

RSTP Bulletin

January 26, 2018

Resettled Refugees in Nova Scotia

A LOOK BACK

- Total Syrian refugees resettled in NS from November, 2015 to June 30th, 2017: **1,460**



Population: **923,598**
(Statistics Canada - 2016)

Nova Scotia	2015	2016	January 2017 to June 2017
Government-Assisted Refugees (GARs)	250	890	175
Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSRs)	40	230	150
Blended Visa Office Referred Refugees (BVORs)	50	270	25
Total Resettled Refugees	340	1,390	350

Source: [IRCC](#)

Support & Resources Available for Privately Sponsored Refugees in NS

HEALTH

[Medical Services Insurance \(MSI\)/ Health Card](#)

- Provides basic health care coverage

[Nova Scotia Pharmacare Program](#)

- Provincial drug plan available to all Nova Scotians with a NS Health Card to help with the cost of prescription drugs.
- Eligibility based on family income and family size.
- Participants pay portion of cost of prescriptions and aids/devices.

[Newcomer Health Clinic \(Halifax\)](#)

- Provides preventative health and primary medical services for GARs, BVORs, PSRs and refugee claimants in the greater Halifax area.

EMPLOYMENT

[HRM:](#)

[Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia](#)

- Employment Training and Support
- Working in your field -Regulated Profession Specific Bridging Programs

[YMCA](#)

- Career counselling, job search services and resources

[Outside HRM](#)

- [Nova Scotia Works](#)

[Nova Scotia jobs](#) - search engine for jobs across the province

[YMCA](#)

SETTLEMENT

Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM): [Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia](#)

[Outside HRM:](#)

[YMCA's YREACH program](#) - covers 9 regions of rural Nova Scotia

[New Dawn Centre for Social Innovation/Cape Breton Island Centre for Immigration](#)

Sohaila Abdo: Settlement Counsellor, Cape Breton Island Centre for Immigration, sohaila@newdawn.ca
902-270-5772 ext. 235

Nadine Parusch Settlement Counsellor, Cape Breton Island Centre for Immigration nadine@newdawn.ca
902-270-5772 ext. 234

[Resources for Francophone immigrants](#)

- [Le Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse \(CDENÉ\)](#)
- [L'Université Sainte-Anne](#)
- [The Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse \(FANE\)](#)

EDUCATION

- [Language Assessment Services](#)
- [Learn English](#)
- [English for Academic Purposes](#)

[Outside HRM](#)

- [Language Services](#)

Reminder

The deadline to request to process children aged 19 to 21 as dependents through the temporary public policy is **January 31, 2018**

Forward Glance: IRCC's 3-Year Immigration Level Plan

As of December 2017, there are roughly **41,000** refugee applications waiting to be processed by IRCC.

The immigration Level plan is the projected number of refugees expected to arrive in Canada through different streams of refugee sponsorship per year.

Targets for 2018-2020			
Immigration category	2018 - Target	2019 - Target	2020 - Target
Government Assisted	7,500	8,500	10,000
Blended Visa Office Referred	1,500	1,650	1,700
Privately Sponsored	18,000	19,000	20,000

The Sponsorship Agreement Holder's (SAH's) allocations or caps are the number of refugees SAHs are collectively allowed to sponsor per each year.

SAH CAPS for 2018-2020		
2018	2019	2020
8,500	8,500	14,500

INQUIRIES

You Asked

We are sponsoring a family under a PSR application in Israel. They are facing problems with the Israeli authorities. What actions can we take?

We Answer

According to IRCC, if anyone with PSR applications facing problems with the Israeli authorities, they can report this to the IRCC office in Tel Aviv, during public hours. The embassy cannot offer protection services, but note that UNHCR has an office on Hahashmonaim Street in Tel Aviv. IRCC also advise sponsors to contact the IRCC Tel Aviv office with this information at the following email address: TAVIV-Immigration@international.gc.ca

Available BVOR Profiles

We have **49 available** BVOR cases in the RSTP matching database.

