



SPONSORED SPOUSE/PARTNER QUESTIONNAIRE

To be completed by persons living outside Canada and being sponsored as spouses, common-law partners or conjugal partners

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This document must be completed and included with your application for permanent residence in Canada if you are being sponsored by your spouse, common-law partner or conjugal partner. Provide a complete and precise response to each question. Failure to provide this information will delay processing and could result in a refusal of your application.

Indicate your name, the form's title and the number or letter of the question you are answering on all additional sheets of paper on which you will provide your answers.

A number of the following questions ask that you provide documentary proof. For expediency and security reasons, do not include documents containing mechanical or electronic devices (such as musical greeting cards) nor containers / storage components for pictures such as binders, albums, frames, video discs (DVDs) or video cassettes.

BEFORE YOU START, READ THE INSTRUCTION GUIDE. TYPE or PRINT in black ink.

FIRST CONTACT

1. Did you have any contact with your sponsor before you met in person?

No

Yes ▶ When did you first contact your sponsor?

Day	Month	Year

▶ How did you first contact your sponsor (e.g. by phone, letter, e-mail, etc)?

FIRST MEETING

2. When and where did you first meet your sponsor in person?

Date

Day	Month	Year

Place

3. Did anyone (individual or organization) introduce you to your sponsor?

No

Yes ▶ Name of individual or organization ▶

Date of introduction ▶

Day	Month	Year

Relationship to you ▶

Relationship to your sponsor ▶

4. Did you give your sponsor any gifts?

No

Yes ▶ Specify ▶

5. Did your sponsor give you any gifts?

No

Yes ▶ Specify ▶

6. Give any additional details describing the circumstance of your first meeting with your sponsor.

If insufficient space, use a separate sheet of paper.

FAMILY MEMBERS

7. Prior to your spousal/common-law/conjugal partner relationship, was your sponsor or any of your sponsor's family members related to you or any member of your family?

No

Yes ▶ Give their names and relationship to you or your sponsor, as applicable.

NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU OR YOUR SPONSOR

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO YOU OR YOUR SPONSOR

8. Do you have family members or other relatives (i.e. aunt, uncle, cousin, etc.) living in Canada?

No

Yes ► Provide their full name(s), address(es) and relationship to you. If insufficient space, use a separate sheet of paper.

NAME AND ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP

9. Describe how your relationship developed after your first contact/meeting with your sponsor and if you and your sponsor dated or went on any outings or trips together. Provide photos and documentary evidence of events or activities in which you both participated. If insufficient space, use a separate sheet of paper.

10. Was your relationship known to your close friends and family?

Yes

No ► Explain why. If insufficient space, use a separate sheet of paper.

11. Did your sponsor meet any of your close friends or family?

Yes ► Give their names below, their relationship to you and the date your sponsor met them.

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO YOU	DATE SPONSOR MET		
		Day	Month	Year
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		_	_	_
		_	_	_
		_	_	_
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No ► Explain why. If insufficient space, use a separate sheet of paper.

18. Was there a reception?

- No ► Explain. If you plan to have a reception later, give date and place.
- Yes ► Provide details on date, location, number of attendees. Indicate if your sponsor, your sponsor's family members/relatives and your family members/relatives attended and if not, why not. If insufficient space, use a separate sheet of paper. Attach photos, if any.

19. Was there a honeymoon (a holiday or trip taken by you and your sponsor after the marriage)?

- No
- Yes ► Provide details. If insufficient space, use a separate sheet of paper. Attach photos, if any.

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INFORMATION ON YOUR COMMON-LAW/CONJUGAL PARTNER RELATIONSHIP

20. Are you in a common-law relationship?

You are in a common-law relationship if you and your sponsor have lived together in a **conjugal relationship*** for a period of at least one year.

* Conjugal relationship refers to a committed and mutually interdependent relationship of some permanence where a couple has combined their affairs to the extent possible (marriage-like).

- No
- Yes ► Provide written and documentary evidence of your relationship. (For example, insurance policies, wills, anything naming your partner as beneficiary, documents showing travel together, identity documents showing same address, documents showing joint ownership of possessions, joint mortgage/loan/rental agreement/bank accounts, etc.)

21. Are you in a conjugal partner relationship?

You are in a conjugal partner relationship if you and your sponsor have maintained a **conjugal relationship*** for a period of at least one year but cannot meet the definition of common-law partner, that is you have been unable to live together continuously for one year, usually because of an immigration barrier. If you plan to marry your sponsor, you may not be considered a conjugal partner.

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- No
- Yes ► Provide written and documentary evidence of your relationship. (For example, insurance policies, wills, anything naming your partner as beneficiary, documents showing travel together, documents showing joint ownership of possessions, long distance calls, letters, e-mails, documents showing recognition of each other's significant events, etc.) Explain why you were not able to live together continuously for one year. If possible, provide evidence - visa denials, for example - that you tried to live together but were unable to do so. If insufficient space, use a separate sheet of paper.

22. Was there a formal ceremony to recognize/celebrate the relationship, e.g. commitment or partnership ceremony?

- No ► Explain why.
- Yes ► Provide details on date, location, number of attendees. Indicate if your sponsor, your sponsor's family members/relatives and your family members/relatives attended and if not, why not. If insufficient space, use a separate sheet of paper. Attach photos, if any.

23. Was there a reception?

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- Yes ► Provide details on date, location, number of attendees. Indicate if your sponsor, your sponsor's family members/relatives and your family members/relatives attended and if not, why not. If insufficient space, use a separate sheet of paper. Attach photos, if any.

MAINTAINING CONTACT

24. Has your sponsor visited you during the period of your relationship?

- No ► Explain why.
- Yes ► Indicate number, dates and length of visits, and if you stayed together at the same location during the visit. If space is insufficient, use a separate sheet of paper. Provide documentary evidence, for example visas, tickets, etc.

25. Have you visited your sponsor during the period of your relationship?

- No ► Explain why.
- Yes ► Indicate number, dates and length of visits, and if you stayed together at the same location during the visit. If space is insufficient, use a separate sheet of paper. Provide documentary evidence, for example visas, tickets, etc.

26. a) How do you and your sponsor communicate when you are not together?

b) How often and in what language?

Provide documentary evidence, e.g. phone bills, letters, etc. Provide any additional details, if any, on a separate sheet of paper.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

27. Have you and your sponsor lived together?

No ► Explain why. If insufficient space, use a separate sheet of paper.

Yes ► Give dates of periods of cohabitation.

FROM			TO			FROM			TO		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year

28. Are you currently living with your sponsor?

Yes

No ► When did your sponsor return to Canada?

Day	Month	Year

29. Are you living with someone other than your sponsor?

No

Yes ► Give the name and relationship to you of the person(s) you live with. If insufficient space, use a separate sheet of paper.

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

30. Do you receive financial support from your sponsor?

No

Yes ► How much? ► How often? ►

Provide documentary evidence, such as Western Union receipts, bank drafts, etc.

On a separate sheet of paper, provide any additional details of your current relationship that you believe would help to prove your relationship is genuine and continuing.

Applicant's signature

Date

Day	Month	Year

INTERPRETER DECLARATION

This section must be fully completed if an interpreter assisted you in the preparation of this form.

I, _____, solemnly declare that I have faithfully and accurately interpreted in the _____ language the content of this application and any related forms to the person concerned.

I have been informed by the person concerned, and I do verily believe, that he/she completely understands the nature and effect of these forms, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

Interpreter's signature

Date

Day	Month	Year