

RSTP Bulletin

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INQUIRIES

Use of Old Generic Forms (IMM 0008)

You Asked

Why has IRCC changed the **Generic Application Form for Canada (IMM 0008)** and will ROC-O accept the old forms?

We Answer

The IMM form is used by IRCC for several immigration streams, the changes in the new form may not necessarily be applicable to refugee sponsorship applications, but may be more important in other immigration programs.

ROC-O will continue accepting older versions of the form, provided they have been validated and have the 2-D barcode printed on them.

In order to use or access the new form, please download or save the form to your computer and ensure that the form is opened using Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Reader (you can manually do this by right clicking on the form after saving/downloading it, selecting open with, and selecting either Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Reader).

The latest versions of all forms can also be downloaded from the RSTP website at the following link:
<http://www.rstp.ca/en/processing/the-refugee-sponsorship-application-forms/>

Cost of Second Medical Examination

You Asked

The refugee family we are sponsoring has to re-do their medical examination. Who pays for it?

IRCC's Response

We contacted IRCC and below is their response:

The Immigration Medical Examination (IME) completed **overseas** is now covered by the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) under the Pre-Departure Medical Services (PDMS).

There is no limit of the number of IMEs a GAR/PSR beneficiary can have overseas. So if the IME has expired before a GAR/PSR* arrives in Canada, it can be redone and will be covered by PDMS. The only limitation is the frequency one IME per eight calendar months as per the [PDMS benefit grid](#)

French version: [Tableau des avantages des services médicaux avant le départ \(SMPD\)](#).

Note: The same applies to people coming through the JAS and BVOR programs.

Exciting News!

The Rights of Privately Sponsored Refugee Document is now available in 6 languages on our website:
English, French, Arabic, Armenian, Kurmanji and Sorani.

Visit: <http://www.rstp.ca/en/your-rights-as-a-privately-sponsored-refugee/> for more information!

2018-2020 Immigration Levels Plan is released:

Immigration category	2018 - Low	2018 - High	2018 - Target	2019 - Low	2019 - High	2019 - Target	2020 - Low	2020 - High	2020 - Target
Government Assisted	6,000	8,000	7,500	7,000	9,000	8,500	8,500	10,500	10,000
Blended Visa Office Referred	1,000	3,000	1,500	1,000	3,000	1,650	1,000	3,000	1,700
Privately Sponsored	16,000	20,000	18,000	17,000	21,000	19,000	18,000	23,000	20,000

Note: The levels do not refer to submissions, but they indicate the number of **arrivals**.

Source: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/department/media/notices/2017-11-01.asp>

Available BVR Profiles:

BVOR PROFILE #: [0679-09-17](#)

The PA is a 36 year old married man with 2 children. The PA and his family cannot return to their home country as they fear persecution based on their religious belief. They will appreciate the assistance of a sponsor in the country of resettlement.

BVOR PROFILE #: [0648-09-17](#)

Preferred destination: Kitchener, ON

The PA is a 45 year old married man with 3 children. He has 15 years of education, including Agricultural education. He has work experience as a driver as well as in sales. His spouse has 9 years of education, and the whole family speaks English. The PA has family residing in Kitchener, ON, it is recommended that the family resettles there. This family has been persecuted for ethnic and religious reasons in their home country, Iraq, and they would benefit from a sponsorship.

BVOR PROFILE #: [0664-09-17](#)

Preferred destination: Fort McMurray, AB

The PA is a 43 year old married man with 3 children. He has experience working as a farmer. The PA cannot return to his home country as he fears for his safety and persecution based on ongoing ethnic conflicts. PA has a cousin who resides in Edmonton, AB. The family will appreciate the assistance of the sponsor in the country of resettlement.

BVOR PROFILE #: [0020-01-17](#)

Preferred Destination: Hamilton, ON

Syrian family of 4 with 2 children. PA worked in several occupations to help support his family. PA and his family cannot return to their home country as they fear for their safety. Spouse has a cousin in Hamilton, ON and would benefit from resettling near him. The family would also appreciate the help of a sponsor to resettle into a better life in Canada.

BVOR PROFILE #: [0650-09-17](#)

Preferred destination: Mississauga, ON

XREF: [0651-09-17](#) - Brother

Iraqi family of five. The PA and his family cannot return to their home country as they fear persecution based on their religion. The PA cannot return for fear of their safety. The PA is seeking a better life and would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor during his resettlement in Canada.

BVOR PROFILE #: [0669-09-17](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Brother and Step Brother in Canada

Preferred destination: Calgary, Alberta

X-ref cases: [0676-09-17](#) & [0677-09-17](#)

The PA is a 27 year's old married man with two children. He has a farming experience and his wife worked as a seamstress. The PA and his family cannot return to their home country as they fear persecution based on their ethnicity. The PA is seeking a better life and would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor during his resettlement in Canada.

BVOR PROFILE #: [0654-09-17](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Cousin in Canada

Preferred destination: Brampton, ON

X-ref cases: [0655-09-17](#)

PA is a married man with 3 children. He has 7 years of education and has working experience as a mechanic. His spouse has 8 years of education, and his eldest son has 7 years, the younger daughters have 7 years and 4 years of education respectively. The PA has a cousin in Brampton, ON, and there is an x-ref case, BVOR# 0655-09-17. It is recommended that the family settles all together in Brampton, ON. The family is persecuted on the basis of their religion in their home country, and would benefit from a sponsorship in order to resettle.



