



IMMIGRATION

Canada

Family Class

**Sponsorship of
parents, grandparents,
adopted children and
other relatives**

**Visa Office Specific
Instructions
Kingston**



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Appendix A

Checklist

Assemble all your documents as listed. Check (☑) each applicable item on the checklist and attach the checklist to your documents (a paper clip will do). Send photocopies of all documents, **unless instructed otherwise**. The *Engagement*, if you intend to live in the province of Québec, and the police certificates, must be **originals**. If your documents are not in English or French, send a notarized (certified) translation with a copy of the originals.

Please note that “Government-certified true copies” means **copies certified to be true** by the issuing governmental authority, such as the Registrar General of Vital Statistics in the country of issue.

<p>1. IMMIGRATION FORMS</p> <p>Check that they are complete and, where applicable, signed:</p> <p>Application for Permanent Residence. - This form is completed by you, the principal applicant. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Schedule 1. - You and each of your family members 18 years of age or older must complete their own copy of the form Schedule 1 - Background/Declaration. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Additional Family Information. - You and each of your family members 18 years of age or older must complete their own copy of this form. If the applicant is adopted or to be adopted, complete a form for the adoptive parents and another for the natural parents (if known). <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Use of a Representative. - If you want us to deal with a representative on your behalf, be sure you have completed and signed the <i>Use of a Representative</i> form (IMM 5476). <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>2. IDENTITY AND CIVIL STATUS DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Government-certified true copies of birth and marriage, annulment certificates, court-certified true copies of final divorce or separation certificates for you and your spouse or common-law partner; death certificate for former spouse, if applicable.</p>
<p>3. CHILDREN'S INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Government-certified true copies of children's birth certificates (which name their parents); adoption papers for adopted dependent children; proof of custody for children under the age of 18 and proof that the children may be removed from the jurisdiction of the court; if the children will not accompany you to Canada, proof that you have fulfilled any obligation stated in custody agreements.</p> <p>If your child's age was locked in before August 1, 2014, also submit:</p> <p>Proof of continuous full-time studies of all dependent children, aged 22 or over: complete school records/transcripts since attaining age 22, letters from the school(s) indicating the number of hours of classes attended per day, and the number of days attended per week, and proof of full financial support by parents since reaching age 22.</p>
<p>4. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND PASSPORTS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Passports or travel documents for you, your spouse or common-law partner, and dependent children. Include only copies of pages showing the passport number, date of issue and expiration, your photo, name, date and place of birth. If you reside in a country different from your nationality, include a copy of your visa for the country in which you currently reside. Please note that all prospective immigrants must hold a valid regular passport; diplomatic, official, service, or public affairs passports are not valid for immigration in Canada.</p>
<p>5. PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP IN CANADA <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Proof of relationship to your sponsor in Canada, such as government-certified copies of birth and marriage certificates. If applicable, government-certified true copies of sponsor's spouse death certificate, court-certified true copies of sponsor's divorce certificate. Proof of that person's status in Canada: photocopy of the Record of Landing (IMM 1000) or proof of Canadian citizenship such as photocopy of pages of a Canadian passport or Canadian Citizenship card.</p>

6.	POLICE CERTIFICATES AND CLEARANCES Police certificates or clearances from each country in which you and everyone in your family, aged 18 years or over, have resided six months or more since reaching 18 years of age. You must attach the original police document(s). Please consult our website at: www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/security/police-cert/index.asp for specific and up-to-date information on how to obtain police certificates from any country.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	ENGAGEMENT Original of the <i>Engagement</i> , if your intention is to reside in the province of Québec.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	PHOTO REQUIREMENTS Supply two (2) recent photos for each member of your family and yourself. Follow the instructions in your guide (see Photos in section on completing the Application for Permanent Residence in Canada) and in Appendix B: Photo Specifications .	<input type="checkbox"/>

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN OR CHILDREN WHO ARE TO BE ADOPTED:

1.	ADOPTION ORDER For each adopted person (must be a court-certified true copy).	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	ADOPTED CHILDREN REGISTER For each person adopted in Jamaica (must be a Government-certified true copy).	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	FIT PERSON ORDER For each person who is intended to be adopted in Jamaica (must be a court-certified true copy).	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	COURT LICENSE Authorizing removal of the child from the jurisdiction of the court for the purposes of adoption abroad (must be a court-certified true copy).	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	ADDITIONAL FAMILY INFORMATION FORM Two Additional Family Information forms are required, one for the adoptive parents, and another, for the natural parents (if known).	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mailing your application

