

RSTP Bulletin

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

LATEST UPDATES

The 2-year pilot project for Sponsoring Undeclared Family Members began on September 9!

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.**

There is no special process for sponsoring family members under the pilot project. The resettled refugee would apply using the normal process to sponsor their spouse, partner or child.

For more information:

- [Pilot program to exempt permanent residence applicants in the family class or the spouse or common-law partner in Canada \(SCLPC\) class from paragraph R117\(9\)\(d\) or R125\(1\)\(d\) exclusion](#)
- [Family class: Assessment of an application for permanent residence](#)
- [Determining membership in the family class: Spouses and common-law partners](#)
- [Determining membership in the family class: Dependent children](#)

Just a gentle reminder.

Dear SAHs,

We are now approximately 64% of the way through the year and only **49%** of the available spaces for 2019 have been used by SAHs. To this day, only 75% of SAHs have submitted applications to ROC-O.

To make timely processing at ROC-O possible, applications should be submitted throughout the calendar year rather than at the end.

So please do submit your applications as soon as possible so that there is not a rush of applications submitted in December.

REFSIS (RSTP database)

Orientation Webinar

We are organizing an orientation webinar on using the REFSIS (RSTP's database) system with WhiteCap Canada, the company that developed the database.

Date: September 17, 2019 **Time:** 1 pm to 3 pm EST

To join the webinar, register via this link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6269999543360959233>

Send us your questions before the webinar!

WHAT
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NEED TO
KNOW



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**



Many In-Canada JAS refugees waiting to be sponsored!

Including

In-Canada JAS PROFILE #: 19-0836

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Calgary, AB

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Syria

FAMILY SIZE: 4

This single mother from Syria and her three children arrived in Calgary in late 2018. The children have adapted well to school and are learning English.

Special needs: The mother struggles with prior trauma, and has difficulty in caring for her children while adjusting to life in Canada.

Medical needs: Each of the children have asthma, requiring frequent medical appointments. The youngest daughter suffers from a blood disorder, which requires additional medical support. The mother suffers from back pain, which makes it difficult for her to attend resettlement programs and language classes. She feels isolated and lonely, and has difficulty sleeping.

Sponsor assistance: With the support of a sponsor, the mother could focus on her own integration by attending language classes, counselling sessions for past trauma and employment programs. A sponsor could help her understand and navigate the health care system.

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

In-Canada JAS PROFILE #: 19-0409 (Woman at Risk)
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Hamilton, ON
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Somalia
FAMILY SIZE: One

A Somali woman, aged 26, who arrived in Canada in late 2018, is hospitalized due to a disability.

Medical needs: She suffers from an untreatable muscle disorder which will worsen over time. She is paralyzed, unable to move her arms and is slowly losing the use of her hands. She cannot go anywhere by herself. The hospital does not offer English training.

Sponsor assistance: A sponsor could: reduce her feelings of isolation and loneliness through social, psychological, and emotional support; introduce her to the community to allow her to expand her social connections and build positive relationships with new people; and, informally help her practice English.

In-Canada JAS PROFILE #: 19-0335
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Winnipeg, MB
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Syria
FAMILY SIZE: Nine

A Syrian man, aged 42, accompanied by his spouse and their seven children, has completed six years of education and has worked as a plumber and pipe fitter. He is fluent in Arabic and has some English language training. His spouse is a homemaker. The family has received settlement support. Six of the couple's children are registered for school, and one is fully dependent on his parents.

Medical needs: The father has withdrawn from English language training due to the ongoing medical needs of their youngest child. This has prevented the family from engaging in other settlement services and accessing various community resources.

Sponsor assistance: A sponsor could: give the family a support system to help with their daily challenges; allow them to dedicate the time necessary to develop their English language skills; help them to fully connect and integrate within their local community; provide informal English practice; and, assist with managing the child's ongoing medical appointments.

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Webinars with IRCC on Financial Responsibilities for SAHs

Date: Tuesday September 24, 2019

Time: 1 PM EST

This webinar will provide:

- An in-depth look at sponsors' financial responsibilities as outlined in the Sponsorship Agreement, Appendix A of the IMM 5413 Guide and Section F of the Sponsorship Undertaking [IMM 5373] form;
- An overview of the RAP Rates and a demonstration on how to use them to calculate the minimum level of financial support required on arrival;
- Guidance on how financial support should be tracked and documented by SAHs.

To register click: [here](#)

Date: Friday, September 27, 2019

Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT

This webinar will provide:

- An in-depth look at the recent changes and updates to the FAQs on Post-Arrival Financial Support and use case scenarios to provide examples on how the principles of the FAQs can be applied.

To Register: Click [here](#)

FRENCH WORKSHOP

Le parrainage de réfugiés ou d'un membre de la famille

Date : Samedi 14 septembre 2019

Heure : 11 h – 14 h

Lieu : FRAP-PASE, 8627, rue Marie-Anne Gaboury (Salle 104), Edmonton AB

Inscription : https://parrainage_refugies_regroupement_familial.eventbrite.ca

UPCOMING RSTP WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS



WORKSHOPS

Information Session on Private Refugee Sponsorship

Date: Monday, September 16, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM ADT

Where: MAGMA (Multicultural Association of the Greater Moncton Area), 22, rue Church Street, Suite C170, Moncton NB

To Register: Email RSTP Trainer Evelyn Jones at ejones@rstp.ca.

Refugees have Arrived, Refugees are Coming Soon: NOW WHAT?

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CST

Where: Newcomer Welcome Centre (Regina), 2332 11th Ave. 1st Floor

To Register: Contact RSTP Trainer Helen Smith-McIntyre by phone 306-343-8303 or at hsmithmcintyre@rstp.ca.

Information Session on Private Refugee Sponsorship

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM ADT

Where: YMCA of Greater Saint John, 191 Churchill Blvd (Classroom 6/7), Saint John, NB

To Register: Email RSTP Trainer Evelyn Jones at ejones@rstp.ca.

Information Session on Private Refugee Sponsorship

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM ADT

Where: Multicultural Association of Fredericton Inc/L'association multiculturelle de Fredericton Inc, 28 rue Saunders Street, Fredericton NB

To Register: Email Evelyn Jones at ejones@rstp.ca.

Information Session on Groups of Five and Community Sponsorship of Refugees

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2019

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

Where: Catholic Social Services, 8212 118 Avenue, Edmonton AB

To Register: click: [groups five - community sponsorship Sep 21](#).

Information Session on Groups of Five and Community Sponsorship of Refugees

Date: Monday, September 23, 2019

Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM MDT

Where: Catholic Social Services, 8212 118 Avenue, Edmonton AB

To Register: click: [groups five - community sponsorship Sep 23](#).

WEBINARS

The PSR Program: How to Prepare and Submit a Successful Application Package

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

To Register: Click [here](#)

The PSR Program: Adding Dependents Post-Submission and Updating Applications

Date: Friday, September 20, 2019

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

To Register: click [here](#)

The PSR Program: Supporting Settlement and Integration

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

To Register: Click [here](#)

For more information, please visit:

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



RSTP Trainer Doryann Dupuy at the OCISO Information Session, Ottawa.

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