

# RSTP Bulletin

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



## You Asked

### What is a de facto dependent?

#### Answer

A de facto dependent is a person that does not meet [IRCC's definition of a family](#), but is considered by the refugee family to be an integral member of the family unit.

To be considered a de facto dependent, the individual must satisfy the test for de facto dependency, i.e. there is an emotional and/or financial dependency between themselves and the family unit they have the de facto relationship with.

For a non-exhaustive list of individuals that may be considered to be de facto dependents, please [click here](#).

## You Asked

### Can a de facto dependent be sponsored for resettlement to Canada under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program?

#### Answer

Yes, a de facto dependent can be sponsored for resettlement to Canada under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program with the family unit they have the de facto relationship with.

The de facto dependent mechanism is one of the two exceptions to the moratorium on sponsoring unaccompanied or separated minors for resettlement to Canada (for information about the moratorium and the two exceptions, please see Section 8.4 of the [Canada Chapter of the UNHCR Resettlement Handbook](#)).

A de facto dependent, regardless of their age, needs their own separate application package that is linked to the application package for the family unit they have the de facto relationship with.

The de facto dependent must be identified in a cover letter included with both application packages and the letter should explain the nature of the relationship and the circumstances that led to it. Copies of any documents that establish the emotional and/or financial dependency between the parties should also be included with both application packages.

Whereas dependents that meet [IRCC's definition of a family](#) only need to meet the [admissibility requirements](#) of the PSR program, de facto dependents must meet both the [eligibility](#) and [admissibility requirements](#) of the program.

If the de facto dependent is being sponsored by a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH), the SAH is required to have a cap space for the de facto dependent.

If the de facto dependent is being sponsored by a Group of Five or a Community Sponsor, the de facto dependent, regardless of their age, must have a refugee status document and must include a copy of the document with their application package.

A Group of Five or Community Sponsor must also consider the de facto dependent to be a family size of one when estimating the funds required for application assessment purposes using the [Sponsorship Cost Table and the In-Kind Deduction Table](#).

## You Asked

### Should adults that do not meet IRCC's definition of a family be identified as de facto dependents?

#### Answer

Sponsors should submit a separate linked application package for any adults that do not meet [IRCC's definition of a family](#). They should not identify those adults as de facto dependents unless there is clear evidence of emotional and/or financial dependency between the parties.

## You Asked

### What level of financial support are Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs), Groups of Five and Community Sponsors expected to provide to unaccompanied or separated de facto dependent minors on arrival in Canada?

#### Answer

On arrival in Canada, sponsors must consider the unaccompanied or separated de facto dependent minor to be part of the family unit they have the de facto relationship with when calculating the required minimum level of financial support using the [Resettlement Assistance Program \(RAP\) rates](#).

# UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

## Upcoming Online Workshops in French « Le parrainage des réfugiés en 3 mardis »

### Mardi 1 : Qui peut être parrainé en tant que réfugié? Qui peut parrainer des réfugiés?

**Date:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020

**Time:** 7:30 pm – 9 :00 pm EDT

**Registration:** <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJULcuGrqjMoHddecmmQQ95P2pRXu6VtCSpy>

### Mardi 2 : Les responsabilités des groupes qui parrainent des réfugiés

**Date:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020

**Time:** 7:30 pm – 9 :00 pm EDT

**Registration:** <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAVdemgqzkrGNV7rXKuXFTA7ASvWP5cQy2A>

### Mardi 3 : Le dossier de demande de parrainage

**Date:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020

**Time:** 7:30 pm – 9 :00 pm EDT

**Registration:** <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYufuyqzotEtyAMxAZmjD-sXP7n9qcpqeO>

## Online Workshop for CGs and Co-Sponsors of SAHs

**Date:** Saturday June 13, 2020

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

**Registration:**

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwuf-iopzkoEtZCU\\_QSuWAYzUXA2IXPeWrk](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwuf-iopzkoEtZCU_QSuWAYzUXA2IXPeWrk)



## Upcoming Monthly Webinars

### Preparing a Settlement Plan: The Financial and Settlement Responsibilities of Sponsors under the PSR Program

**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT

**Registration:** <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7878940203166336268>

### How to Prepare a Successful Application Package under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program

**Date:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT

**Registration:** <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6702256053260015372>

### How to Submit a Refugee Sponsorship Application to ROC-O Via Email and Updating Applications After Submission

**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT

**Registration:** <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4133441748519529740>

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

**Date:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT

**Registration:** <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2782181540401446412>

### Preparing and Transitioning to Month 13

**Date:** Friday, June 26, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT

**Registration:** <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6681886500843899148>



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