**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**
   - **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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