

RSTP Bulletin

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Resettled Refugees in Newfoundland and Labrador

A LOOK BACK

- Total Syrian refugees resettled in NL from November, 2015 to June 30th, 2017: **410**



Population: **519,716**
(Statistics Canada - 2016)

Newfoundland and Labrador	2015	2016	January 2017 to June 2017
Government-Assisted Refugees (GARs)	275	190	130
Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSRs)	0	55	35
Blended Visa Office Referred Refugees (BVORs)	15	80	20
Total Resettled Refugees	290	325	185

Source: **IRCC**

Support & Resources Available for Privately Sponsored Refugees in NL

SETTLEMENT

Association for New Canadians (St. John's) provides settlement and integration support to the province's newcomers. The main office in St. John's now has new satellite offices that will also provide integration support, including support to private refugee sponsorship groups and assistance during the one-year settlement period.

- **Corner Brook (on-site ESL training available)**
Phone: (709) 634-2656
Email: kwalsh@ancnl.ca
- **Happy Valley-Goose Bay**
Phone: (709) 896-8787
Email: akeats@ancnl.ca
- **Grand Falls-Windsor**
Phone: (709) 489-0235
Email: cparsons@ancnl.ca
- **Labrador City**
Phone: (709) 944-7775
Email: jmoyles@ancnl.ca

Refugee and Immigrant Advisory Council offers services and information for all newcomers to Newfoundland and Labrador, including ESL programs.

HEALTH

Provincial health plan: Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Care Plan (MCP)

Includes:

- Visits to a physician's office and hospital
- Surgical, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures
- Pre- and post-operative care
- Maternity care
- Radiology services
- Medically necessary surgical-dental procedures

The specific procedures and services covered under the Medical Care Plan are listed in the **Medical Care Plan (MCP) Medical Payment Schedule (2013)**

Contact: Avalon Region

Toll-Free: (866) 449-4459
Tel: (709) 758-1500

All Other Areas, Including Labrador

Toll-Free: (800) 563-1557
Tel: (709) 292-4027

Prescription Drug Coverage: Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program (NLPDP)

Support & Resources Available for PSRs in NL Continues...

EDUCATION

Language

Onsite ESL (including LINC classes) at ANC NL in St. John's and Corner Brook office

ANC NL also offers:

- Outreach Tutor Program
- Itinerant Program (Weekly tutoring sessions)
- LINC Home Study (Distance)
- ESL Evening Classes

Refugee and Immigrant Advisory Council
Conversation classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels: www.riac.ca

College of the North Atlantic
ESL programs are offered at five levels:
www.cna.nl.ca/international-students

Memorial University
Intensive 12 week classes, 5-week summer classes, and custom-designed courses possible for groups:
www.mun.ca/esl

Eastern School District (ESDNL) K-12
Students are placed in regular classes and supported by English as a Second Language tutors:
www.esdnl.ca/programs/englishlanguagelearners/

EMPLOYMENT

Association for New Canadians (St. John's) and ANC **satellite office**: <http://ancnl.ca/>

ANC (St. John's) offers the following employment support programs:

- **Pre-employment services:**
http://ancnl.ca/?Content=Employment_Services/Pre-Employment_Readiness_Training
- **Bridge to Work programs:**
http://ancnl.ca/?Content=Employment_Services/Bridge-to-Work
- **Accreditation and post-secondary support:**
http://ancnl.ca/?Content=Employment_Services/Additional_Services

Resources for Francophone immigrants

[Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador \(FFTNL\)](http://www.fftntl.org/)



IRCC UPDATE

IRCC has renewed a cost-sharing agreement with Rainbow Refugee Society until March 31, 2020 to support refugees sponsored under the Rainbow Refugee Assistance Pilot. The goal of the pilot is to increase awareness of the unique needs of LGBTQ2 refugees and to strengthen overall sponsorship of this vulnerable group.

[Read more](#)

Income Tax

Canadian tax is collected every year, by three different levels of government: Federal, provincial or territorial, and municipal.

Why File Income Tax

It is important that everyone, including resettled refugees, file taxes to report all income earned, both inside and outside Canada, for the part of the year they were a resident of Canada. Even if the resettled family does not have income in the year, the information provided will be used to calculate federal benefits, credits and any related provincial and territorial programs that the individual or family may be eligible for.

Monthly Income Support

The financial support provided through the government funded Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) and the monthly income support provided by the sponsors are generally considered gifts. These monthly amounts are given voluntarily and are not exchanged for any service, property, or obligation, therefore they are not taxable.



See paragraphs 1.3 to 1.5 of Folio S3-F9-C1, Lottery Winnings, Miscellaneous Receipts, and Income (and Losses) from Crime: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/tchnl/ncmtx/fls/s3/f9/s3-f9-c1-eng.html#N10244>

Filing a Tax Return

Different forms are used in different provinces and territories. Use the form for the province or territory the newcomers live in. File online or complete the form and mail it to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA):

- Visit cra.gc.ca/GetReady for all the information you need to help you file online
- OR
- Send your completed form by mail – addresses can be found at cra.gc.ca/taxcentre

Documents Needed

- [Social Insurance Number \(SIN\)](#)
- [Tax information slips](#) such as T4 slips that show the individual's income
- [Income Statements from Canada and abroad](#)

Support for Filing Income Tax

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

- A free program where community organizations host volunteers to prepare income tax and benefit returns for those with a modest income and a simple tax situation.

