



VANCOUVER Visas



SPOUSAL SPONSORSHIP

Find out how we can help.

WE KNOW A LOVED ONE IS WAITING



Are you wanting to sponsor
your spouse or common-law
partner to Canada?

AVOID THE MINEFIELD

The sponsorship application process is a minefield that even the most educated people find impossible to navigate.

GOING IT ALONE

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) makes available only a simple document checklist, a set of application forms and some basic instructions to complete them. They don't, however, clearly define the level of comprehensiveness they expect of submitted applications nor do they provide assistance if you need help. You're essentially left to figure things out by yourself.

DON'T GET STUCK

Most self-submitted applications are either returned for being incomplete or get stuck in a review process that lasts for years.

GET IT DONE RIGHT THE FIRST TIME

Using an approach refined over hundreds of successful applications, we'll work with you to prepare a perfect application.

OUR FULLY-MANAGED SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS



When we're 100% in charge, everything is taken care of.

CIC APPLICATION FORMS

We'll complete and finalize all 11 government application forms, including:

- Sponsorship Agreement and Undertaking
- Sponsor's Financial Evaluation
- Background and Personal History Declarations
- Family Information Forms
- Development of Relationship Forms

8. Court Judgments related to any Divorce or Custody Arrangement with previous spouse/partner
9. Police Clearances and Driving Histories
10. Upfront Immigration Medical Exam Results

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

We'll guide the collection and compilation of every document needed for your application, including:

1. Identity and Status Documents
2. Divorce, Death or Annulment Certificates
3. Specialized Tax Forms from CRA
4. Proof of Employment or Self-Employment
5. Re-establishment Plans for Canadian sponsors not currently residing in Canada
6. Custody Documents for Dependent Children
7. Travel Documents and Passports

GOVERNMENT FEE PAYMENT

We'll pay all your government application fees online, including preemptively paying your Right of Permanent Residence Fee (RPRF) to significantly reduce processing time.

STATUTORY DECLARATIONS

We'll draft legally sworn statements to outline, in chronological order, the entire development of your relationship.

These unique Statutory Declarations provide your application with a defensible legal position should the application be challenged by CIC and forwarded to the Immigration Appeal Division or Federal Court of Canada.

PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

To substantiate the facts and events of your relationship, we collect, compile and selectively curate all of the documentary evidence associated with the major events and facts of your relationship, including:

SPOUSES	COMMON-LAW PARTNERS
Development of Relationship	Proof of Cohabitation
Proposal and Engagement	Joint Financial Records
Wedding Ceremony	Joint Purchase Receipts
Wedding Reception	Insurance or Benefits Policies
Honeymoon	Affidavits of Support from Family Members & Friends

PROOF OF TRAVEL

We'll organize and assemble all evidence relating to:

- Joint Travel
- Sponsor visiting Sponsored Person
- Sponsored Person visiting Sponsor
- Family Members traveling for weddings and celebrations

PROOF OF COMMUNICATION

We'll intelligently select and present your communication history, including:

- Detailed Phone Records
- Internet Chat Logs
- Text Messaging Histories
- Hand-written Letters and Cards

PROOF OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If financial support is being provided, we'll carefully arrange:

- Western Union or other Money Transfer receipts
- Receipts for Support Payments made (Tuition, etc.)

CUSTOM SUBMISSION LETTER

Your application is prefaced with a multi-page submission letter that formally presents your application to Citizenship and Immigration Canada while also addressing at length any parts of the application that require a written explanation or to pre-emptively address complex issues such as a lack of status, previous applications to CIC, other sponsorship undertakings in effect or custody-related issues with former spouses/partners.





HOW WE ADD VALUE

STREAMLINE DATA COLLECTION

Sponsorship applications contain thousands of unique data points. As a way of managing this amount of sensitive data, we built and developed our own secure cloud portal where we collect personal information through a proprietary and intuitive process.

PERFECT APPLICATION FORMS

We'll collect your data and then populate all government application forms with a level of precision and comprehensiveness that exceeds visa office requirements. Errors equal delays. We've built our reputation on being perfect and take the time to carefully cross-reference the data in all government forms against the contents of all other forms and supporting documentation to ensure no discrepancies exist. You will never see an application form until it's time to sign it.

