

RSTP Bulletin

The latest news and updates on the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program

Inquiries

You Asked

The refugee we have sponsored escaped his country with a false passport. He was blacklisted there and needed to leave with a fake identification (all documented). He also has his expired passport with his real name. When filling out his [Generic Application Form for Canada \[IMM 0008\]](#), do we use his real name or the assumed name he has been using since leaving?

Our Answer

As per the [instruction guide](#), the person should put his first and last name as shown on his passport, travel or identity document. In question two of the IMM 0008, the person will have a space to fill out any other names other than the ones he listed in question one. He can put the assumed name here.

In Part A: Case Narrative of [Schedule 2: Refugees Outside Canada \[IMM 0008/Schedule 2\]](#), the individual gives a detailed explanation of the circumstances under which the fake travel document was obtained to travel to safety. You should add a cover letter giving as much detail as possible with copies of [all the supporting documents](#).

You Asked

We noticed that the name of the person we sponsored is spelled incorrectly on the permanent residence card. How can we correct this error?

Our Answer

If the error is made by IRCC, the newcomer can request a change as indicated in the [Change of name due to clerical/ administrative error](#).

Records such as the record of landing, IMM 1000 or Confirmation of Permanent Residence document will not be amended unless a clerical or administrative error was made by IRCC.

You can submit the official [Request to Amend the Record of Landing, Confirmation of Permanent Residence or Valid Temporary Resident Documents](#). If it is determined that IRCC made a clerical/administrative error, then the name on record will be amended to match the name printed on the primary document. The correct name will be recorded as the primary name and the incorrect

UPDATES ON THE 2-YEAR PILOT PROJECT

For Sponsoring Undeclared Family Members (Starting September 09, 2019)

We received the following information from IRCC regarding this pilot project:

- The public policy will allow someone who arrived in Canada as a resettled refugee to submit a family class sponsorship application for a spouse, partner or child that they did not initially declare on the refugee sponsorship application.
 - ⇒ **The undeclared family members will be sponsored via the family class and not the OYW.**
- As the undeclared family members will be sponsored under the family class, and the family members were not declared on the original refugee sponsorship undertaking, sponsors are not responsible for providing financial and/or settlement support to the undeclared family members on arrival.
 - ⇒ **The resettled refugee in Canada will be responsible for their undeclared family members on arrival.**

For more information visit:

⇒ <https://bit.ly/2WCVuNh>

Further information about how resettled refugees can sponsor undeclared family members via the family class under the pilot project will be released soon.

name will be marked as “entered in error” in IRCC’s system of record.

Change of name for reasons other than clerical/administrative error

If the mistake you found on the permanent residence card is not a clerical or administrative error or the person you have sponsored wants to change their original name, then you can do so by completing the appropriate Legal Change of Name Application in your province and paying the respective fees.

For more information on legally changing your name in your province:

- [Legal Change of Name Application - Province of British Columbia](#)
- [Apply for a legal change of name | Alberta.ca](#)
- [Applying for a Legal Change of Name - eHealth Saskatchewan](#)
- [Legal Change of Name | Manitoba Vital Statistics Agency |](#)
- [Change name | Ontario.ca](#)
- [Change of Name - Government of New Brunswick](#)
- [Changing Your Name | Access Nova Scotia |](#)
- [Change your Name Legally | Government of Prince Edward Island](#)
- [Legal Name Change | Service NL](#)

Joint Assistance Sponsorship (JAS)

Refugees sponsored under the **Joint Assistance Sponsorship (JAS)** program have special or enhanced needs that will likely result in a longer or more difficult period of integration in Canada due to:

- **Trauma from violence or torture;**
- **Medical disabilities;**
- **The effects of systemic discrimination; or,**
- **Being a large family unit (such as a single parent with several children).**

Under the JAS program, the government and private sponsors support refugees for up to 24 months, depending on the needs of the resettled refugee. In a few cases, the private sponsor may support refugees for up to 36 months. These refugees receive income support from the Government of Canada. They are matched with a private sponsorship group to help them adjust to life in Canada with settlement help and emotional support.

Some refugees are identified overseas for the JAS program due to their special needs. Others are converted into JAS cases after they arrive in Canada if it becomes clear that they need more support.

JAS Refugee Profiles can only be picked up by SAHs and their Constituent Groups



Photo credit: UNHCR

Many JAS refugees are waiting to be sponsored!

