



IMMIGRATION Canada

Family Class

Sponsorship of a spouse, common-law partner, conjugal partner or dependent child living outside Canada

Part 3: Country Specific Instructions

Japan

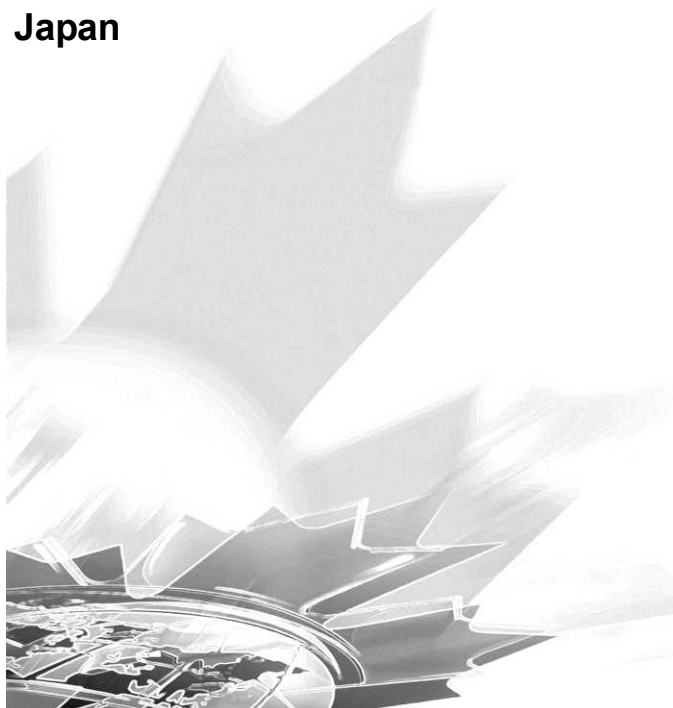


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Appendix A

Checklist - Immigrant

This guide contains Visa Office specific instructions for applications to be processed under the following Family Class Categories:

- Spouse, Common-law Partner or Conjugal Partner Category
- Dependent Child Category

Note: Important general information for all applicants is available on The Immigrant's Guide (IMM3999). Please read both guides carefully as this will assist you in completing your application appropriately.

Send the following documents with your application and check (☑) each box when they are enclosed.

- Send originals of all the Immigration forms listed in items 1 to 6 below and all documents requested, unless otherwise required.
- If your documents are not in English or French, include a professional translation. Failure to do so could result in substantial processing delays.

If there is a conflict between this guide and any other versions or publications, this document and its instructions take precedence and are to be followed.

IMMIGRATION FORMS		
Ensure that all questions have been answered and forms are signed. If a question is not applicable to you, write N/A. When completed, send them to your sponsor with all supporting documentation.		
1.	Generic Application Form for Canada (IMM 0008) - This form is completed by you, the principal applicant.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Additional Dependants/Declaration (IMM 0008DEP) - This form is completed by you, the principal applicant, if you have more than five (5) family members.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Schedule A - Background/Declaration (IMM 5669) - You and each of your family members 18 years of age or older must complete their own copy of this form.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Additional Family Information (IMM 5406) - You (principal applicant, regardless of age) and each of your family members 18 years of age or older included in the sponsorship, must complete this form. Note: If the principal applicant is a minor, any of the forms can be completed by the sponsor/guardian on the applicant's behalf.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Spouse/Partner Questionnaire (IMM 5490) - You (principal applicant), if you are applying as a spouse, common-law partner or conjugal partner, must complete the questionnaire.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Use of a Representative (IMM 5476) - If you, as the principal applicant, want us to deal with a representative on your behalf, be sure you have completed and signed the form.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Declaration from Non-Accompanying Parent/Guardian for Minors Immigrating to Canada (IMM 5604) - This form is to be completed by the non-accompanying biological parent or legal guardian who consents to the child's immigration to Canada to live with the other parent.	<input type="checkbox"/>

8.	<p>IDENTITY AND CIVIL STATUS DOCUMENTS</p> <p>A marriage certificate, birth certificate, Family Register or certified official copy and a translation of your unaltered "Koseki Tohon" and "Kaiseigen Koseki Tohon" (all names in the register, even the ones that have been removed due to death, marriage, change of residence, etc) including details of your birth, marriage and divorce (if any) must be submitted. All names of your family members, even the ones that have been removed due to death, marriage, change of residence, etc., must be included. The translation should be in English or French and done by a certified translator.</p> <p>For any dependent child who is a Canadian Citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, a photocopy of one of the following documents must be included with your application:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="227 546 1287 703"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="227 546 782 583">Canadian Citizens</th> <th data-bbox="782 546 1287 583">Permanent Residents</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="227 583 782 703"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Citizenship certificate, or • Canadian passport, or • Canadian birth certificate </td> <td data-bbox="782 583 1287 703"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent Resident Visa, or • Permanent Resident Card </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Canadian Citizens	Permanent Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Citizenship certificate, or • Canadian passport, or • Canadian birth certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent Resident Visa, or • Permanent Resident Card 	<input type="checkbox"/>
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9.	<p>INFORMATION ABOUT CHILDREN</p> <p>If you are divorced or separated and have dependants under 18 years of age accompanying you to Canada, you must provide the documents listed below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of Custody, confirmation that you have fulfilled all obligations in custody agreements, and that the dependant(s) is/are free to move to Canada. Ensure to provide certified copies of court documents. <p>If you are a dependent child under 18 years of age whose parents are divorced or separated and are the principal applicant, you must also submit the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of Custody, and that you are free to move to Canada. Ensure to provide certified copies of court documents. <p>You must submit proof if the child is 19 years of age or older and depends substantially on the financial support of the parent since before the age of 19 and is unable to be financially self-supporting due to a physical or mental condition.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
10.	<p>TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND PASSPORTS</p> <p>Photocopy of passport/s or travel document/s of yourself (principal applicant) and your accompanying family members must be submitted. The expiry date of the passport must be valid for at least 18 months from the date you submit your application. This would refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a photocopy of the passport bio-data page (page showing the name, photo, passport number, date of issue and expiration, date and place of birth), and • any page containing amendments for yourself and all accompanying family members. <p>Note: If a dependent is not accompanying you, there is no need to submit these documents.</p> <p>If you are not a citizen of Japan, include a copy of your visa for Japan or other proof of immigration status.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

