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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Wed, 26 Mar 2025 17:07:50
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Lonely Canadian- [redacted] - REP-2025-0261 - Due 24-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 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:

A Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada may sponsor 1 relative if they meet all of these conditions:

- * are related to them (the relative they wish to sponsor) by blood or adoption
- * **don't** have a living relative they (the person who wants to sponsor their relative) could sponsor instead, such as a:
  - * spouse
  - * common-law partner
  - * conjugal partner
  - * son or daughter
  - * **parent**
  - * **grandparent**
  - * orphaned sibling
  - * orphaned nephew or niece
  - * orphaned grandchild
- * don't have any relatives (aunt, uncle, or any of the relatives listed above), who is a
  - * Canadian citizen
  - * permanent resident
  - * registered Indian under the *Indian Act*

A potential sponsor with a living parent cannot sponsor them under the "other relative" category due to having a living parent who they could sponsor instead. A relative cannot be considered a member of the family class as per paragraph 117(1)(h) **of the** *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations* (IRPR) if the sponsor has other living relatives they could sponsor instead, such as a parent. **As a parent can be sponsored under the parents and grandparents (PGP) program, as prescribed in paragraph 117(1)(c) of IRPR, the potential sponsor must apply under that category to sponsor their parents instead.**

The intent behind the other relative category is to provide an avenue towards family reunification for Canadian citizens and permanent residents who have no other relatives they may sponsor instead as members of the family class under paragraphs

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117(1)(a) through 117(1)(g).

The potential sponsor in this case would need to apply for sponsorship of their foreign national parent to be selected as a member of the family class on the basis of their relationship as the parent of a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. The process to sponsor a parent under the PGP program begins with the submission of an Interest to Sponsor form during an Interest to Sponsor period. Those who have successfully submitted an interest to sponsor form are added to a pool of interested sponsors. The pool is randomized and then used to sequentially issue a specific number of invitations to apply as part of a PGP application intake. Details on the next interest to sponsor period and next PGP intake are not available at this time but will be posted to our website and social media channels as soon as they are available.

Individuals who are waiting to receive an invitation to apply, or for the next interest to sponsor period to open, may apply for a parents and grandparents super visa. The super visa allows for parents and grandparents to visit their children or grandchildren for five years at a time and provides multiple entries for a period of up to 10 years.

We hope you find this information useful.

Thank you,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox (IRCC)

From:
Sent: [redacted] 25, 2025 10:24 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]gc.ca>
Subject: Lonely Canadian- Sponsorship

Dear officer,

Would you please clarify if lonely Canadians has no family members in Canada but has a parent (mother or father) out of Canada, can they sponsor under the lonely Canadian sponsorship rule?

Or in this case, they have to wait to register for EOI for parents which is a lottery and may not have a chance to be selected forever. So these lonely Canadian remain alone and this rule never apply to them.

Please kindly clarify the above rule when there is a parent out of Canada but there is no other sponsorship program for the sponsor to bring them as a immediate family prior to consider other relatives under this rule.

Best regards,