Photo: Andrew Quilty/IRC

58 new BVOR cases have been added to the Matching Database!

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

Available JAS Profiles

In-Canada JAS

PROFILE #: [0692-10-17](#)

Calgary, Alberta

Family composition: The PA and her spouse have 4 young children. (**Country of Origin: Sudan**)

Background: The family landed in Calgary in November 2016 after escaping their home country, Sudan. The family has faced trauma and violence prior to coming to Canada and are facing a number of challenges to their successful settlement in Canada.

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 due for a number of others in the coming months.

The family has received some life skills training but would benefit from further support while continuing to grow their confidence and become more independent.

PROFILE #: [0693-10-17](#)

Calgary, Alberta

Family composition: The PA and his spouse. (**Country of Origin: Syria**)

Background: The PA and his spouse arrived in Calgary in November 2016 and have faced a number of issues since arrival. They both have some education and the PA has some work experience as an electrical technician and truck driver. However, due to ongoing medical issues, the PA and his spouse are unable to attend English classes and/or find employment.

Support Needed: The couple require a sponsor to provide support with attending medical appointments and navigating the medical system in Canada. They also require emotional support and support with life skills development in order to help them ease into Canadian life to ensure they are able to settle successfully in Canada.

PROFILE #: [0694-10-17](#)

Calgary, Alberta

Family composition: The PA is a single mother of 6 children. Her oldest child is 15 and her youngest was born after landing in Canada less than a year ago. (**Country of Origin: Burundi**)

Background: The PA has limited education and work experience as well as limited English skills. The three oldest children are in school and have learned Basic English but the PA has not yet been able to attend English language classes as she is the only caregiver for her younger children.

Since settling in Canada, the PA has received support in learning life skills and her confidence is growing. She is able to conduct her own grocery shopping and bill-paying but requires additional support as well as language and skills training to become more independent.

Support Needed: In addition to the day-to-day needs of her children, she has been attending to the on-going medical needs of the baby and her own trauma and psychological needs.

The PA is a survivor of trauma and violence and requires counselling as well as emotional support in order to provide stability for her children and develop her life in Canada. The JAS program and the support of a sponsor will provide some of the needed social and emotional comfort and support that are needed for the PA to become self-sufficient

**Aware of potential sponsors in Calgary, AB who may be interested in these profiles?
Let us know and we will forward the extended profiles!**

We have [22 available In-Canada JAS](#) cases!



Photo: UNHCR

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

Upcoming RSTP Workshops & Webinars

Workshops

Alberta

Private Refugee Sponsorship: Group of Five & Community Sponsors

Date: Tuesday November 07, 2017

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm MST

Where: Calgary Central Library, Basement, 616 Macleod Trail SE, Calgary, AB T2G 2M2

Please register by November 05, 2017 via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/group-of-five-and-community-sponsors-of-refugees-tickets-39052517130> or by contacting Anoush Newman (RSTP Trainer) at mnewman@rstp.ca or (403) 515-5868.

Prince Edward Island

Private Refugee Sponsorship: Information sessions for sponsors and settlement staff

Date: Monday, Nov 13, 2017

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Holy Redeemer Parish Hall, Knights of Columbus room (upstairs), 7 Pond Street, Charlottetown, PEI

Register by clicking the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/refugee-sponsorship-information-session-for-sponsors-settlement-staff-tickets-38115110321>

Private Refugee Sponsorship Workshop: Supporting settlement and integration

Date: Tuesday, Nov 14, 2017

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Holy Redeemer Parish Hall, Room 204, 7 Pond Street, Charlottetown, PEI

Register by clicking the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/refugee-sponsorship-workshop-supporting-settlement-and-integration-tickets-38114395182>

Webinars

Introduction to PSR

Date: Thursday November 09, 2017

Time: 5 PM EST.

Description: This webinar will cover:

- Launch of PSR program and evolution over the years
- PSR as part of Resettlement
- Eligibility criteria for sponsors and refugee applicants
- Sponsorship process

Register by clicking the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2793686809276168705>

An overview of the changes made to the age of dependent children

Date: Friday November 10, 2017

Time: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM EST

Description: This webinar will walk you through the new regulatory change that altered the age of dependent children from under 19 years old to under 22 years old and the temporary policy that followed. The webinar will also discuss the steps sponsoring groups should take in order to benefit from these changes

Register by clicking the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5496316077075505667>

Private sponsorship of refugees: group of five and community sponsors

Date: Wednesday November 15, 2017

Time: 5 PM EST.

Description: This webinar will cover:

- Overview of G5 and CS sponsorship (eligibility criteria and requirements for sponsors)
- Who can be sponsored?
- Application forms for G5 and CS
- Application forms for refugee applicants
- Sponsorship process

Register by clicking the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1137458359406411197>

Please visit the **RSTP website** for more information on:

Webinars: <http://www.rstp.ca/en/training/webinars/>

Workshops: <http://www.rstp.ca/en/training/workshops/>

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