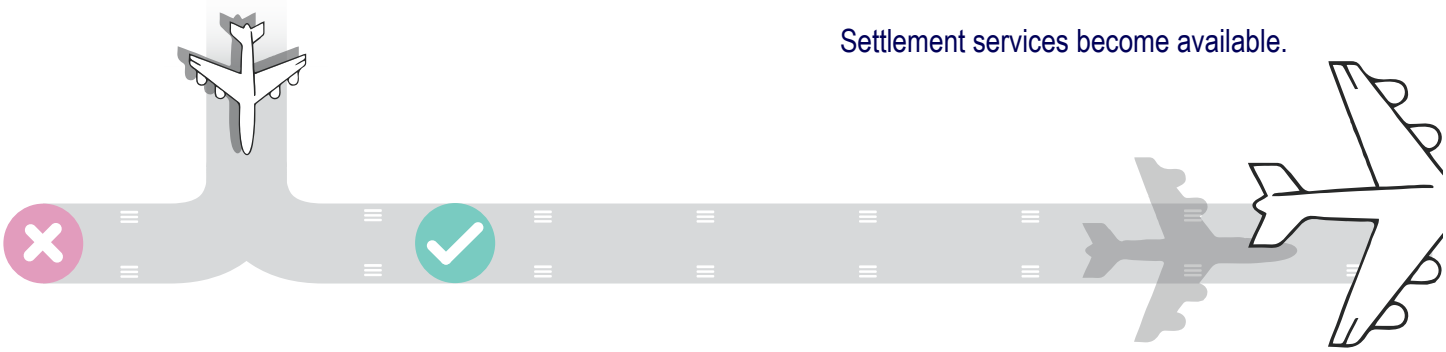
We will send instructions to your family members about the next steps to become permanent residents.

5. YOUR FAMILY MOVES FORWARD

Your family members must meet an officer in Canada **before their documents expire.**

After they arrive, they get their permanent resident card in the mail.

Settlement services become available.



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