NEWCOMERS TO CANADA: CATEGORIES OF CLASSIFICATION

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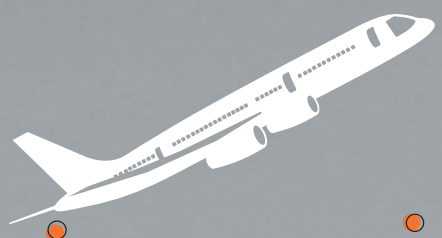
FAMILY REUNIFICATION

Family reunification permits both recent immigrants and long-established Canadians to be reunited with members of their family. Family living abroad may be sponsored as well as spouses or common-law partners living in Canada with their sponsor.

Who Can Be Sponsored?



Parents, grandparents, and other relatives in special circumstances

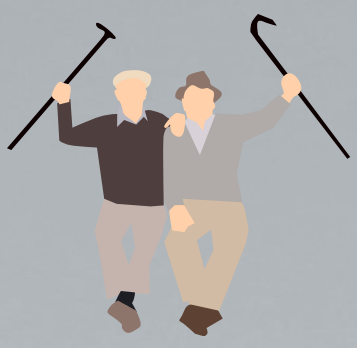
Spouse, common-law, and conjugal partner

Dependent children and children adopted from abroad

Sponsorship Conditions

Support your relative financially when they arrive

Meet basic needs for yourself and your relative



Ensure your relative does not need social assistance

In 2018

13,936 family members were reunited in Alberta.
Of these, **10,306** were admitted as spouses, partners, and children*

One-Year Window

Allows resettled refugees in Canada within one year of their arrival, to identify for resettlement family members abroad who were previously unable to travel with them

More info can be found on **AAISA's Toolkit**

*Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (2020, July 09). 2019 Annual Report to Parliament on Immigration. Retrieved on July 23, 2020, from https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/ircc/migration/ircc/english/pdf/pub/annual-report-2019.pdf