

RSTP Bulletin

The latest news and updates on Canada's Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Programs

Inquiries

You Asked

The Principal Applicant (PA) has a child under the age of 22 in Canada that has been recognized as a Convention Refugee. Does that child need to be included on the PA's refugee sponsorship application as an accompanying or non-accompanying dependent?

Answer

The Principal Applicant's (PA) child that is under 22 and in Canada must be included as an [accompanying or non-accompanying](#) dependent on the [Sponsorship Undertaking form](#) and the [Generic Application Form for Canada \[IMM 0008\]](#) if they do not have permanent resident status at the time the refugee sponsorship application is submitted to the Resettlement Operations Centre – Ottawa (ROC-O).

The reason for this is because even though the child is already in Canada and has been recognized as a Convention Refugee, they are not a permanent resident and their application to become a permanent resident could be refused.

If the refugee sponsorship application is being submitted by a SAH, the SAH is required to have a cap space for the child in Canada that is yet to receive permanent resident status.

IRCC will remove the child in Canada from the refugee sponsorship application if they receive permanent resident status before IRCC have made a final decision on the PA's refugee sponsorship application.

The child in Canada does not need to be listed as an accompanying or non-accompanying dependent on the [Sponsorship Undertaking form](#) and the [Generic Application Form for Canada \[IMM 0008\]](#) if they have permanent resident status at the time the refugee sponsorship application is submitted to the ROC-O.

If the child in Canada has permanent resident status at the time the refugee sponsorship application is submitted to the ROC-O, they will need to be identified in Part C of the PA's [Schedule 2 – Refugees Outside Canada \(IMM 0008 E Schedule 2\)](#) form and a cover letter should be included with the application explaining why the child was not listed as accompanying or non-accompanying dependent on the application (i.e. they are already in Canada and have been granted permanent resident status).

REMINDERS!

- Only those family members that meet [IRCC's definition of a family](#) can be included on the same application package as the PA. Any family members that do not meet IRCC's definition of a family are required to have their own separate application package.
- Sponsoring groups must sponsor the PA and any of the PA's family members that meet IRCC's definition of a family, [even if those family members are missing, presumed dead or in detention](#). The sponsoring group must demonstrate that they have the financial and settlement capacity to sponsor the PA and all of the PA's family members (regardless of whether they are [accompanying or non-accompanying](#)) at the time the application is submitted to ROC-O. SAHs are also required to have cap spaces for any of the PA's accompanying or non-accompanying family members.
- If the sponsoring group does not sponsor all of the PA's family members that meet IRCC's definition of a family, the PA will most likely not be able to reunite with them either under the [One-Year Window of Opportunity Provision](#) or the family class, and there may be [consequences](#) for the sponsoring group.

You Asked

Does the head of an organization sponsoring as a Community Sponsor need to include a copy of a police certificate with the application package?

Answer

The head of an organization that is sponsoring as a Community Sponsor must include a copy of a police certificate that was issued within six months of the application being submitted to ROC-O if they are also the signing authority on the application.

If the head of the organization and the signing authority are different persons, only the signing authority is required to include a copy of a police certificate that was issued within six months of the application being submitted to ROC-O, along with a copy of a document that demonstrates they are a Canadian citizen or have permanent resident or Indian status.

For further information, please [click here](#).

UPCOMING RSTP WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Webinars on the Availability of Settlement Services During COVID-19

Edmonton

Date: Friday, May 22, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm MDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7520325689228246542>

Winnipeg

Date: Monday, May 25, 2020

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm CDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4441730514850799118>

Calgary

Date: Monday, May 25, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm MDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3045084665761365518>

Vancouver

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm PDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7162577590898797070>

Saskatoon

Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm CDT

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4530044388305421838>

Southern Ontario

Date: Friday, May 29, 2020

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7733594661224341516>

Upcoming Monthly Webinars

Preparing for Arrival and Providing Post-Arrival Support: Handling Unrealistic Expectations and Practicing Ethical Consideration

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5021684415415232011>

Preparing and Transitioning to Month 13

Date: Friday, May 29, 2020

Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/805001247801263883>

Online Workshops for CGs and Co-Sponsors of SAHs

Date: Sunday May 24, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT

Registration:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJItcu-vqzMqGNbeiYiLoXJeHLDSBHtSYuVR>

Date: Saturday June 13, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT

Registration:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwuf-iopzkoEtZCU_QSuWAYzUXA2IXPeWrk

How to Submit a PSR Application to ROC-O Via Email

If you are submitting a new PSR sponsorship application to ROC-O, you are strongly advised to do so [via email](#) so the [application can be processed](#).

Please ensure that all new PSR applications are complete, and all the required forms and supporting documents are included with the application package, as currently there are no exemptions from the application requirements for new PSR applications being submitted to ROC-O.

Detailed instructions on how to submit an application to ROC-O via email can be found in the guides for [SAHs](#), [Groups of Five](#) and [Community Sponsors](#).

A video explaining how to prepare and submit a refugee sponsorship application to ROC-O via email can be found [here](#).



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