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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Fri, 28 Feb 2025 15:22:56
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Spousal Sponsorship Query - REP-2025-0294 - Due 27-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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. If you have case specific questions about a file, you are encouraged to submit a Webform at:

http://www.ircc.canada.ca/english/contacts/web-form.asp

Applicants applying under the overseas family class stream or Spouse or Common-Law Partner in Canada class (SCLPC) stream must meet the requirements of the stream under which they've applied throughout the application process. In the scenario you described, it would not be possible to convert the application from the overseas to the in-Canada stream.

If a spouse applying under the overseas family class comes to Canada on a temporary status and wishes to proceed with their application under the overseas stream, they must continue to comply with and meet the requirements set out in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and* [redacted] includes maintaining temporary resident status in Canada throughout the processing of the permanent resident application. Additionally, as noted on the IMM5533 Document Checklist, there is a possibility that they may be convoked to attend an interview at a visa office outside Canada.

A number of factors may impact processing times, including:

- * The Immigration Levels Plan which sets the number of newcomers that Canada plans to welcome each year. If there are more people applying than available spaces, processing times may increase.
- * How many applications we have in the inventory
- * How many people we have processing this type of application
- * How many applications we expect to get
- * How easily we can verify your information
- * How long you take to respond to any requests or concerns, including the time needed to provide biometrics or medicals
- * The time needed to make sure eligibility requirements are met
- * If the application is complex
- * Other factors

To check current processing times based on the type of application, please visit the following page: Check processing times at IRCC - Canada.ca

As per the temporary public policy announced in May 2023, some sponsored spouses, partners, and their dependent children may come to Canada as temporary residents and live with their sponsor during the processing of their application for permanent residence.

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This public policy facilitates the issuance of an open work permit to foreign nationals and their accompanying dependent children who are in Canada and have submitted a complete permanent resident application under the Spouse or Common-Law Partner in Canada class (SCLPC) or in the Family Class as a spouse, common-law or conjugal partner.
If the primary applicant applying under the Family Class enters Canada as a visitor, they may be eligible to apply for a spousal open work permit in Canada if they meet the requirements of the public policy.
For more information, please refer to Public policy for spouse or common-law partner in Canada class or family class applicants to apply in Canada [R205(a) - A74] and Open work permit: Applying as a sponsored spouse or common-law partner in Canada - Canada.ca
We hope you find this information useful.

Thank you,

Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 29 janvier 2025 10:58
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Objet : Fwd: Spousal Sponsorship Query

Dear Team,

Could you kindly reply to the below query ? One of our client is eagerly looking for his options and start the process soon.

Regards,

---------- [redacted] message ---------

From:
Subject: Spousal Sponsorship Query
Date: Jan 20 2025, at 11:35 am
[redacted]:

Dear Team,
I hope this message finds you well.

This is I am writing on behalf of one of our client who is currently in the process of a spousal sponsorship application under the outside Canada category.

They would like to inquire if it is possible to convert their outside Canada spousal sponsorship application to an in-Canada sponsorship while their application is still under process, once they arrive in Canada on visitor visa.
Could you kindly provide guidance on the following:
1. Is it possible to request a conversion of the spousal sponsorship from outside Canada to in-Canada status upon arrival, assuming the client holds a valid visitor visa?
2.What are the necessary steps for initiating such a request?
3.Are there any potential impacts on the processing times or other elements of the sponsorship application that we should be aware of?
4.If primary applicant gets visit visa and once land incanada, can she/he apply for a Spouse open work permit and work in Canada?

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We would greatly appreciate your assistance in clarifying these matters and any additional information that may be helpful for our client.
[redacted] support. [redacted] to your response.

Best Regards,