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Good day,

[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox.**

Please note that this mailbox is intended for general guidance and does not provide responses to case-specific inquiries but have provided the following information as guidance. If you have case specific questions about a file, you are encouraged to submit the IRCC Web form.

Please see our response to your question.

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A child born via surrogacy may be eligible for sponsorship if they are the biological child of the permanent resident parent and meet the definition of a dependent child as defined in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations* (IRPR).

There is no income requirement to sponsor dependent children unless a dependent child (grandchild) is added to the application. A spouse or common-law partner may be included as a co-signer in the undertaking in situations where an income requirement must be met.

Additionally, the interpretation of "parent" for applications of citizenship by descent has been expanded to include non-biological legal parents at birth and biological parents. Parents who have been recognized as their child's legal parent at birth by way of the original birth certificate or relevant birth records (surrogacy contracts, court orders, hospital records, etc.) are eligible to pass down Canadian citizenship with or without a genetic or gestational link to their children.

\sb240Cases involving assisted human reproduction (AHR), including surrogacy arrangements, undertaken by Canadian citizens may result in children born abroad who are not biologically related to the Canadian parent. In these cases, the birth certificate and/or documentation issued at the time of the child's birth will be assessed to confirm the parent's eligibility to pass down Canadian citizenship by descent. For more information, refer to: Who is a parent for citizenship purposes when assisted human reproduction (AHR), including surrogacy arrangements, is involved?

\sb240We hope you find this information useful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Subject: Sponsorship - Dependent Child - Surrogacy

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Sponsorship of Surrogate Child: Please can you provide some guidance on the procedure to follow for an application to sponsor the surrogate child (born outside Canada) of a married couple, noting that the biological parent is a permanent resident and the spouse of the biological parent is a Canadian Citizen. It is unclear from the guidance if the child in this scenario would be considered a dependent child of the biological parent as it states:

If they qualify as a dependent child, you can sponsor

- ***your own child***
  - [redacted] ***Canadian citizen, your child may*** [redacted] ***Canadian citizen,*** [redacted] ***w*** [redacted] ***sponsor your child for permanent residence if they're Canadian citizens already.*** *Check if your child is already a Canadian citizen.*
  - ***If you're sponsoring just your child, without sponsoring your spouse or partner, you'll name your child as the*** *principal applicant* ***in the application. You'll have to show that the other parent or legal guardian agrees to your child immigrating to*** [redacted] ***for w*** [redacted] ***to*** [redacted]
  - ***If the child you want to sponsor has a child of their own (your grandchild), you'll include your grandchild as a dependant in the application.***
  - ***If you want to sponsor your adopted child or an orphaned family member, follow the instructions to sponsor your*** *adopted child* ***or*** *orphaned family member* ***instead.***
- ***your spouse or partner and their child***
  - ***If you're sponsoring your spouse or partner and a child (either their own child or a child you've had together), you'll name your spouse or partner as the*** *principal applicant* ***and the child as the dependant in the application.***
  - ***If the child you want to sponsor has a child of their own, you'll include the grandchild as a dependant in the application.***

If the permanent resident and biological parent must be the sponsor, can you confirm whether a co-signer (non-biological parent) can be included in a sponsorship application for a dependent child?

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