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Good Day,

Thank you for your email correspondence to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives mailbox. We appreciate your patience.

Question: Can a principal applicant make his non-accompanying spouse (currently staying with PA in Canada on a temporary status) as now accompanying after e-APR under Express Entry? Will this cause recalculation of CRS points? Is this practice valid to gain more CRS points?

Answer: Yes, family members can be added to the application at any time during the process, but must be added prior to obtaining permanent resident status. All family members must be examined as part of the electronic application for permanent residence, whether they are accompanying the principal applicant or not. The differing points grid in Express Entry was developed to reflect the increased economic success in Canada seen where the principal applicant has a spouse possessing certain competencies. IRCC does not support the use of these provisions in any kind of "strategic" way. We recommend that spouses who intend to live together in Canada, state that in their applications. Changing the partner's status from "non-accompanying" to "accompanying" during the processing of an application, up to the time of landing, may not constitute misrepresentation; however, this choice was never intended to be used as a strategy. Rather, it allows families to accurately describe their situation and intentions and to comply with section 16 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act on the obligation to answer truthfully. Therefore, the principal applicant's Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) score will be recalculated to account for the change in situation, at all points in the process.

We trust that this information will assist you.

Sincerely,

Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:

Sent: January 21, 2021 12:49 PM

To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC@cic.gc.ca>; Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC@cic.gc.ca>

Subject: Re: Adding non-accompanying spouse after e-APR in Express Entry

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am an RCIC and I request your advice on the below scenario:

- Can a principal applicant make his non-accompanying spouse (currently staying with PA in Canada on a temporary status) as now accompanying after e-APR under Express Entry? Will this cause recalculation of CRS points? Is this practice valid to gain more CRS points?

Thanks & Regards,