

RSTP Bulletin

INQUIRIES & RESPONSES...

YOU ASKED...

1. Does the application submitted under **One Year Window of Opportunity (OWY)** receive a unique G number or will it be processed under the G number that was initially assigned to the PA who is now residing in Canada as a permanent resident?
2. Can we check the status of the case associated with this number online?

OUR RESPONSE...

1. The OYW applicant will get their own G number and UCI number different from the G number/ UCI the PR family member already in Canada has.
2. Yes, it is possible to track a OYW application with a G number. However, it typically takes around a year after submission before actual updates are available online.

While the OYW application is still in Canada, the application is still under the PA in Canada's UCI and G number. Once the OYW application is received by the Canadian visa office overseas the OYW dependent will be contacted (the trend seems to be predominately by email, but a physical letter in the mail is also possible), where they are then issued their unique UCI and G number.

At this point, using this new UCI/G

number, to check status updates should be possible (although not always). Typical messages are "correspondence submitted to you on X date" (which means that an email/letter has been sent to the applicants with notice of an interview date/medical appointment etc).

YOU ASKED...

Is it okay to submit the sponsorship with an expired Refugee Certificate card?

OUR RESPONSE...

The refugee status document has to be valid when the sponsorship application is submitted by a Group of Five.

In practice, we have seen applications returned to Groups of Five who have submitted applications with expired refugee



New Materials on the RSTP Website:

FAQ on 2017 Amendment to Age of Dependent Children:

http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/FAQ-on-Amendment-to-Age-of-Dependent-Children_May-2017.pdf

Fact Sheet on Refugee Status and Refugee Status Documents:

<http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Refugee-Status-Documents-Factsheet-Revised-May-2017.pdf>

Available JAS Cases:

Pregnant Congolese Single Woman with a Young Son

In-Canada

PROFILE #: 0154-04-17:

The PA is a Congolese women, who is single and in her last stage of pregnancy due at the end of May. She also has a young son. She can speak English and has experience working as Nutrition Assistant. The PA doesn't have any relatives in Canada, so she needs support to help her in her daily life and through her transition to new life in Canada. She also needs emotional support to help her deal with her traumatic past. The PA will benefit from the assistance of a sponsor during her resettlement. She will benefit physically, emotionally, and socially to be surround by trusted people to help her with her new life in the host community. She needs help with finding assistance for her son, as she prepares to give birth very soon. The family is currently residing in London, Ontario and they would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor in London or surrounding areas.

There will be 133 New BVOR Cases Available at RSTP Matching Database on Tuesday May 23rd at 1:00 Pm EST.

The profiles will be as follows :

- Majority are Syrians, with the second and third largest nationalities being Eritrean and Congolese
- There are some higher needs cases and some larger families as well

These profiles are open for SAHs, Community Sponsors and Groups of Fives

If you are interested in these profiles:

- ♦ login in to: cathcrosscultural.sharepoint.com/rstp
- ♦ use your username and password to login

If you are interested in these cases or have questions, contact our BVOR Worker:

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Upcoming Events

National SAH Conference

Theme: *Looking In, Out & Beyond...*

Date: May 28-31, 2017

Place: Edmonton, Alberta

Registrations are now closed!

Upcoming Events

CCR Spring Consultation

Theme: *Nurturing Diversity and Inclusion: Reflecting on the past to inspire the future*

Date: June 1-3, 2017

Venue: MacEwan University, City Centre Campus, Edmonton, AB

For more Information about and Online Registration Please Visit:

<http://ccrweb.ca/en/meetings>

Upcoming RSTP Workshops

Supporting Settlement and Integration

Date: Tuesday, May 23

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Venue: Fredericton, New Brunswick at St. Thomas University on 825 Montgomery St in the Brian Mulroney Hall (Room 105)

Description: The workshop is designed for both experienced sponsors, as well as sponsors new to private refugee sponsorship. Sponsors waiting for the arrival of the family they have sponsored, as well as sponsors nearing the end of their sponsorship period are invited to attend. Please feel very welcome to advertise widely to any sponsors you are in contact with that may be interested in attending.

The workshop will discuss the following themes of settlement and integration support:

- **Settlement challenges and best practices:**
- What are some approaches and tools to plan for the successful settlement support of sponsored newcomers?
- **Ethical practices for sponsoring groups:** How do power imbalances affect the relationship between sponsors and newcomers, and how can this be minimized?
- **Managing expectations:** What expectations do sponsors and newcomers have of each other, and how can expectations be managed to avoid potential conflict, and facilitate successful sponsorship?

Sponsors can register for the workshop by visiting the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/private-refugee-sponsorship-supporting-settlement-and-integration-registration-34658925780>



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