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From: [redacted] Representatives / Représentants [redacted] (I[redacted]
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To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Sponsorship living relative inquiry - REP-2025-0467 -Due 11-Mar-25
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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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1. A sibling may be eligible for sponsorship under the "other relative" program provided that the potential sponsor has no living relatives they may sponsor instead, such as a spouse, common-law partner, conjugal partner, child, parent, grandparent, orphaned sibling, orphaned nephew or niece, orphaned grandchild, or **any** relative (including a sibling) that is a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, or registered Indian under the *Indian Act*.

2. If a potential sponsor has many living relatives, such as a sister, a brother, and an aunt, this does not automatically render them ineligible under the other relative program, unless the relative is a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, or registered Indian under the *Indian Act*. However, they may only sponsor **one** of these relatives.

   The list of living relatives that would render a potential sponsor ineligible under the other relative program is a:

   - spouse
   - common-law partner
   - conjugal partner
   - child
   - parent
   - grandparent
   - orphaned sibling
   - orphaned nephew or niece
   - orphaned grandchild

3. With respect to your last question, this example used on IRCC's webpage demonstrates that Sam does not have any relatives, such as a sibling, who is a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, or registered Indian under the *Indian Act*.

We hope you find this information useful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 10, 2025 6:34 PM
To: Immigration Representatives ▌Représentants immigration [redacted]
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Subject: Sponsorship living relative inquiry

Hello,

I have a few questions on the close living relative for sponsorship purposes.

On the IRCC website, it is indicated that:

Other relative (Source: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/family-sponsorship/other-relatives/who-you-can-sponsor.html)

You may sponsor **one** relative, related by blood or adoption, **of any age**, if you meet **all** of these conditions:

- you (the person who wants to sponsor your relative) **don't** have a living relative you could sponsor instead, such as a:
  - spouse
  - common-law partner
  - conjugal partner
  - son or daughter
  - parent
  - grandparent
  - orphaned brother or sister
  - orphaned nephew or niece
  - orphaned grandchild

Siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc. are not included in this list.

On the second example listed on your website (Source: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/family-sponsorship/other-relatives/who-you-can-sponsor.html), it is indicated the following:

Example 2: Eligible to sponsor a cousin

Sam is an only child. His parents and grandparents have passed away. He was raised in the United States by his only cousin. He immigrated to Canada as a permanent resident. He's single (doesn't have a spouse or a common-law partner). Sam [redacted] in Canada [redacted] are Canadian citizens, permanent [redacted] s to sponsor his American cousin. His cousin is single (doesn't have a spouse or a common-law partner).

Sam meets the requirements to sponsor his cousin to come to Canada because he doesn't have:

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- a close living relative he could sponsor instead (such as a spouse, partner, child, **sibling**, parent or grandparent) and
- any other relative who is a citizen, permanent resident or registered Indian of Canada.

In other words,

1. is a sibling considered a 'close living relative?'

2. if a person (single, no parents and grandparents and children), has many living relatives, such as a sister living in the States, a brother in Cuba, an aunt in Greece, and a cousin in Italy, does this mean they are *not* eligible for sponsorship because more than one person could potentially be sponsored? Or are they eligible for sponsorship, but can *only* sponsor one of them?

3. Or was it a mistake on IRCC's part to include 'sibling' in the second example (Sam as an only child), as siblings are not considered 'close living relatives' for sponsorship purposes?

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Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,