

# Family Sponsorship Guide

Practical planning for reunification in Canada

## Who Can Be Sponsored

- Eligible categories commonly include spouse or partner, dependent children, and selected parent or grandparent pathways.
- Each sponsorship class has specific relationship evidence and admissibility requirements.
- Confirm category fit early to avoid filing in the wrong stream.

## Sponsor Eligibility Checklist

- Sponsor must meet status, age, and compliance conditions under IRCC rules.
- Income tests are typically stricter for parents and grandparents sponsorship files.
- Previous sponsorship defaults or unresolved obligations can affect approval.

## Relationship Evidence Strategy

- Prepare clear proof timelines with communication, travel, and shared life evidence.
- Use consistent documents across civil records, financial ties, and social recognition.
- Well-structured evidence reduces delays, interview risk, and procedural fairness concerns.

## Processing and Interim Planning

- Track milestones, biometrics, medicals, and background check steps closely.
- For eligible inland cases, evaluate open work permit timing and options.
- Respond quickly to IRCC requests with accurate and complete supporting records.

## Sawa Immigration Support

- Case strategy tailored to sponsorship class and risk profile.
- Document structure and quality control before submission.
- End-to-end guidance from filing through final decision.