



RSTP BULLETIN

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Important Information and Reminders

When a Co-Sponsor Relocates

As a reminder, IRCC (the responsible visa office) should be advised if one of your co-sponsors relocates and the community of destination changes as a result. IRCC has seen a number of cases where the refugee had to be re-destined after the NAT had been provided when they learned that the co-sponsor had moved since the sponsorship undertaking was initially approved. As a SAH, you must also make sure that residency requirements continue to be met if the co-sponsor relocates. The SAH or CG/co-sponsor (whoever is providing settlement support) must reside in the community of settlement in order to fulfill their commitment as a sponsoring group.

Government of Lebanon No Readmission Policy

UNHCR has verified that the Government of Lebanon has a no readmission policy. This means that all cases that have left Lebanon for resettlement in Canada would have been given a re-entry ban upon departure from Lebanon.

Issuing of IFHP at the Port of Entry

We have received confirmation from IRCC that effective April 11, 2016, IFHP coverage for all resettled refugees is **issued by the CBSA at the Port of Entry upon arrival.**

In some cases where the IFH Certificate cannot be printed at a Port of Entry, IFHP coverage should be issued by an IRCC officer shortly after arrival.

Outdated Forms and Grace Periods

While we shared this information over the SAH list on May 26th, we want to share in the RSTP Bulletin also IRCC's message about outdated versions of forms and the grace period in which outdated versions will still be accepted and processed. Note that this information refers to **ALL forms and applies only to SAHs.**

"This is to inform you that the grace period for acceptance of outdated versions of forms submitted by SAHs to CPO-W has been extended to July 31st, 2016. During this grace period, CPO-W will continue to accept and process outdated forms, but will advise SAHs submitting these older versions that new versions are available and should be used in subsequent submissions. **Older form versions submitted after July 31st, 2016 will be returned unprocessed.** In cases where information required for processing is missing from the older form version submitted, CPO-W will contact the SAH by email. Prompt responses to these enquiries will help avoid delays in processing.

A 6-month grace period will apply to all future forms updates unless otherwise stated."

World Refugee Day

On **World Refugee Day**, held every year on June 20th, the day is marked as one to commemorate the strength, courage and perseverance of refugees. Events will be taking place across Canada in recognition of the day.

For further information and a listing of events across the country, [please click here](#) to go to the the UNHCR Canada page.



Training and Information Sessions

1) Public Information Session and Free Legal Clinic on Refugee Sponsorship

Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 (6:00 -9:00 PM PDT)

Place: MOSAIC, 1720 Grant Street, Vancouver

For further information, please see:
www.refugeessp.ca.

2) Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program: Supporting Settlement and Integration

Date: Saturday, June 25, 2016 (10:00 - 3:00 PM PDT)

Place: Duncan, British Columbia (Venue is TBA)

Please RSVP by June 14, 2016 by email to epak@rstp.ca or phone 604-254-9626 ext. 517.

RSTP E-training Course

E-Training - Introduction to Private Sponsorship - Starting Monday, June 20th

If any of your co-sponsors or CG members would like to be involved in the next Introduction to Private Refugee Sponsorship e-training course, which will begin on Monday, June 20th, there are a limited number of spots remaining. Please have them email etraining@rstp.ca to receive an email inviting them to register no later than Friday, June 17th.

Webinars

1) Family Links Initiative Webinar (For Potential Sponsors):

Date: Thursday, June 30, 2016 (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT)

The webinar is intended to provide an overview of the program and the profiles of the families registered with us (non-identifying information will be provided).

[Please click here](#) to register in advance and get the access information for the webinar.

2) Overview of Group of Five Sponsorship

Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 (6:00 PM EDT)

In this webinar, we will provide information on the necessary forms, the in-Canada processing of G5 applications and common reasons for returns/rejections. This is a great opportunity for those considering sponsoring through a Group of Five or those who have recently begun the process to engage with an RSTP Trainer.

[Please click here](#) to register in advance and get the access information for the webinar.

3) Becoming a Community Sponsor

Date: Thursday June 23, 2016, 1:00pm EDT (10:00 am PDT)

This webinar will cover the application forms, processes, timelines, documentation required by both sponsoring group and refugee applicants, as well as the process of identifying or having a refugee profile referred to the sponsoring group.

[Please click here](#) to register in advance and get the access information for the webinar.