These profiles include:

- Syrian, Eritrean, Congolese, Ethiopian, Iraqi and Somalian cases
- Very few larger families
- Women at risk
- More than half of the cases do not have a preferred destination
- Most of the cases have medium to no medical/resettlement needs



© Alexander Koerner-Getty Images

If you are interested, log in to the RSTP matching database with your username and password:
cathcrosscultural.sharepoint.com/rstp

Some of the Available BVOR Cases are:

BVOR PROFILE #: 0769-12-17

Additional information: Family in Calgary, AB

The applicant is a Pakistani national living outside his country of origin. He fled Pakistan due to threats and violence based on his religious affiliation. Some members of his family have already resettled in Canada.

BVOR PROFILE #: 0817-12-17

Additional Information: Prefer settlement in Edmonton, AB near friends

Large Congolese family of 10, including eight children. The PA speaks French and has experience as a pastor. They cannot return to their home country as they fear for their safety and would benefit from the additional support of a sponsor.

BVOR PROFILE #: 0829-12-17

Additional Information: No preferred destination.

A Syrian family of seven, five of them children. The PA, a 36-year-old married man, has 12 years of formal education, and experience in farming and construction. He cannot return to his home country as he fears for his safety and persecution based on ongoing ethnic conflicts. The family would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor.

BVOR PROFILE #: 0830-12-17

Additional Information: Whitby, ON

The PA, a 69-year-old Iraqi married man, has eight years of formal education, and experience working as a sales representative. He and his spouse cannot return to their home country as they fear persecution based on their religious belief and imputed political opinion. They should be resettled near the PA's daughter in Whitby, ON.

BVOR PROFILE #: 0796-12-17

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Prefer to be located near sister-in-law in Vancouver, BC

Eritrean family of four with two small children. The PA has experience working as a taxi driver. Both the PA and his spouse speak and read English well. This family cannot return to their home country as they fear for their safety and would benefit from the support of a sponsor.

BVOR PROFILE #: 0816-12-17

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Preferred destination: Hamilton/GTA near mother

Somalian family of six, including four children. The PA speaks little English, while the spouse and children speak English relatively well. The family would benefit from settling near the PA's mother, who was resettled in Hamilton, ON. This family cannot return to their home country as they fear for their safety. They would appreciate the support of a sponsor.

Available JAS Profiles In-Canada JAS

Please Note: JAS cases can only be sponsored by SAHs

We have 19 In-Canada Yazidi /victims of Daesh cases looking for sponsors!

The family are survivors of trauma and violence. The head of family has been unable to work following a stroke.

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



© Alexander Koerner-Getty Images

Upcoming RSTP Workshops & Webinars

RSTP Workshops

Nova Scotia

Private Refugee Sponsorship workshop: Supporting Settlement and Integration

Date: Sunday January 28, 2018 (Storm date: Sunday February 4, 2018)

Time: 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: Berwick United Church, 240 Commercial St, Berwick, NS

Register by: Contacting RSTP Atlantic Trainer Laura Hambleton at lhambleton@rstp.ca

Ontario

Overview of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program

Date: Friday February 9, 2018

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (EST)

Location: Guelph Immigrant Services 104 Dawson Rd, Guelph, ON

Register by: Contacting sbangura@rstp.ca (Said Bangura), RSTP Trainer.

Alberta

Sponsoring Refugees as a Group of Five

Date: Wednesday February 7, 2018

Time: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm MST

Location: Calgary Central Library, 616 MacLeod Trail SE, Calgary, Alberta

Register by clicking the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sponsoring-refugees-as-a-group-of-five-or-community-sponsor-tickets-42210204859>

Webinars

The SAH Agreement: Responsibilities, Guidelines and Considerations

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST

Description:

This webinar is for new and experienced Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs). (**For SAHs ONLY!**) It will provide an overview of the structure of the current SAH agreement.

Topics will include:

- Responsibilities of SAHs and IRCC;
- New descriptions of sponsorship breakdown, default, probation and remediation;
- Financial guidelines; and
- Monitoring expectations.

Register by clicking the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6122729843601913859>

Please visit:

<http://www.rstp.ca/en/training/> for more information on upcoming trainings, workshops & webinars!

Introduction to the Private Sponsorship of Refugees

Winter 2018 E-Training Course is Now Open!

- The course will begin next week on **Monday, January 29th, 2018.**
- Please email etraining@rstp.ca to request to register

CONTACT US VIA:



Refugee
Sponsorship
Training
Program



CCS
Catholic Crosscultural Services

Funded by:

Financé par :



Immigration, Refugees
and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés
et Citoyenneté Canada