ESTABLISH LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

Forming the legal backbone of your application is the 50-100 point Statutory Declaration that we draft and include in your "Development of Relationship" section. These sworn statements legally establish the facts of your relationship including specific dates, names and locations of events. These Statutory Declarations create a defensible position for the application in the event that the application is sent before the Immigration Appeal Division or the Federal Court of Canada.

RESOLVE TAX-RELATED ISSUES

We are able to provide tactical instructions to resolve unique immigration-related tax issues that must be resolved before submission. These include:

1. Spouses and Common-Law Partners who have been living outside of Canada with their Canadian Sponsor for several years and haven't filed Non-Resident Tax Returns with CRA
2. Young couples who are still living with their parents or are still in school and have little to zero income filed with CRA
3. Sponsors who haven't recently filed their taxes
4. Changes of Registered Marital Statuses with CRA and tax implications for provisions such as the Universal Child Care Benefit

MANAGE THE TRANSLATION PROCESS

All documents not in English or French need to be translated by a certified translator and accompanied by a notarized copy of the original document. We work with you to ensure that translations and notarizations are done correctly and in accordance with CIC's strict requirements. Where necessary, we utilize our established network of local translators to arrange same-day translations in 12 different languages.

REPRESENT CUSTODY ISSUES

It is common for Sponsored Spouses and Common-Law Partners to have persistent and on-going custody issues with their previous partners. We will ensure that your custody situation, either joint or sole, is accurately documented and presented to CIC so that you are able to immigrate to Canada without having to leave your children behind.



FACILITATE NEWBORN CHILDREN

If either the Sponsor or the Sponsored Person gives birth to a child during the application process, there are several detailed, technical procedures that need to be followed and performed within an important and finite time frame. We'll organize all of the necessary documentation to register the newborn child with CIC and modify the in-process application as required.

SIMPLIFY POLICE CLEARANCE REQUESTS

We provide step by step instructions on how to obtain Police Clearances from all countries where the Sponsored Person has resided for a period of 6 months or longer since their 18th birthday. We are familiar with each country's unique requirements and procedures, including complex scenarios such as requesting Police Clearances from Saudi Arabia, Libya, Afghanistan and Korea. We have years of experience with the nuances of each country's processes and act preemptively to avoid lengthy delays.

HANDLE UNCONVENTIONAL INCOME DOCUMENTS

For Self-Employed Sponsors who generate their income through their own businesses and investments, we help you locate and organize the correct documentation including Corporate Tax Returns, Statements of Business Activities and proof of Dividend Income.

We'll act as your project manager from start to finish. You won't have to make any decisions. Just follow the instructions we outline for you.

CUSTOMIZE PHOTOGRAPHIC LAYOUTS

We've developed our own design framework for presenting photographic evidence in all of our sponsorship applications. We know precisely the type of information that CIC needs to accompany each photograph. Using tools such as Adobe Illustrator, we'll have all of your photographic evidence professionally designed and laid out in a format to facilitate quick assessment by CIC officers.



It's not just forms, it's everything else.

CURATE COMMUNICATION HISTORIES

We organize and format your entire proof of communication history. This involves sorting through thousands of e-mails, text messages, Skype/Facebook chat logs and phone records between the Sponsor and the Sponsored Person. Specifically, for internet-based relationships, we have detailed knowledge of the communication history volume that CIC requires.

INDEX AND PAGINATE

Once completed, 80% of our sponsorship applications are between 200-300 pages in length. We carefully page number the entire submission and separate each section of the application using heavy-bond coloured card stock. Finally, we create a detailed index of the submission's contents that can be used as a quick reference for the reviewing officer. It is our goal to make their job as easy as possible.

DRAFT LETTERS OF SUBMISSION

All of our sponsorship applications are prefaced by a multipage, custom letter of submission. In this letter of submission, we highlight and bring attention to elements of the application that require explanation beyond what is self-evident. We also take the time to provide detailed explanations, when necessary, to clarify any points of discrepancy that may exist in the application. Finally, we conclude with a formal request for a personal interview to be held in the event that the officer feels a need to obtain further information from either the Sponsor or the Sponsored Person before making a final decision on the file.

Let us handle the details.
Your application will be perfect.



SOME OF OUR SUCCESS STORIES



Denise & Stephan / Netherlands

I'LL MEET YOU THERE

Born as a Canadian citizen overseas, Denise had never lived in Canada prior to 2014. As a result, we were faced with a number of issues to resolve before filing her sponsorship application. In particular, we needed to address her unique tax status and establishment as a "returning" overseas Canadian sponsor. Forced to leave Stephen behind in the Netherlands and move to Canada alone, Denise came to us knowing that a delay in processing was simply not an option. Less than 6 months after submission, Stephen joined Denise in Calgary as a Permanent Resident - a year ahead of Vienna's posted processing time of 17 months.

