



Spousal Open Work Permit (SOWP) — Document Checklist

For spouses / partners of certain workers and students who qualify for an open work permit.

SOWP eligibility was narrowed in 2025 — only spouses of workers in certain occupations and students in select programs qualify. Confirm eligibility before applying.

How to use this: Tick each box as you gather the document. Bring the completed file to your CHK consultation so we can review it before you submit.

Eligibility

- Proof of the principal applicant's status and that their occupation or study program qualifies
- Proof of your relationship (marriage certificate or common-law evidence)

Principal applicant's documents

- Their work or study permit; employment letter / pay stubs, or enrolment proof

Your documents

- Valid passport and digital photo; current status documents (if in Canada)