Place all your documents and this checklist in a sealed envelope and mail them to:

Sponsorship: (Type of sponsorship)
 Case Processing Centre – Sydney
 P.O. Box 9500
 Sydney, Nova Scotia
 B1P 0H5
 Canada

If you're sending the application using a courier service instead of by mail, use the following address:

Sponsorship: (Type of sponsorship)
 Case Processing Centre - Sydney
 49 Dorchester Street
 Sydney, Nova Scotia
 B1P 5Z2
 Canada

Appendix B

Photo Specifications

Notes to the applicant

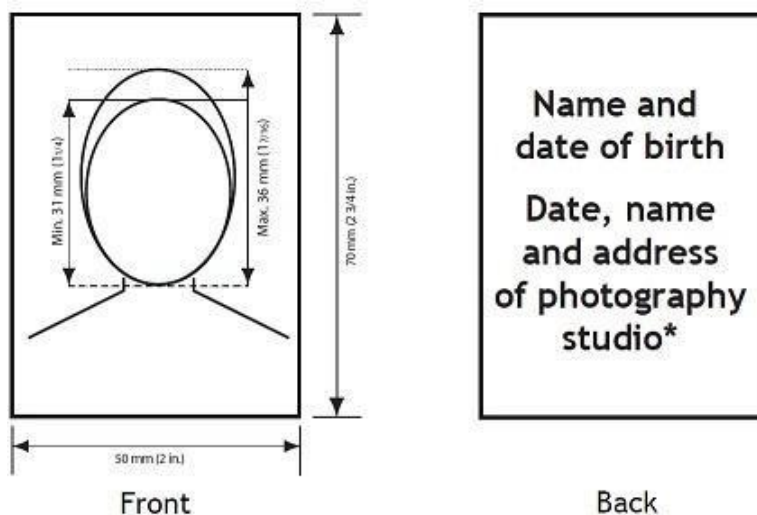
TAKE THIS WITH YOU TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER

- Make sure that you provide the correct number of photos specified in this guide.
- You must provide identical and unaltered photographs.
- Photographs may be in colour or in black and white.
- Photographs must be original and not altered in any way or taken from an existing photograph.
- Photographs must reflect your current appearance (taken within the past six (6) months).

Notes to the photographer

The photos must be:

- taken by a commercial photographer;
- 50 mm x 70 mm (2 inches wide x 2 3/4 inches long) and sized so the height of the face measures between 31 mm and 36 mm (1 1/4 inches and 1 7/16 inches) from chin to crown of head (natural top of head);
- clear, sharp and in focus;
- taken with a neutral facial expression (**eyes open and clearly visible, mouth closed, no smiling**);
- taken with uniform lighting and **not show** shadows, glare or flash reflections;
- taken straight on, with face and shoulders centered and squared to the camera (i.e. the photographs must show the full front view of the person's head and shoulders, showing the full face centered in the middle of the photograph);
- taken in front of a plain white background with a clear difference between the person's face and the background. Photographs must reflect and represent natural skin tones.



Not actual size. Refer to measurements above.

The back of one (1) photograph must:

- bear the name and date of birth of the subject, as well as the name and complete address of the photography studio;
- bear the date the photograph was taken;
- The photographer may use a stamp or handwrite this information. Stick-on labels are unacceptable.

Appendix C

Medical Instructions

Everyone included in your application, whether accompanying you or not, must undergo a medical examination with a physician on the list of designated doctors. If you are a divorced or separated parent, a minor child of whom you have joint or sole custody is considered your dependent child, even if they usually live with the other parent and is not accompanying you to Canada.

All applicants aged 15 or over are required to have an HIV serology test. The test is also necessary for children who:

- have received blood or blood products
- have a known HIV-positive mother
- are potential adoptees

Instructions for this examination will be provided **after** your application has been assessed by a Canadian visa officer.

You will be responsible for the costs of the medical examination for all your family members.

At the time of the medical examination, you and all family members will be required to present individual passports as evidence of identity. If each of your family members does not already have an individual passport, you should apply to obtain them now.

Applicants may, at any time, request that medical instructions be issued, and may undergo an immigration medical examination, at their own risk. It is important to note, however, that undergoing an immigration medical examination **does not guarantee** that a permanent resident visa will be issued.

The permanent resident visa has the same validity period as the medical results, that is, 12 months from the date of the first examination or test.