

UNHCR – FAQs on Syrian Refugees in Turkey



UNHCR Ottawa has shared with us a recently published frequently asked questions on Syrian refugees in Turkey. The following are some of the questions addressed in the document:

- ✓ Where can Syrian refugees register?
- ✓ Why should I register with Turkish authorities?
- ✓ Can I obtain a residence permit?
- ✓ About registration in and placement to camps
- ✓ How and where are new-born children registered?
- ✓ What is the role of UNHCR Turkey in ensuring the protection of Syrian refugees?
- ✓ What assistance does UNHCR Turkey provide?
- ✓ Does UNHCR Turkey register Syrian refugees?
- ✓ Does UNHCR resettle Syrian refugees?

Please find **attached** the FAQ document. If you require more clarifications, please contact UNHCR Ottawa.

Amina Malko Fund for Refugee Participation

The Canadian Council for Refugees is accepting applications for funding to allow refugees to participate in its upcoming [Spring Consultation](#) in Winnipeg. If you know any refugees who can benefit from this opportunity, please encourage them to apply. The deadline is April 14, and go to this link below for more information: <http://ccrweb.ca/en/amina-malko-application>



The COA Quarterly Newsletters

The Canadian Orientation Abroad project has recently launched its new *COA Quarterly Newsletters*. Among other things, the *Newsletters* will feature stories from trainers abroad and partners in Canada and provide information about pre-arrival services to refugees. To subscribe, go to this [link](#).

UPCOMING EVENT

Free Workshop on Private Sponsorship of Syrian Refugees

Topics include:

- ✓ Ways of sponsoring refugees
- ✓ Legal requirements to sponsor refugees
- ✓ Sponsorship responsibilities and costs
- ✓ Completing refugee application forms & processing timelines
- ✓ Sponsorship of refugees from Turkey

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2015

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: Burnhamthorpe Library, Program Room,

3650 Dixie Road, Mississauga, ON

To register contact RSTP via

info@rstp.ca or call

416-290-1700 ext. 402

National SAH Conference

Date: May 24 - 26, 2015

Venue: Radisson Hotel Winnipeg Downtown, Winnipeg

Registration Deadline: April 13, 2015

To register, please send your completed registration form via fax (416.290.1710) or

e-mail (conference@rstp.ca)

AVAILABLE VOR CASES

VOR 012 – URGENCY HIGH

The PA is a single man of an Eritrean descent residing in Egypt. He has completed secondary school and has acquired experience as a farming, labourer and pharmacy technician. The PA fears for his safety should he return to his home country. He is seeking a better life and would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor during his resettlement in Canada.

Languages: Tigrinya

NOTE: *NOT travel ready (medicals pending). Will only be posted for 60 days due to high priority.*

VOR 013 - URGENCY: HIGH

PA is a 43 year old single refugee man from Eritrea. He is currently in Egypt and unwilling to return to his home country because the government authorities will arrest and possibly torture him for deserting the military.

Languages: Tigrinya, Tigre, Khasa, Xasa

NOTE: *NOT travel ready (medicals pending). Will only be posted for 60 days due to high priority.*

VOR 29

The PA is 35 year old Eritrean refugee currently in Egypt with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. He has extensive experience working as a psycho-social worker, and is fluent in English. The PA has been involved in several student protests and therefore fears persecution on account of his imputed political opinion. The PA would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor during his resettlement in Canada. The PA has a cousin in Calgary and wishes to be resettled there.

Languages: Tigrinya, Arabic, English

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INQUIRIES & RESPONSES

YOU ASKED... Many visa offices are currently now asking sponsors for completed Use of Representative Forms when sponsors contact them to update a file (e.g. Add a dependent, new contact info) or request follow-up. Why does the consent given by the PA in the Generic Form not suffice? If that is not so, Should this form be mandatory?

CIC RESPONSE... "Consent given by the PA in Schedule 2 allows information about refugee to be shared with the sponsoring group. The Use of Rep form serves a different purpose; it authorizes the sponsoring group to provide information on behalf of the refugee. A Use of Rep form does indeed need to be on file at the visa office in order for the sponsor to provide any updates to refugee circumstances (contact info; changes in family composition). The form is not needed to request follow-up on the case. "

YOU ASKED... We have received a couple of inquiries related to Schedule 2, Part C, number 14. Number 14 asks applicants to list "**non dependent children (18 years of age or older) who will not accompany you to Canada.**" The question here is what "**accompanying**" means.

CIC's RESPONSE... Applicants should list all non-dependent children who **will not arrive at the same time** as the parents, or perhaps will not arrive at all (for example, they are living in another country, they are missing, etc.)

Please note this does not refer to non-dependent children (over 19 years old) who are completing their **own separate undertaking**. These cases are "linked", and hopefully will **arrive in Canada together**.

YOU ASKED... We are considering to sponsor a refugee mother whose child is left behind in her country of origin. The child is now 16 years and he is going to turn over 19 by the time his mother's application is finalized. Can we still do an OYW given that the child will be over 19 years old then?

OUR RESPONSE... The age of dependent is considered at the time of submission. As long as the child is a dependent (under 19) when you submit the refugee sponsorship application for his mother, he will continue to be regarded so, even if he turns over 19 during the waiting period. In terms of processing, OYW applications are usually completed through paper screening and interview is not necessarily required. Having said that the visa office can use different means and require various documents such as a birth certificate, photos, an identity card, a baptism certificate (if applicable) and/ or other documents to verify the relationship between the mother and her child.