

# Family-based humanitarian program for Colombians, Haitians and Venezuelans

This program will create another migration option to Canada. We will welcome up to 11,000 people who have family in Canada, and:

- are **nationals of Colombia, Haiti or Venezuela**, and
- currently live **in South or Central America, Mexico or the Caribbean**, and
- whose family member in Canada is:
  - a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
  - your spouse, common-law partner, child (of any age), grandchild, parent, grandparent, or sibling
  - willing to support your application
- If you're a national of one of these countries, this is a regular and safe way to come to Canada.

**Fees: none**

## How we'll support you

If we approve your application, we'll:

- waive the Right of Permanent Residence Fee, all application fees and biometric fees
- cover pre-departure medical services to help protect your health and safe travel to Canada
- give you the equivalent of 3 months of financial assistance once in Canada, to help you settle
- give you free settlement services, before and after you arrive, to help you join Canadian society and the labour force

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# Who can apply

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- be a citizen of Colombia, Haiti, or Venezuela
- be in South or Central America, Mexico or the Caribbean, when you apply
- have an eligible Canadian citizen or permanent resident to support your application (an [anchor](#)) and be either their:
  - spouse or common-law partner
  - child (of any age), grandchild, parent, grandparent, or sibling
- give us a [statutory declaration](#) from the anchor above that states:
  - they plan to help you and any family members that come with you to Canada for 1 year
  - they have not (and will not) accept any money from you or your family members
- plan to live in a province or territory other than Quebec
- not be inadmissible for reasons other than financial ones
- have a valid passport or eligible travel document

# Who can be an anchor

An “anchor” is a family member who will support your application. The anchor must not have immigrated to Canada under this program.

Your anchor must be:

- 18 or older
- a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- living in Canada (but outside the province of Quebec)
- your spouse, common-law partner, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, or sibling

They must not be:

- in the process of applying to revoke their Canadian citizenship
- in jail or prison
- subject to a removal order in Canada
- late making a payment on an immigration loan, a performance bond or any other amount legally agreed to pay (and have not arranged to defer payments)
- in default of a sponsorship undertaking, support payments or repaying any debt owed to the Government of Canada
- an undischarged bankrupt
- getting social assistance for a reason other than disability
- convicted under the Canadian Criminal Code of Canada

See which crimes and conditions are included:

They must not have been convicted under the Canadian Criminal Code of:

- a crime of a sexual nature, or an attempt or threat to commit such a crime against any person
- an indictable offence
  - involving the use of violence
  - punishable by a maximum prison term of at least 10 years, or
  - with an attempt to commit such a crime, against any person
- a crime that results in bodily harm against any person, or an attempt or threat to commit such a crime

They also must not have been convicted outside Canada of a crime that, if committed in Canada, would be equal to one of the above crimes.

They may still be eligible if 5 years have passed since they completed a sentence for one of the above crimes.

## What an anchor does

Your anchor must agree to support you for 1 year with a set list of needs to help you settle and integrate.

They must sign an official document stating they promise to:

- meet you at the airport and get you to where you're staying
- give you temporary housing
- help you find permanent housing
- make sure you have food, clothes and other basic needs

- introduce you to life in Canada (for example, public transportation, banking, shopping, rights and responsibilities, etc.)
- help you:
  - interpret information
  - open a bank account so you can get your financial assistance
  - enrol in provincial and federal programs and benefits (for example, Social Insurance Number, parental benefits, public health insurance)
  - find a family doctor, dentist, eye care and arrange any other medical needs
  - enrol children in school, child care
  - enrol adults in language training
  - access support services to find a job
  - access [Service Provider Organizations](#) to access free settlement services once in Canada

Anchors must also state that they won't accept money or other payment from you in exchange for being your anchor.

## How to apply

### Apply online using the permanent residence portal

Read the [instruction guide](#) for details on:

- how to fill out all the forms for your application
- what documents you need to include

We'll accept and process applications on a first-in, first-out basis until the cap is reached. Once we are no longer accepting them, we'll remove the option to apply for this from the portal.

We'll collect biometrics and give you and your family immigration medical exams before you travel.

If you're an unpaid representative for an applicant

The applicant needs to upload the [Use of a Representative \[IMM 5476\] \(PDF, 648.31 KB\)](#) form. You won't be able to have access to the portal.

# 1. Complete your forms and get your documents

Use the [checklist in our guide](#) to make sure you include all the forms and documents you need.

## Forms you'll fill out directly in the portal

- Generic Application Form for Canada [IMM 0008]
- Schedule A – Background/Declaration [IMM 5669]
- Additional Family Information [IMM 5406]

## Required form for your anchor person in Canada to fill out

- [Statutory Declaration \[IMM 5990\] \(PDF, 144 KB\)](#)

## PDF forms you'll download and fill out

- [Schedule 1 \[IMM 5989\] \(PDF, 283 KB\)](#) – required
- [Use of a Representative \[IMM 5476\] \(PDF, 648.31 KB\)](#) – if it applies

- [Authority to Release Personal Information to a Designated Individual \[IMM 5475\] \(PDF, 593.57 KB\)](#) – if it applies

### **Supporting documents you need to upload**

- 1 [photo](#) of you and each of your family members
- ID documents for you and each of your family members
- any other supporting documents mentioned in the guide
  - Examples include civil documents, diplomas, membership cards and military documents.

**If you want to use an immigration representativeIf you can't apply online and need another way to applyIf you're having technical issues**

## **2. Submit your application**

**Before you submit your application, make sure you:**

- answer all questions on the forms
- electronically sign your application (type your full name exactly as shown on your passport)
- upload all supporting documents

If you submit an incomplete application, we won't process it. We'll return it to you and you'll have to reapply.

Once you've completed your application, we'll review it.