Including

JAS REFUGEE PROFILE: 19-0523

URGENCY: High

VISA OFFICE: Nairobi

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Uganda

COUNTRY OF CURRENT RESIDENCE: Kenya

FAMILY SIZE: One

Background: A 25-year old Ugandan transgender woman with four years of education and limited work experience.

The applicant has experienced many hardships due to her sexual orientation. She has been taunted, physically abused by family members, beaten, burned and rejected

by her father. She has also been imprisoned due to her sexual orientation and has had difficulty securing housing as a result of her appearance.

Support needed: Because of these challenges, she will need the extra help and support in Canada that a sponsor could provide.

JAS REFUGEE PROFILE: 19-0521

URGENCY: Medium

VISA OFFICE: Nairobi

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Democratic Republic of Congo

COUNTRY OF CURRENT RESIDENCE: Kenya

FAMILY SIZE: One

Background: An 18-year old biological male who identifies as a transgender female, with 13 years of education and limited work experience. When she was younger, her father revealed his own bisexuality. As a result, the applicant suffered discrimination and isolation. She has experienced protection issues because of her father's sexual orientation and gender identity. She is fighting for her life as other refugees attempt to poison her because of her father's identity. She is also discriminated against due to her own gender identity.

Support Needed: A sponsor could provide extra time and support in order to help her successfully resettle upon arrival.

JAS REFUGEE PROFILE: 19-0520

URGENCY: Low

VISA OFFICE: Nairobi

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Uganda

COUNTRY OF CURRENT RESIDENCE: Kenya

FAMILY SIZE: One

Background: A 21-year old transgender female who has 13 years of education and has worked as a photographer and sales representative. She has experienced many hardships stemming from her sexual orientation, including being shamed by her family and losing her job.

Support Needed: A sponsor could provide the necessary support to help her to successfully resettle in Canada.



“Am I Wrong to Love?” Portrait Series.
Photo: UNHCR/Chris Young



For more information about the JAS Refugee Profile or the JAS Program, visit the RSTP website's [JAS page](#)

UPCOMING RSTP WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS



WORKSHOPS

Information session on groups of five & community sponsorship

Date: Thursday, July 11, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM MDT

Where: Catholic Social Services, 8212-118 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5B-0S3

Description: Topics covered in this session include:

- How to sponsor, who can be sponsored; ⇒ Review of required forms;
- How to calculate sponsorship costs based on family size; and
- Post arrival and sponsor's settlement responsibilities.

For registration, please click: [Thursday Session: Edmonton July 11 Refugee Sponsorship](#) or contact RSTP Trainer Anoush Newman at 403-515-5868 or mnewman@rstp.ca.

Information session on groups of five & community sponsorship

Date: Saturday, July 13, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM MDT

Where: Catholic Social Services, 8212-118 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5B-0S3

Description: This information session on Groups of Five and Community Sponsorship application process and required forms would include topics such as:

- How to sponsor, who can be sponsored;
- Review of required forms;
- How to calculate Sponsorship Costs based on family size; and
- Post arrival and sponsor's settlement responsibilities.

For registration, please click: [Saturday Session: Edmonton July 13 Refugee Sponsorship](#) or contact Anoush Newman at 403-515-5868 or mnewman@rstp.ca.

WEBINARS

The PSR program:

Who can sponsor and who can be sponsored

Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM PDT

Description: Topics covered: who can sponsor under the PSR program; who can be sponsored; refugee status documents: what are they and who needs them; and, an overview of sponsors' financial and settlement responsibilities under the PSR program.

For Registration Click: [here](#)

The PSR program:

How to prepare and submit a successful application package

Date: Monday, July 15, 2019

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM PDT

Description: Topics covered: an overview of the application process; recent updates and changes to processing; who can be included on one application package; what supporting documents need to be included in the application package; completing the forms for groups of five; completing the forms for community sponsors; proof of funds requirements; and, completing the refugees' forms.

For Registration Click: [here](#)

The PSR program: adding dependents post-submission and updating applications

Date: Friday, July 19, 2019

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM PDT

Description: Topics covered: the importance of keeping IRCC informed of any change in circumstance; who to contact and when; and, how to add dependents post-submission.

For Registration Click: [here](#)

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.rstp.ca/en/training/>



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