

RSTP Bulletin

Resettled Refugees in British Columbia

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A LOOK BACK

- Total Syrian Refugees Resettled from November 4, 2015 to June 30th, 2017 is **3,975**



British Columbia	2015	2016	January 2017 to June 2017
Government-Assisted Refugees (GARs)	1,135	2,395	425
Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSRs)	475	1055	560
Blended Visa Office Referred Refugees (BVORs)	120	645	90
Total Resettled Refugees	1,725	4,095	1,075

Source: IRCC

Support and Resources Available for Privately Sponsored Refugees in BC

HEALTH

- Where to Find a Family Doctor
- How to apply for Medical Services Plan (MSP) – available to refugees immediately upon arrival.
- Compilation of relevant resources for resettled refugees: Refugee Health

SETTLEMENT

- Welcome BC
- Newcomers' guide
- Services for Refugee & Immigrant Newcomer -
- Prepared by Refugee Readiness Hub

ROC-O UPDATE

ROC-O does not return physical or e-mailed copies of an application that has been refused.

It is now reflected on the PSR Application Guide for sponsors:



Do not submit original documents. Only submit photocopies. If your application is refused, approved or if you decide to withdraw your application, **it will not be returned to you.** Be advised that IRCC reserves the right to require official documentation to support any aspect of your sponsorship application.

For more Information refer to the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Application Guide (IMM 5413):

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/guides/5413ETOC.asp>

EDUCATION

- For Credential Evaluation
- Information on Language Instruction of Newcomers to Canada (LINC) Program
- Adult Education (Vancouver School Board)
- Ministry of Education: Grades K-12 Curriculum
- Ministry of Education: Resources Related to School Safety
- Education Planner of BC – help Newcomers make informed decision about education and career options

EMPLOYMENT

- Immigrant Employment Council of BC
- Work BC Employment Services Centres
- BC JobConnect - A customized online tool connecting job-ready newcomers to BC employers

Also, check out RSTP's webinar series on planning for the transition to Month 13 for sponsors in British Columbia focusing on **BC Employment and Assistance Program**

Available In Canada JAS Profiles:

JAS 0568-07-17

Iraqi single mother of two daughters (3 and 14 years old)

The PA feels depressed and keeps thinking of her missing husband and daughter. She needs psychological support as a result of trauma and violence she endured. The eldest daughter will need help doing her homework at least four hours a week. They also need emotional support to help them deal with their traumatic past. The PA and her family would benefit from the assistance of a sponsor during their resettlement. They need someone to teach them about their new lifestyle, help them settle in, and teach them how to interact with other people. They will benefit physically, emotionally and socially to be surrounded by trusted people who will help them with their new life in the host community. With the assistance of a sponsor, the family would feel more secure and safe, and have a friendlier environment to live in.

The family currently resides in London ON and would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor. A 24-month

JAS period is recommended. If the client needs additional help beyond this period, a new assessment may be considered.

JAS 0153-04-17

The PA is a 32-year-old single mother (Country of Origin: Iraq) with 8 young children aged 1 to 12 years old. The family was separated due to violence in their region. They could be helped by additional support during their transition to a healthy and successful resettlement. The PA would benefit from the positive influence of a sponsor to help them through this major life transition. Extra emotional, physical and social



supports would help the family feel more secure and safe, allowing them to better heal and thrive during their resettlement in London, ON.

JAS 0154-04-17

The PA (Country of Origin: Iraq), is a 32-year-old single mother of 3 young children aged 3 to 12. Her husband worked in construction. They had a good life until the family was separated due to violence in their region. The PA would benefit from additional support to help her family integrate into Canadian life, including providing basic knowledge and necessities. Sponsor support would benefit the family physically, emotionally and socially. Direct support and a sponsor's positive influence would help them through this major life transition, and help them feel more secure and safe during their resettlement in London, ON.

In addition to these in Canada JAS cases we also have 9 Other Yazidi survivors of Daesh In Canada JAS Cases in London, Ontario. If you are interested, please contact the BVOR worker for the case summaries and extended profiles.

JAS 0596-08-17

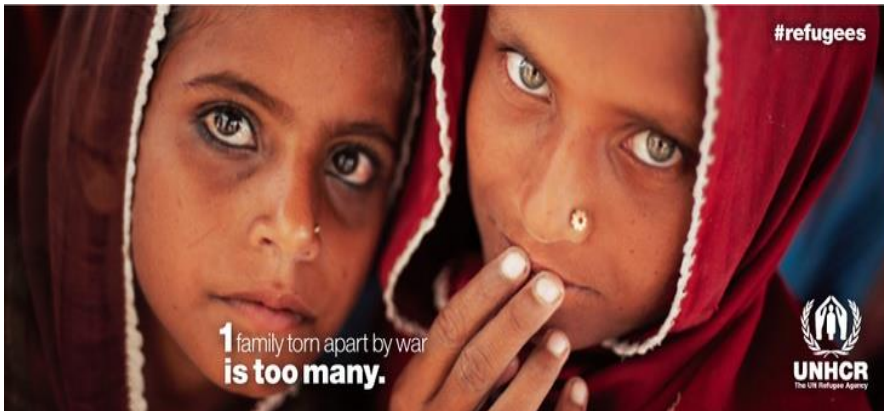
In this In-Canada JAS case, the PA is a 55-year-old Syrian male accompanied by his 55-year-old spouse. They have two sons, one of whom is a former refugee and now a permanent resident settled in Toronto. The PA lives with disabilities caused by improper medical care. He depends on his wife who cares for him and manages the home. She also has medical problems. Both the PA and his spouse are

