

## Uniting with family members and travel authorization



### 1. Immediate family members who want to unite with a Canadian citizen or PR Immediate family member:

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- spouse or **common-law partner**
- dependent child (yours, your spouse's or your common-law partner's)
- **dependent child** of a dependent child
- parent or step-parent (yours, your spouse's or your common-law partner's)
- **guardian or tutor**

#### How to unite with family member - **Do not need a written authorization**

Documents to use as proof that you're an immediate family member

- immediate family member's status as a Canadian citizen or PR
  - a Canadian passport
  - **proof of Canadian citizenship**, such as a citizenship certificate or citizenship card
  - a Canadian permanent resident card or travel document
- your relationship to that family member
  - a marriage certificate or proof of common-law status (same address)
  - a birth certificate
  - a Confirmation of Permanent Residence (COPR)
  - other documents that show an immediate family connection, for example
    - correspondence from us showing a spousal sponsorship application in progress
    - documents that show a shared home address

## 2. Extended family members who want to unite with a Canadian citizen or PR

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### Extended family member:

- in an **exclusive dating relationship**, have been in the relationship for at least 1 year (spent time in the physical presence during the relationship)
- a non-dependent child (adult child)
- a grandchild (dependent child of a non-dependent adult child)
- a sibling, half-sibling, or step-sibling
- a grandparent

### How to unite with family member - **Need a written authorization**

#### 1. authorization and statutory declaration form (**download**)

#### 2. request written authorization (include signed authorization and statutory declaration form and proof of relationship)

- if you need a visitor visa
  - apply for a visitor visa and get a decision on your visitor visa and written authorization at the same time.
- if you already have a visa or eTA
  - submit **web form** request for travel authorization

### Documents to use as proof that your extended family is a Canadian or PR

- Canadian passport
- Canadian birth certificate
- **Proof of Canadian citizenship**, such as a citizenship certificate or citizenship card
- Canadian permanent resident card or travel document

### 3. Immediate family members who want to unite with temporary status holder (Student / Worker)

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#### Immediate family member:

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#### Documents to use as proof that you're an immediate family member

- your relationship to that family member
  - Marriage certificate
  - Proof of common-law status
  - Birth certificate
  - Other documents that show an immediate family connection (shared home address)
- immediate family member's status
  - study permit or work permit

**Note:** Paper and electronic copies of the documents above are accepted. The documents above are examples only. An officer may request or accept other documents, as needed.