

RSTP BULLETIN

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Highlights from recently published RSTP materials

RSTP has recently published and distributed two essential resource materials: **Sponsorship Disputes & Breakdowns** and **The Rights of Privately Sponsored Refugees**. The latter has also been translated into Arabic while the former document is only available in English. Listed below are some key points addressed in these two documents:

THE RIGHTS OF PRIVATELY SPONSORED REFUGEES

- Who are private sponsors?
- How long is your sponsorship period?
- What should you receive from your sponsors?
- What are your settlement responsibilities?
- What happens if you choose to move to a different city in Canada?
- What are sponsors not allowed to do?
- What should you do if you are not receiving enough support from your sponsors?
- What should you do if you are being mistreated, exploited or abused?
- What will happen to you if you report your concerns to IRCC?
- What are your rights?

You can download the document from the following links:

English version - <http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/RSTP-Rights-of-PSRs-National-Updated-Nov.-4-2016.pdf>

Arabic version - <http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Final-Rights-of-PSRs-Oct-14-2016-generic Arabic rev final.pdf>

SPONSORSHIP DISPUTES & BREAKDOWNS

- What is a sponsorship dispute?
- What is a sponsorship breakdown?
- What is a sponsorship default?
- Why do sponsorship breakdowns occur?
- What should be done if there is a sponsorship dispute or breakdown?
- What are the consequences of sponsorship breakdowns for newcomers?
- What are the consequences of sponsorship breakdowns for newcomers?
- How can sponsorship disputes, breakdowns, and defaults be avoided?
- Where can I find more information and support?

Go to this link below to access the document:

<http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Sponsorship-Breakdown->

Government of Turkey No- Readmission Policy
RSTP has been informed anecdotally that Syrian nationals cannot apply for a Turkish visa online, and instead have to physically go to Ottawa and present themselves at the Embassy. However, this is yet to be confirmed.

Are you waiting for BVOR Syrian refugees? There are available Syrian Family Links Cases.

Profile # 475

Summary: This is a family of four; the principal applicant (53 year old) , his spouse (48), his son (19) and his daughter (17)

Country of Asylum: Lebanon

Education: Post-secondary

Professional experience: Accountant

Relatives in Canada: Son

Type of vulnerability: Medical needs (fractured vertebrae due to car accident)

Support offered by relative in Canada upon refugee's arrival: Translation, social and emotional support

Profile # 1239

Summary: Primary applicant is a 41 year old lady with 3 other family members. They live in the refugee camp.

Country of Asylum: Jordan

Education: Elementary education

Professional experience: None

Relatives in Canada: Sister

Support offered by relative in Canada upon refugee's arrival: Translation, Social, Settlement support

Profile # 1058

Summary: PA is a 25 year old father caring for his 18 year old wife and 1 year old son

Country of asylum: Jordan – Refugee camp

Education: N/A

Professional experience: Information Technology

Relatives in Canada: Brother living in St. John's, NL

Support offered by relative in Canada upon refugee's arrival: Translation & Social Support

Profile # 1901

Summary: PA is a 39 year old single mother caring for her daughter of 8 year old

Country of Asylum: Jordan

Education: Elementary

Professional experience: None

Relatives in Canada: Sister living in Fredericton, NB

Support offered by relative in Canada upon refugee's arrival: Social & Settlement Support

Profile # 1902

Summary: PA is a 68 year old mother living with her 24 year old daughter who has compressed spinal discs and no means for treatment

Country of Asylum: Jordan

Education: None

Professional experience: None

Relatives in Canada: Daughter in Fredericton, NB

Support offered by relative in Canada upon refugee's arrival: Social & Settlement Support

Profile # 1294

Summary: Primary applicant is a 42 year old lady with 2 other family members. They live in the refugee camp.

Country of Asylum: Jordan

Education: Elementary education

Professional experience: None

Relatives in Canada: Sister

Support offered by relative in Canada upon refugee's arrival: Translation, Social & Settlement support

If you are interested in these or other families, contact the FLI team via fli@rstp.ca or 416-290-1700 ext. 408.

UPCOMING RSTP TRAINING

WEBINARS

Planning for the Month 13: Nova Scotia Income Assistance

As part of RSTP's webinar series on planning for the transition to Month 13, we would like to invite private refugee sponsors in Nova Scotia to join us for a webinar presentation that will focus on the Nova Scotia's Income Assistance program. Guest presenters from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services will talk about eligibility criteria, application process, and responsibilities of applicants once on income assistance. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session with our guest presenters. Interested participants are encouraged to submit their questions ahead of time to our Atlantic Trainer, Laura Hambleton (lhambleton@rstp.ca) who will pass the questions along to the guest presenters.

Date: Monday, December 19, 2016

Time: 5:30-7:00pm (AST)

Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5301200035111860228>

Planning for the Month 13: New Brunswick Social Assistance

As part of RSTP's webinar series on planning for the transition to Month 13, we would like to invite private refugee sponsors in New Brunswick to join us for a webinar presentation that will focus on New Brunswick's Social Assistance program. Guest presenter, Sacha Hamming, Settlement Counselor with the Y of Greater Saint John, will talk about eligibility criteria, application process, and responsibilities of applicants once on social assistance. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session with our guest presenter. Interested participants are encouraged to submit their questions ahead of time to our Atlantic Trainer, Laura Hambleton (lhambleton@rstp.ca) who will pass the questions along to the guest presenter.

Date: Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Time: 11:00-12:00am (AST)

Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7516207990708060676>

WORKSHOPS

The RSTP is conducting a workshop and facilitating a discussion group on Month 13 Planning for private sponsoring groups in Toronto.

Private sponsors will learn about:

- when to start preparing newcomers for Month 13, the role of sponsors during the "transition period", including important tasks to consider the post-sponsorship relationship.
- Private sponsors will also be given the opportunity to share their own experiences, challenges, and ideas about Month 13 planning.

Private sponsors may attend one of the following workshops/discussion groups:

Date: Tuesday, January 10

Time: 5:45 – 8:00 PM (EST)

PLACE: Northern District Library
40 Orchard View Boulevard,
Toronto (Yonge St. & Eglinton
Ave)

OR

Date: Tuesday, January 17

Time: 5:45 – 8:00 PM

Place: Danforth/Coxwell
Library. 1675 Danforth
Avenue, Toronto

Please make sure to [register here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/month-13-planning-workshop-and-discussion-group-tickets-29798459996), as space is limited: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/month-13-planning-workshop-and-discussion-group-tickets-29798459996>