undergoing further medical tests. They have difficulty scheduling their appointments due to the language barrier. The PA's disability and his spouse's commitment to supporting him mean they rarely leave home other than for medical appointments or to buy groceries. This has delayed her ability to learn English and to manage scheduling and other activities (such as banking) on her own. The family would benefit from additional support including financial/non-financial orientation and in-home additional support services (life skills such as how to deal with emergencies in their building, when to call 911, information about banking, how to use public transportation, accessing OHIP/ IFH, and using a computer). As well, they would benefit from knowing where to receive and obtain assistance from other settlement services in their language. Such support will enhance the family's ability to settle in Canada without further difficulties. They would benefit from sponsor support in Toronto.

JAS 0595-08-17

In-Canada JAS case of a Syrian family with young children living in Toronto

In this In-Canada JAS case the PA is a 41-year-old Syrian male accompanied by his spouse and 6 children (ages 4 to 17). Three of their children have developmental disabilities and are awaiting more specific diagnoses. The PA and his spouse speak only a little bit of English. They would like to attend language classes, but this has been impossible due to the demands of caring for their children. The same is true of finding work. The family would greatly benefit from additional supports, including help with managing their mail and scheduling appointments, help applying to various private funding organizations for children with disabilities, and finding childcare. As well, they would benefit from a sponsor who could provide assistance in navigating the financial and emotional challenges of living in a new country. Help with education, attending medical appointments and life skills coaching would enhance the family's ability to settle in Canada without further difficulties. The family currently lives in Toronto, ON and they would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor. A twenty-four month JAS period is recommended. If the client requires additional help beyond this period, a new assessment may be considered.



For more information on the BVOR Program and to get information on these JAS profiles, please click this link: http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Blended-BVOR-FAQ_2017-1-1.pdf or contact our Refugee Resettlement Project Worker at: bvor@rstp.ca

UPCOMING RSTP WEBINAR

Information on Blended Visa Office Referred (BVOR) Program And The Eritrean Refugees

Date: September 7, 2017

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM EST.

Tereza Hadzic resettlement associate with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) will join the webinar to provide:

- A brief description of the profiles of Eritrean refugees, including those identified for resettlement by UNHCR;
- Discussion on the prospects of durable solutions, including resettlement, for Eritrean refugees

BVOR Worker) will provide:

- An explanation of how sponsors can help resettle these refugees through the BVOR program.

To register for this webinar, please visit the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2166352751989354499>

UPCOMING RSTP WORKSHOPS

Ontario

Sponsoring Refugees as a Group of Five – Overview, Requirements and Forms

Date: September 8, 2017,

Time: 5:45 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS),
55 Town Centre Court, Suite 401, Toronto, ON
M1P 4X4

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

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sponsoring-refugees-as-a-group-of-five-private-sponsorship-of-refugees-psr-tickets-36412527851>

Nova Scotia

Supporting Settlement and Integration

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm ADT (refreshments provided)

Location: Maggie's Place (upstairs boardroom),
1027 Prince Street, Truro, NS B2N 1H7

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

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/private-refugee-sponsorship-supporting-settlement-and-integration-tickets-36897130310>

INQUIRIES...

You Asked

How can I sponsor unaccompanied/separated minors?

We Answered

There are two ways to sponsoring separated minors ("de facto dependants, consanguineous minors, or separated minors in exceptional circumstances where resettlement to Canada is in their best interest"):

- 1) The child is a de facto dependant of another adult under the same application.** This could be a child without parents who is being looked after by an aunt, uncle or another adult relative, such as an older sibling who is caring for a minor sibling. Where the parents are still alive, consent of the formal guardian or parent needs to be established. The best interests of the child are foremost if it involves being cared for by an older sibling and resettled in Canada rather than being reunited with their parents.
- 2) The child has close blood relatives in Canada who are willing to act as their legal guardian here.** This is generally only if resettlement in Canada is determined to be in the best interests of the refugee child. Sponsoring orphans or other categories of unaccompanied children is currently not permitted.

See the **OP5 manual**, page 128 onwards:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/resources/manuals/op/op05-eng.pdf>

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