11.	<p>PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP TO SPONSOR</p> <p>If you are being sponsored by your spouse, common-law partner or conjugal partner, you must submit evidence of the relationship between you and your sponsor such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wedding photos or proof that you are partners • photos of yourself and your sponsor together (old and new) • card/letters with postmarked envelopes • e-mails • telephone bills reflecting the calls made between yourself and your sponsor (phone cards which do not identify the caller or the number called do not constitute credible evidence of contact and should not be submitted) • remittance slips • proof of your visits to each other such as airline ticket coupons, boarding passes, copies of pages of your passports showing entry/exit stamps. <p>If you are a common-law or conjugal partner, provide evidence that your relationship is genuine and continuing and has existed for at least 12 months prior to your application, such as proof of cohabitation and proof of conjugal relationship. Proof of conjugal relationship may include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • joint ownership of property • joint finances (joint bank account, joint investments, etc.) • life insurance naming each other as beneficiaries • details of the history of your relationship • a minimum of two statutory declarations from individuals with personal knowledge of your relationship supporting your claim that the relationship is genuine and continuing <p>Photos submitted must be loose. Please do not submit photos that are in binders, albums, frames or other such containers. Also do not send video discs or video cassettes, musical greeting cards or other similar documents containing electronic or mechanical devices.</p> <p>Note: The sponsor and the applicant who are common law or conjugal partners must provide historical evidence of their ongoing relationship. If they are in a relationship of two years or less and have no children together, the applicant will receive conditional permanent resident status, if the application is approved.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	<p>POLICE CERTIFICATES AND CLEARANCES</p> <p>Please consult our Web site for specific and up-to-date information on how to obtain police certificates from any country.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	<p>PROOF OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION</p> <p>Include for yourself and each of your family members, proof of completion of the upfront medical examination from the Panel Physician.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.	<p>PHOTOS</p> <p>Supply nine (9) recent photos for each member of your family and yourself (accompanying and non-accompanying). Photos submitted must be properly labeled at the back with the applicant's name, date of birth and signature. Follow the instructions in Appendix B: Photo Specifications.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.	<p>A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT CHECKLIST</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MAILING YOUR APPLICATION

Include all the completed forms and required documents in an envelope and send them to your sponsor. Your sponsor is responsible to send your permanent resident visa application together with his/her sponsorship application to the Case Processing Centre in Mississauga (CPC-M). Once the sponsorship application of your sponsor is approved, your permanent resident visa application will be sent to the appropriate visa office for processing.

PROCESSING TIMES

Once your completed application is received from CPC-M, an Acknowledgment of Receipt letter will be sent to you by the visa office. This letter will advise you of your file number and the standard processing time applicable at the time of your application. For updated information on the standard processing time, consult the appropriate visa office [website](#).

CASE PROCESSING

The processing of your application undergoes several stages of review before a decision is made. If during the review, additional information (documents, additional medical test, etc) or an interview is required from you to enable the officer to make a decision; you will be notified by mail.

If no further information is required, the decision will be made by the officer and you will be notified if your application is approved or refused.

If your application is approved, a letter outlining steps required to issue your visa will be sent to you by mail. If your application is refused, a refusal letter will be sent to you by mail. Your sponsor will also be notified of the refusal and will be advised of his/her appeal rights by letter.

If at any time during the processing of your application, there is a change in your and your sponsor's family composition or contact details (mailing address and contact numbers); you must inform us by letter or fax.

Appendix B

Photo Specifications

Notes to the applicant

TAKE THIS WITH YOU TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER

- Immigration photos are **not** the same as passport photos.
- Make sure that you provide the correct number of photos specified in this guide.

Notes to the photographer

The photos must:

- show a full front view of the person's head and shoulders showing full face centered in the middle of the photograph;
- have a **plain white background**;
- be identical (black and white or colour) produced from the same untouched negative, or exposed simultaneously by a split-image or multi-lens camera.

The photos must:

- measure between 25 mm and 30 mm (1" and 1 1/5") from chin to crown;
- have a 35 mm x 45 mm (1 3/8" x 1 3/4") finished size.

