

RSTP Bulletin



RSTP is receiving an exceptionally high volume of inquiries (as we are certain all of you are too) and we are trying our best to respond to these inquiries as fast as possible. We appreciate everyone's patience!

Announcements

1. CIC has provided the following procedural clarifications for **Group of Five and Community Sponsor** categories:
 - Older versions of CIC forms will be accepted
 - Applications with unsuitable or missing photographs will not be returned, but direct follow-up will be done with group representative.
 - Scanned signatures now accepted for refugee applicant forms,. CPO-W will follow up directly if any signatures are missing,
 - In the case of applications with missing or inadequate information, CPO-W will work directly with sponsors by phone or email to fully complete the application.
2. RSTP has been holding regular webinars on an Overview of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. A recording of this webinar is available in our Video Library: <http://www.rstp.ca/en/resources/videos/>

Due to increased interest and recent procedural changes to Group of Five (and Community Sponsor) categories, RSTP is hosting the following webinar:

Title: Group of Five Refugee Sponsorship
Date: **November 4, 2015**
Time: **6:00p.m. – 7:30p.m.** (EDT, Eastern Daylight Time)
To register, click here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6359022569992781057>

3. Reminder: all BVOR-related inquiries and case concerns should now be directed to the new general email bvor@rstp.ca.

Available BVOR cases

Please share with your CGs.

BVOR 283

The PA is a single man from Congo, currently in South Africa. He has 8 years of informal education. He has experience working as an electrician and delivery boy. He speaks English well. The PA fled his home country because of the armed conflict and well-founded fear of persecution on account of his political opinions. The PA will benefit from some mentorship as part of settlement support.

URGENT CASE
Travel ready.

BVOR 321

The PA is a married man with 5 children currently in Ethiopia. He has 10 years of formal education and experience working as a construction worker. He cannot return to his home country for fear of illegally leaving Eritrea and deserting military service. The family would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor.

NOT Travel ready.

Questions & Answers



YOU ASKED... We are sending in Add Dependant form to CIC (IMM 5618) for an application that is at the visa office, is that the correct procedure?

OUR REPLY... No, in Summer 2015, the IMM 5618 form was phased out. Now sponsors wish to Add a Dependent, must submit a revised Undertaking and Generic forms, along with other applicable forms (depending on the type of Dependent being added) to C-POW.

An Information Sheet with details is [available here](#)

UNDERTAKING / APPLICATION TO SPONSOR UNDERTAKING TO SPONSOR CONVENTION REFUGEES ABROAD AND HUMANITARIAN-PROTECTED PERSONS ABROAD

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Check the appropriate boxes below. I am / We are:

☐ A Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) or Constituent Group (CG) ☐ A Group of Five (G5) ☐ A Community Sponsor (CS)

☐ Check this box for a visa office referred sponsorship ▶ Profile no.: _____

☐ **Check this box if you are adding a dependant ▶** UCI or G # of Principal Applicant: _____

Available BVOR Cases (Cont)

BVOR 249

The PA is a single man of Tigrinya descent currently in Kenya. He has 11 years of formal education and is fluent in English. The PA has extensive experience working as a construction worker. He cannot return to his home country because he is afraid he will be attacked and harmed by the authorities due to his ethnicity and religion. He would appreciate any additional support during his resettlement.

Travel ready.

Reminder: As new Syrian BVOR cases are received, they will be sent out on the SAH list. These cases will NOT be travel ready because they are all "pre-selection decision" cases. It is expected interviews will be completed within 30 days of referral date.

For more information on these cases and others, please contact:
bvor@rstp.ca

Upcoming Events

Canadian Council for Refugees Fall Consultation
26-28 November 2015
Hamilton, Ontario
To register, visit: ccrweb.ca/meetings
Early bird price ends November 6, 2015.

Snapshot: Refugee Sponsorship in the News

['It's like a dream': Syrian refugees arrive in Montreal](#) (CTV News, Oct. 28, 2015)

[Sudbury residents invited to learn more about sponsoring refugees](#) (CBC News, Oct 27, 2015)

['Would Canada take us?' The cry from Germany's refugee shelters](#) (Nahlah Ayad, CBC News, Oct 24, 2015)

[How Canada resettles refugees — after a lengthy process](#) (CBC News, Oct 14, 2015)

[Ottawa's lack of transparency leaves refugee sponsors in dark](#) (Globe & Mail, Oct 11, 2015)

[Sponsoring Syrian refugees easier said than done, Calgary group finds](#) (Judy Aldous, CBC, Oct 8, 2015)