To find a volunteer near you, go to cra.gc.ca/volunteer

Deadline

- Most income tax and benefit returns are due on or before April 30, 2018.

For More

- Information for newcomers and to get forms: cra.gc.ca/newcomers
- Information about benefits and credits: cra.gc.ca/benefits

Available BVOR Profiles

65 Profiles in the RSTP Matching Database

These profiles include:

- Syrian, Eritrean, Congolese, Ethiopian, Iraqi and Somalian refugees
- Women at risk
- LGBTQ refugees
- More than half of the cases do not have a preferred destination
- The majority of the cases have medium to no medical/resettlement needs

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

A few of the available BVOR cases

BVOR PROFILE #: **0965-02-18**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: **Applicant would prefer to resettle in Toronto**

The PA is a 38-year-old Afghani single mother with four school-aged children. She has work experience in handicrafts, tailoring and hairdressing. The family has been persecuted in their home country due to political opinion.



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BVOR PROFILE #: 0964-02-18

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: No preferred destination

The PA is a 32-year-old Eritrean male with 11 years of education. He speaks English and has experience working in a mechanic's shop. His wife has 10 years of education. Their daughter is school-aged and is in need of constant care. This family has been persecuted in their home country based on political opinion.

BVOR PROFILE #: 0961-02-18

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Cousin in Mississauga, ON

Syrian family size seven. The PA and his spouse have five school-age children. The spouse has some medical issues and has experienced trauma but her conditions are well-managed and stable. The youngest son has infantile autism and has not received adequate treatment due to the family's flight from their country of origin. The family has demonstrated resilience in the face of trauma and violence.

BVOR PROFILE #: 0938-02-18

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: No preferred destination

XREF: 0939-02-18

The PA is a 42-year-old Congolese married man with five children. He has farming experience and speaks some French. The PA has a relative on the x-ref file BVOR 0939-02-18 and they should resettle together.

BVOR PROFILE #: 0927-02-18

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Preferred destination Winnipeg, MB near relatives

Pakistani family of six with four children. The PA and spouse both have a good educational background and can speak English. The four children also speak English and are students. The PA has experience working as an engineer and interpreter, and his spouse as a teacher. The spouse has distant relatives in Winnipeg, MB and would like to be resettled near them. They cannot return to their home country as they fear for their safety.

BVOR PROFILE #: 0923-02-18

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Ottawa, ON

Large Eritrean family of six including four children. The PA can understand some English but cannot speak it. They cannot return to their home country as they fear for their safety.

BVOR PROFILE #: 0911-02-18

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: No Preferred destination

The PA is a 41 year old Iraqi widowed man with four children. He has eight years of formal education, and experience working as house painter. The PA cannot return to his home country due to safety and persecution concerns based on ongoing ethnic conflicts.

Available JAS Profiles

JAS cases can only be sponsored by SAHs

We have 36 In-Canada JAS cases available to be sponsored!

Including

PROFILE #: 0694-10-17

Location: Calgary, AB

Family composition: Burundian single mother with six children – aged infant to 15 years.

Language: The mother's English is limited. As caregiver, she has been unable to attend English classes. The three oldest children are in school and speak English.

Medical needs: The infant has on-going medical needs. The mother requires counselling and emotional support due to past trauma and violence.

Support needed: Language and skills training to become more independent; social and emotional comfort and support.

PROFILE #: 0692-10-17

Location: Calgary, AB

Family composition: Sudanese PA and spouse with four young children.

Medical needs: The PA's husband is a survivor of violence, and has lost mobility in his hands. He

has undergone one surgery since arriving in Canada and is scheduled for more.

Support needed: Emotional and logistical support.

PROFILE #: 0484-05-17

Location: London, ON

Family composition: Syrian family of five, including three children aged 6 to 13.

Medical needs: The mother is due to give birth. The father has a disability and difficulty walking.

Support needed: Assistance taking the children to school and attending doctors' appointments and counselling sessions. Emotional support.

PROFILE #: 0968-02-18

Location: Calgary AB

XREF: 0966-02-18 (daughter), 0967-02-18 (daughter)

Family composition: Iraqi family of six. The PA is an older single woman with five children, accompanied by two adult daughters.

Support needed: Help managing daily tasks and activities. With adequate support, the family can learn English and become independent.

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

Upcoming RSTP Webinar

Preparing for the End of Sponsorship or “Month 13”

Date: Tuesday March 27, 2018

Time: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ADT

In this webinar, sponsors in the Atlantic Provinces will learn the following:

- When should sponsors start preparing for the end of sponsorship?;
- What to consider when preparing newcomers for post sponsorship?;
- What programs are available for sponsored newcomers post sponsorship? and
- The post sponsorship relationship.

Register by clicking the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1513359397303387393>.

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