

The Canadian Super Visa: A Guide to Family Reunification

Turning 'Goodbye' into 'Welcome Home' for Parents & Grandparents.



The Canadian Dream is Better Together.

Core Message: For many, life in Canada is defined by the people we share it with. The “Canadian Dream” feels incomplete without parents and grandparents by your side, whether it’s to help raise a new grandchild or simply enjoy retirement together.

The Problem: Standard visits result in short, tearful goodbyes and constant airport runs.

The Solution: The Super Visa bridges the gap between a tourist visit and permanent residence, offering a long-term solution for family unity.

Standard Visit



Super Visa



Long-Term Commitment vs. Short-Term Visits

Standard Visitor Visa

- Valid for only 6 months per entry.
- Requires constant 'Visitor Record' extensions.
- Status is costly, repetitive, and uncertain.

The Super Visa

- Valid for up to 5 years per visit.
- Renewable for an additional 2 years.
- 10-year validity on the document itself.
- Open year-round with no lottery cap.

Key Takeaway: Stability for half a decade without the paperwork headaches.

Eligibility: The Two Key Players

THE HOST

Who: Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident.

Relationship: Must be the child or grandchild.

Responsibility: Bears the burden of proof regarding financial stability.

THE APPLICANT

Who: Parent or Grandparent of the Host.

Restriction: Must be admissible to Canada on health/security grounds.



EXCLUSION RULE

Dependents (e.g., your parent's other children/your siblings) CANNOT be included. They must apply for regular visitor visas.



The Critical First Step: Minimum Income Requirements

The Formula: "Family Size" = You + Spouse + Dependent Children + The Parents/Grandparents you are inviting.

2025/2026 LICO Estimates

Family Size	Income Requirement
1 Person (Host only)	~\$30,526
2 Persons	~\$38,002
3 Persons	~\$46,720
4 Persons	~\$56,724
5 Persons	~\$64,336
6 Persons	~\$72,560
7 Persons	~\$80,784
Each Additional Person	+ ~\$8,224



The Evidence

Income must be proven via Notice of Assessment (NOA), T4 slips, or employment letters.

The Safety Net: Mandatory Medical Coverage

Super Visa holders do not receive provincial healthcare (OHIP/MSP).



1. COVERAGE

Minimum \$100,000 CAD.



2. DURATION

Valid for at least 1 year from the date of entry.



3. PAYMENT

Paid in full or via approved installment plans. Quotes are not accepted.

MUST be purchased from a Canadian or approved international provider BEFORE applying.

Costs and Processing Estimates

Receipt

THE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT

- Government Fee: \$100 CAD (per person)
- Biometrics Fee: \$85 CAD (every 10 years)
- Medical Exam: ~\$250 – \$350 (paid to physician)
- Insurance: ~\$1,500 – \$3,000+ per year (varies by age)

THE TIME INVESTMENT



The Roadmap: Phase 1 (Preparation)



STEP 1: THE MATH

Calculate family size accurately.

Example: Host + Spouse + 1
Child + 2 Parents = Family
Size of 5
(Requiring ~\$64,336).



STEP 2: THE POLICY

Secure the medical insurance.

You must possess the actual policy document to upload.



STEP 3: THE PROOF

Download the most recent Notice of Assessment (NOA) from the CRA website.

Note: The NOA is the 'Gold Standard' for IRCC.

The Roadmap: Phase 2 (Submission & Validation)

STEP 4: THE PORTAL

Submit online from OUTSIDE Canada.

- Uploads: Host Proofs (Passport/PR Card, Financials) + Applicant Documents (Passport) + Insurance Policy.

STEP 5: THE PHYSICAL

Applicant receives instructions for Biometrics and the Immigration Medical Exam (IME).

 **Pro Tip:** Complete the medical exam promptly; the application cannot be finalized without it.

Navigating Red Flags: Why Applications Fail



Medical Inadmissibility

Rejection due to “excessive demand” on health services (e.g., severe kidney disease requiring dialysis).



Ties to Home

Officer suspects the parent is not a temporary visitor. If they have sold assets and intend and intend to stay permanently, it will be refused.



Financial Mismatch

Confusing Gross Income with Line 15000 on the NOA. IRCC audits tax filings, not just job offers.



Expert Insights: Strategy & Finance



Q: What if my income is slightly below the LICO threshold?

A: You will likely be refused. However, a spouse can co-sign the letter of invitation, allowing you to combine incomes to meet the requirement.

Q: Can I pay for insurance monthly?

A: Yes, but only with approved insurers showing a 1-year policy document.

Q: Does this affect future Permanent Residence?

A: No. A Super Visa does not block parents from being sponsored for PR under the Parents and Grandparents Program (PGP) later.

Expert Insights: Managing the Stay

Q: Can we extend the stay beyond 5 years?

A: Yes. Extensions of up to 2 years are possible from inside Canada.

Q: Does the Visa guarantee entry?

A: No. Border officers decide.

The Airport Checklist

1. Printed Insurance Certificate

2. Letter of Invitation

3. Valid Passport & Visa



Don't Let Paperwork Keep You Apart.

The Super Visa is one of the greatest gifts you can give your parents—the gift of time. But a simple oversight in income calculation or insurance can delay a family reunion by months.



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