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Can I sponsor my step-parents or adoptive parents to Canada?

anadian citizens permanent residents are I sponsor my step-parent? allowed to sponsor their parents for permanent residency to Canada. The question is whether this includes adoptive parents and step-parents?

Can I sponsor my adoptive parents?

Immigration law allows for the sponsorship of individuals related by blood or adoption. Therefore, a

If I am adopted, can I sponsor my biological parents?

If a person has been adopted by a person or persons in Canada, parents. The reason is that the application can be made. adoption broke the legal relationship with their biological parents.

Can I sponsor my step-parents?

Because step-parents are not related to their step-children by blood or adoption, these individuals also cannot be sponsored.

and If my step-parent adopted me, can

If a step-parent adopts a child, the step-parent then becomes the child's adoptive parent. As a result, the step-parent could be sponsored because they are an adoptive

Are there any other options for step-parents to immigrate to

Justbecause step-parents cannot person can sponsor their adoptive be sponsored, does not mean that they cannot immigrate to Canada. A step-parent may be eligible to immigrate to Canada under an economic stream of immigration as a provincial nominee, skilled worker, or business person. If the the Filipino Journal. The contents they cannot sponsor their biological step-parent is a refugee, a refugee should not be viewed as legal advice

If a step-parent immigrates to Canada under one of these classes of immigration, they must qualify to immigrate like any other person in these classes.

If my step-parents are not qualified to immigrate under another class of immigration, are there any other options?

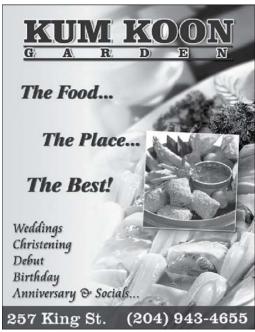
If the step-parent is in Canada as a visitor, an application under the in-Canada humanitarian and compassionate class can be made. This is a different application than a family class application. If an in-Canada humanitarian and compassionate case is filed, the fact that a person is a step-parent will not, by itself, mean that the application will be approved.

Humanitarian and compassionate applications will require a look at all of the circumstances as to why the stepparent should be granted permanent residency. Amongst other things, factors such as family ties in Canada and abroad, economic ties in Canada and abroad, any risk the step-parent would face on return to the home country, the stepparent's establishment in Canada, and other issues will all need to be considered.

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