

## Filling out your Basis of Claim form

### Your family: Questions 2(i) – 5

The Basis of Claim (BOC) form asks you about your family. You must list all your family members even if they're not making a refugee claim with you and even if they're not living in Canada. You also have to write each person's country or countries of citizenship. This information helps the Refugee Board understand why you're claiming protection in Canada.

#### Question 2(i): Are children who are less than 18 years old claiming refugee protection with you?

Try to answer the following questions in your response:

Are there children who are less than 18 years old claiming refugee protection with you?

If the answer is "No" you should check that box and leave the rest of the question blank.

If the answer is "Yes", complete one of the other 3 boxes. If you're not the child's parent, or if your child's other parent does not live with you and the child right now, write what document gives you the right to have the child with you. This can be a letter from the other parent giving you permission to apply for refugee status for the child in Canada. Or you may have a document from Canada or your country giving you full custody of the child.

If you don't have a document like this, explain why. For example, maybe you had to leave your country before you could prepare this document, or you're afraid of the other parent. If you can, get a letter from the other parent or a legal document giving you full custody before your hearing. If you can't, explain why.

**Question 2(j): If a child, 6 years old or younger, is claiming refugee protection with you, explain in detail why you believe the child would be at risk of being harmed, mistreated, or threatened if returned to their country.**

Try to answer the following questions in your response:	
How are children 6 years or younger who are claiming refugee protection at risk of harm, being mistreated, or threatened?	For example, whoever is threatening you may have also directly threatened to harm the child. Or the child is at risk because they're female. Or the child is at risk because of their nationality, race, or religion that's different from yours.  If there's nothing putting the child at risk of harm, leave this blank.

**Question 3: List the country or countries where you believe you are at risk of serious harm.**

List all the countries where you have status or have the right to status, where you think you're at risk of serious harm.

**Question 4: List each country of which you are or have been a citizen.**

List all the countries where you have citizenship, nationality, or residency status.

If your citizenship is still valid, then write "citizen" under the "Present Status" column. If you became a citizen by birth, write your date of birth under the "Date citizenship was acquired" column. If you became a citizen by marriage, write the date that's on your marriage certificate. If you don't know when you became a citizen, say "Do not know."

You still have citizenship unless it's been:

- revoked, which means it's been taken away from you
- renounced, which means you've given it up

**Question 5(i): List your relatives, living or dead, in the order below.**

Try to list the following information in your response :	
List your family members	<p>→ List <b>all</b> your family members. You must list them in this order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● your spouse or spouses or your common-law partner, including your same-sex partner</li> <li>● your children, including children born outside of marriage and adopted children</li> <li>● your parents</li> <li>● your brothers and sisters, including half-brothers and half-sisters</li> </ul> <p>→ Include these family members even if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● they've died</li> <li>● you haven't seen them for many years</li> <li>● you don't know where they are</li> </ul>
Include their date of birth	If you don't know a family member's date of birth, fill in their approximate age or year of birth, or write "Do not know."
Include where they are currently living	Write "Do not know." if you don't know where they are.  If a family member has died, provide the date of death, if you know it, or write an approximate date, for example spring 2017.

### Reminders

1. There is space for 11 family members. If you have more than 11 family members, attach more paper to list them.
2. Leaving out a family member or giving incorrect information about them can cause problems if you try to sponsor that person for permanent residence later.
3. Once you've completed and reviewed your BOC, you must sign a statement that the information is complete, true, and correct.
  - Use Declaration A if you did **not** get help from an interpreter to complete your form.
  - Use Declaration B if you **got help** from an interpreter. You have to confirm that the BOC and all attached documents were interpreted to you.
  - If you used Declaration B, make sure the interpreter reads the entire BOC to you and that you understood everything. The interpreter must also sign this page to confirm that they did this.

You can find more information about  
**Refugee Law** at [stepstojustice.ca](https://stepstojustice.ca).

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