

Conference registration is now open:

National SAH Conference

May 26-28, 2014

Halifax, NS

We hope that you all have received conference registration details and registration forms that were sent out by e-mail. The 2014 National SAH Conference will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton in Halifax, NS.

We would like to ask you to return your completed registration forms to conference@rstp.ca by **April 6, 2014**.

BVOR CASES THAT NEED SPONSORS

VOR 012

The PA is a single 29 year old Eritrean male of Tigrinya ethnicity, currently residing in Egypt. Due to financial difficulties, he left school after completing Grade 10 and began working as a machine operator. The PA escaped forced military service but was eventually arrested and has been imprisoned on several different occasions. He fears returning to Eritrea where he will be persecuted for deserting the military.

VOR 013

The PA is a single 26 year old Eritrean male of Tigrinya ethnicity, currently residing in Egypt. He has experience farming and herding cattle. The PA fled forced conscription and suffered violence during his journey. He fears returning to Eritrea because he evaded military service, and fled the country illegally.

If you are interested in any of the above profiles or want to get more information, please contact Felisa Ponce via fponce@rstp.ca

Message from CIC regarding the new IFH documents

In November 2013 CIC started issuing IFH Certificate of Eligibility using a new case processing system. As a result, the new certificate did not have the applicant's photo and required a photo ID presented together with it (please click [here](#) for more details). In this regard, CIC NHQ has shared with us the following information:

"The new IFH documents generated in GCMS since November 2013 do not have a photo. The IFH document was, of course, never intended to be used as an identity document but we are certainly aware that it was being used for this purpose and was being accepted by various bodies (e.g., provincial health ministries, etc.).

As it stands, a resettled refugee may use the Single Journey Document for Resettlement to Canada as photo ID; [...] our procedure has changed and these no longer need to be returned to the Department.

As a temporary measure, and only if no other options exist, the local CICs can print out a secondary IFH document from FOSS (similar to a "re-print" document) and provide this to the refugee; this should only be used in exceptional circumstances (e.g., if a resettled refugee no longer had their Single Journey Document for Resettlement to Canada) or other photo ID and could not wait for the PR card). This will only be an interim measure, as FOSS is being decommissioned later in 2014."

News from the UNHCR

Refugee Research:

History, overview, trends and issues in major Somali refugee displacements in the near region

Last month UNHCR published a research paper that focuses on Somali refugee displacement. "...The paper overviews the nature, trends and issues in Somali refugee displacement in the near region while also touching on the pertinent aspects of Somali refugee displacement in other parts of Africa, the Gulf and further afield. It provides a brief overview of the history and evolution of the estimated 500,000 Somali refugees in Kenya, 250,000 in Ethiopia, 260,000 in Yemen, 20,000 in Djibouti and 20,500 in Uganda while including pertinent information on internal displacement."

To read the research paper, please click [here](#).

International Protection Considerations related to developments in Ukraine

In light of the recent events in Ukraine, UNHCR published its position regarding treatment of asylum claims of the individuals fleeing this country, both Ukrainian nationals and third country nationals).

The document can be found [here](#).

CCR Webinar:

Cessation: Refugees losing their right to remain in Canada

When: March 19, 2014, 2pm

This webinar will provide basic information about the legal changes, what is happening in practice and what legal strategies are being used to address this issue.

For more information, click [here](#).

Requirement to submit a Consent to Disclose and Collect Personal Information form (IMM 5729)

It has been brought to our attention that CPO-W is requesting some of you to submit a completed Consent to Disclose and Collect Personal Information form that may be missing from your application package. Since this form is no longer available online, we would like to let you know that you can request an electronic copy from the RSTP office.

Alternatively, we have been informed that SAHs can fill out and submit the new Undertaking to Sponsor form (IMM 5373) that includes **Section J - CONSENT/DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**. This undertaking will substitute for the missing Consent form.

Inquiries & Responses

You asked... I need help understanding the new generic application (IMM0008) – does a Principal Applicant's (or mother's) *National Identity Document number* also apply to her accompanying dependent children? Or do I list the children as having no national ID document? The children each have their own national passports.

Our response... When you complete the "dependants" part in the Generic Application, please include each dependant's passport information in the "passport" section. If they also have a national identity then please indicate that. If the children do not have their own identity documents, then please check off "no" where it asks "do you have a national identity document?"

If they are included in their mom's national identity document, then you could mention that either in the cover letter or you could also write it by hand on the form (right next to where you will have checked off "no") once you have printed it out.

You asked... Inquiry related to One Year Window of Opportunity: When the refugees sponsored under this category arrive, are the sponsors also financially responsible for them for one year? It has never come up and now there is the possibility of such a family arriving in the future.

Our response... Indeed, the sponsoring group is responsible for the following family members for one year after arrival. Please see below the corresponding part taken from the CIC material: **Guide to the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program**.

"It is not possible to sponsor only one member of a family unit. The sponsorship undertaking should name all immediate and dependent family members, whether they are accompanying the principal applicant to Canada or may follow later under the provisions of the One Year Window Program as described in section 2.11. The sponsoring group is obliged to provide support to all family members listed on the undertaking, regardless of the timing of their arrival in Canada. The sponsor is responsible for supporting the non-accompanying family members under the same terms as in the original settlement plan, unless the principal refugee applicant is now self-sufficient and able to provide adequately for his or her family members. De facto dependants should also be included in the sponsorship, but should be named on a separate undertaking as described in section 2.10."