“ Nothing but thumbs up. I had my PR within 6 months.

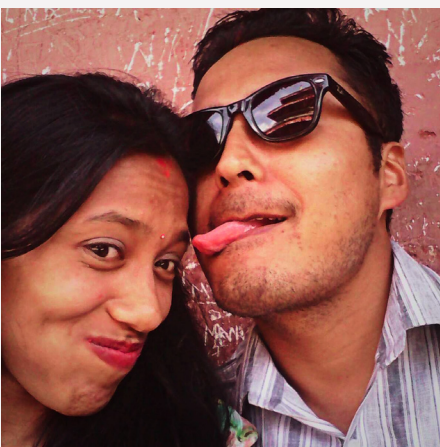


Alex & Max / United Kingdom

LOVE IS WORTH THE WAIT

Alex and Max came to us for help in preparing their Family Class application as Common-Law Partners. They were worried because they had not been diligent in keeping detailed records during their relationship. We worked with Alex and Max to obtain this required documentation, including affidavits of support. Only 7 months after submission, Alex received her Canadian Permanent Residence - without needing to leave Whistler.

“ We didn't think it would be possible, but it was.



Hitendra & Shreya / Nepal

A KATHMANDU STORY

Hitendra and Shreya initially filed their application themselves. In the process, they took poor advice from family which eventually led to Hitendra being held in custody by CBSA at Calgary International Airport. Matthew flew to Calgary that same night and facilitated Hitendra's release. After being forced to return back to Nepal without PR status, we submitted a comprehensive application to CHC New Delhi that resulted in the re-issuance of Hitendra and Shreya's PR Visas within 5 months of being refused entry.

“ We should have just come to you first.



Ian & Lauren / USA

IN RECORD TIME

Ian and Lauren were in a long-distance relationship that required them to travel frequently between New York and Vancouver. They retained us before their wedding so that we could have their entire application ready to submit as soon as they were back from their honeymoon. We submitted their application on April 8th and had their COPR issued on June 2nd. This was our fastest approval ever - only 56 days from start to finish. The posted processing time for CPC-O was 16 months.

“ How did that happen so fast?



Andrew & Yui / Japan

NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON

Andrew and Yui first submitted their Family Class application in 2013 as Common-Law Partners. During processing, they were asked to re-submit several documents for being deficient. To complicate things further, Andrew and Yui had since gotten married but had neglected to update CIC. Furthermore, because they were splitting time between Canada and Japan, CIC considered Andrew to be an overseas Canadian sponsor and required him to submit a re-settlement plan. In June 2014, we were hired to take over the file and prepared detailed submissions to the Canadian Embassy in Manila. After 2 years and 4 file transfers between CIC offices, Yui's COPR was finally issued.

“ That was turning into a nightmare. You totally saved us.



David & Kelly / New Zealand

GOING IT ALONE

David and Kelly initially self-submitted a Spouse or Common-Law Partner In-Canada Class application. Not knowing that processing times were almost 3 years in length, they contacted us to find out why it was taking so long. We immediately informed them that filing a Family Class application through Sydney would cut processing times to less than a year. We were brought on to withdraw their in-process application and prepare a new application to be filed overseas through the Family Class. Only 7 months after submission, David's COPR arrived at our office from Sydney - a full 10 months before their first application would have reached first-stage approval.

“ We're glad we found you when we did.

GETTING STARTED IS EASY

We'll begin with a private consultation, either by phone or at our office. Together, we'll discuss your story as well as your goals. Grounded in these facts, we'll plot a series of actionable steps along a detailed road-map; providing you with a clear understanding of the entire sponsorship process, all within the context of your unique situation.

We'll then share with you the details of our process and the expected timeline to fully prepare your application. If everything makes sense, we'll leave you with a simple set of instructions to get things started.

SCHEDULE YOUR CONSULTATION

You can schedule your consultation by calling our office at **604-200-8633** or by making a booking online at: **www.vancouvervisas.com/schedule**.

The cost of our initial consultation is \$150. If you are retaining us to prepare and represent your application, we'll happily credit this cost towards our professional fees.

