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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Tue, 4 Mar 2025 19:13:10
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Clarification on Declaring Spouse as Non-Accompanying in Express Entry and PR Application - REP-2025-0555 - Due 17-03-2025
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Hello,

[redacted] correspondence to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives mailbox. We appreciate your patience.

Question:

I am seeking clarification regarding the declaration of a spouse as *non-accompanying* in an Express Entry (EE) profile and permanent residence (PR) application.

If an applicant's spouse is
but is declared as *non-accompanying* in the EE profile and PR application to maximize CRS points, would this be considered misrepresentation? Additionally, could you provide guidance on how IRCC defines *accompanying* versus *non-accompanying* spouses in such cases?
As a lot of clients are misguided by social media or other sources regarding this we want to ensure full compliance with IRCC regulations and would appreciate any clarification you can provide on this matter.

Answer:

An accompanying family member is a family member of a principal applicant who receives a visa at the same time as the principal applicant to accompany or follow the principal applicant to Canada.
Under Express Entry, non-accompanying spouse or common-law partner will not be issued a permanent resident visa and will not affect the Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) scoring. Conversely, an accompanying spouse or common-law partner will be applying for a visa at the same time, but will affect the CRS scoring.
Based on personal circumstances, a principal applicant is free to choose to have their spouse or common-law partner as accompanying or non-accompanying.
Please note that it is an obligation for the applicant to declare all information truthfully and accurately. A spouse or a common-law partner must be declared on an application for permanent residence, whether the principal applicant intends for them to be accompanying or not. Failure to declare a spouse or a common-law partner or failure to provide accurate information regarding marital status on an application may result in misrepresentation. IRCC must be kept up-to-date on any changes to family composition including any marital status changes.

Please be advised that the assessment of an application is conducted on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the specific circumstances and the supporting documentation available to the officer. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide sufficient documentation to demonstrate that they meet the requirements.
We trust that this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Sent: [redacted] 14, 2025 8:29 PM

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[redacted]. I [redacted] to your response.

Best regards,