

When you prepare a spousal sponsorship application, bear in mind that an officer will look at the following **factors to assess the genuineness of marriage in sponsorship:**

- How the relationship developed?
- The intent of all parties to the marriage.
- The length of the relationship.
- The amount of time spent together.
- Conduct at the time of the meeting, at the time of an engagement and/or the wedding.
- Behaviour subsequent to a wedding.
- The level of knowledge of each other's relationship histories.
- Levels of continuing contact and communication.
- The provision of financial support.
- The knowledge of and sharing of responsibility for the care of children brought into the marriage.
- The knowledge of and contact with extended families of the parties.
- The level of knowledge about each other's daily lives.

This list is not exhaustive though.